



PERRYDALE PROJECT FILE:

Project: The re-fitting of Dreamer



Background:

Dreamer's owners had owned and cruised her for several years but were aware that she was looking tired inside. Also the one owner was suffering from restricted mobility and so wanted a few subtle aids placed inside to assist with climbing in and out of the boat.

A 57' trad built by Gary Gorton in 2003 with a Beta engine, the hull was seen as sound on survey and so investing in a re-fit was seen as worthwhile.

The boat was laid out in a conventional format with engine room, bedroom, bathroom, galley, Pullman dinette and saloon.

The brief was to upgrade the existing engine room and bedroom and then strip out the remainder to create a walk through bathroom with walk in quadrant shower instead of a bath with overhead shower; updated galley and an open plan living area with L Shape sofa that would link with the arm chairs that were to be kept within the saloon.

The Transformation:

The transformation took place over a 6-month period and included an external re-spray.



Before



After

The existing ceiling and upper panels were sanded back and re-painted, then enhanced with oak trim and window frames.

The original lower textile panels were removed and replaced with flooring profile to replicate tongue and groove planks in natural finish. This was more cost effective and easier to maintain than individual varnished planks.

Bamboo planks were fitted throughout as the new flooring, selected for both their pleasing finish and durability.



Before



After

The front section of the saloon then remained the same. The existing stove and fireplace were untouched but a modern unit was added opposite. New steps were fitted to include a pull out step to assist with better access. Feature handles were added on the side panel for extra assistance.



Before



After

The Pullman was then replaced with an L Shape sofa so that 4 people could sit comfortably together. A feature cabinet with inset TV was built into the gunwale opposite the easy chairs, which were to now be set in the opposite direction to the original layout.



Before



After

The original galley was replaced with a contemporary one that included waist level oven and grill and a ¾ size fridge freezer with feature shelf above and to the side.

Units were chosen by the clients from Howdens and the granite was sourced from Perrydale's local supplier; the clients going here to choose from their comprehensive selection.



Before



After

Space in the original walk through bathroom was limited by the presence of a full sized bath. The owner's restricted mobility made this difficult to use. It was therefore replaced by a cross over walk through with plenty of space for dressing and a large quadrant shower for easy access and use.



Before



After

With the exception of the panels and floor, little was to change in the bedroom. However the owners found that the original wardrobe doors would not fully open as the bed was in the way. Perrydale subsequently replaced these with concertina doors and added a new overhead cupboard above the bedhead to match.

New steps were also added to improve access into the engine room and some re-decoration was undertaken in the engine room to compliment the rest of the makeover.



Before



After

To complement the interior, the exterior was also ground back and re-sprayed.

Challenges:

It is always challenging to undertake a re-fit that involves room changes because of the windows. As the same layout was being maintained, then fortunately this was not as big a challenge as usual. However the revised bathroom and galley sizes meant that Perrydale had to be mindful as to the knock on effect this could have on window locations.

Also there was a side hatch opposite the original Pullman dinette which would now straddle the galley and saloon. The owners wanted Perrydale to keep the tiled feature on the doors.

Legislation now requires that if re-fits involve the fitting of appliances and fires in changed locations, then when the owner comes to sell the vessel, a Post Construction Assessment is required.