



# S/Y INVADER 1905

GEORGE LAWLEY & SON, BOSTON

# A GLAMOROUS HISTORY

As with all these great yachts, her history is a mixture of triumphs, disasters, film stars, glamour, and neglect.

In 1926 she won the TRANSPAC race from California to Honolulu setting a record time. Invader held the record for the best time for 23 years and the 24-hour record until 1977.

From 1929-1935 she was owned by American film studio Executive Joseph M. Schenck. Douglass Fairbanks Snr. chartered INVADER to film a modern adaption of Daniel Defoe's novel "The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe.

Charlie Chaplin was a regular visitor and met Paulette Goddard onboard, his future wife.

Photo: Douglas Fairbanks Snr and Maria Alba



Invader has an extraordinary pedigree. Designed by Albert Stanton Cheesebrough, the nephew of the great Nathaniel G Herreshof and one of his many disciples. To say that Herreshof was the most influential designer of his time, does not do justice to his works, including the design of 6 America's Cup winners.

INVADER reflects the great designs of the “Wizard of Bristol” (the nickname of Herreshoff), with her nearly 87 ft of Main Boom and 40ft of Bowsprit, her dimensions are extraordinary, as is her performance in light winds.

Lawley & Son were renowned for their construction techniques and the material they used. The shipyard produced many iconic yachts including the PURITAN (1895) and the MAYFLOWER (1896), which both went on to challenge and win the America's Cup.

Invader was lovingly restored by her present owner in 2003 and has been constantly upgraded and maintained. She is RINA class and a successful charter yacht.

Photo: Charles Chaplin, Paulette Goddard, Franklyn Ardell and Norma Shearer



# TECHNICAL SNAPSHOT

Year: 1905

Rig: Auxiliary Schooner

Shipyard: George Lawley & Son Corp.

Naval Architect: Albert Stanton Cheesebrough

Accommodation: 6 guests in 3 cabins. Full beam owner cabin

Classification: RINA Maltese Cross A 100:1

Construction: Steel Hull

Crew: Captain + 7

Engine: 1 x 700 Hp Caterpillar 3406E DI-TA

GT: 187 tons

NT:: 133 tons

Displacement 214.14 tons



Photo : 1935 Charlie Chaplin clowning around onboard INVADER









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