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Our Aims

To keep an example of the Norfolk Trading Wherry afloat and sailing

- To maintain Albion, to enable her to continue to be seen on the rivers and broads
- To encourage as many people as possible to enjoy this unique wetland in a traditional way
- To involve members in the interesting and challenging task of preserving this unique craft
- To help people understand the history of the Norfolk Trading Wherry through an enjoyable educational experience

Why not ?

Become a member

- Support the wherry
- Receive our newsletter and journal
- Enjoy discounted charter rates
- Attend our social events

Charter the wherry

- Enjoy this outstanding wetland area in a unique traditional way

Become a volunteer

- Help maintain Albion and our base or provide back-office skills

Want to Know More ?

- Refer to our website (www.wherryalbion.com) or contact the membership secretary.

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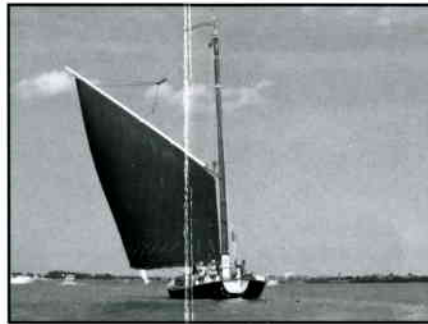
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HISTORY The trading wherry is unique. From its origins in the 17th century, when it sailed with its predecessor the keel, the wherry had by the late 19th century evolved into the ideal cargo vessel for local waterways. Drawing no more than four feet of water when laden, the wherry could sail close to the wind, shoot with lowered mast under the low bridges and work the shallow upper reaches of the rivers using only the wind and muscle power of a crew of two. As road and rail transport grew more reliable and efficient, wherries became redundant and most were abandoned, sunk or broken up.

ALBION The wherry Albion was built by William Brighton on the banks of Lake Lothing, near Lowestoft, in 1898. The Bungay Malsters, WD and AE Walker, commissioned her at a cost of £455. As well as being the oldest trading wherry afloat she is also unique, being the only carvel wherry built; all the others were of clinker design. It is said this was to avoid being caught on the side of locks but this is the subject of much debate.

Jimmy Lacey was Albion's first skipper, with his young nephew Jack Powley as mate. In 1900 Jack became skipper, a job he held for some 20 years. In the early 1930s she was sold to the General Steam Navigation Company and named the Plane. George Farrow became her skipper and she traded on the Norwich river until the Second World War. During the war she was stripped of her gear and used as a lighter at the Colman factory in Norwich. It was here that she lay when the Trust took her over.



NORFOLK WHERRY TRUST In 1949 a small group of far-sighted local enthusiasts set up the Norfolk Wherry Trust to preserve and keep sailing actively on Broadland waters one or more examples of the trading wherry. Albion was one of a few which survived and seemed to offer the best option for preservation. She was surveyed, repaired and a new sail fitted. Her maiden voyage for the Trust took place on 13 October, 1949. The Mayors of Great Yarmouth and Norwich were on board during the day and re-enacted an ancient ceremony at Hardley Cross. The crew were the Cates brothers. For several years Albion carried out trading but cargoes became difficult to come by and were uneconomic. It was then suggested that she should carry passengers: Her hold was fitted out with accommodation for twelve people and she provides a unique sailing and holiday experience. In the years she has been sailed by the Trust she has been through many ups and downs. In the 1960s it seemed as if she might be in too bad a condition to continue. A public appeal, whose patron was the Duke of Edinburgh, raised the necessary funds to ensure that she was repaired and put into good order. Albion is now regularly maintained, but it is a continual process with a wooden boat over 100 years old. In the 1980s a dyke was purchased and a wet shed erected for cover during the winter. Subsequently a new shed was added to provide a workshop and store, with sufficient room for meetings, refreshments and toilet.

FUTURE No maintenance task has currently proved too big, we recently replaced Albion's wooden keel with a metal one. This enabled a straightening of the hog, and a restoration of much of the sheer line with which she was built. The Trust looks forward to challenges ahead as we continue to maintain and sail a venerable vessel that is loved throughout Broadland and beyond. We want to develop greater participation for our members in all aspects of the Trust's work and to encourage young people to take a major part in our activities. We want to expand our archives, increase our loan collection to local museums, publish more historical information and share the history of the Norfolk Trading Wherry with individuals and groups, young and old.

Chartering

Albion is available for private charter by groups of up to 12, by the day, weekend, or short break. The charter fee includes a skipper and mate to sail her for you (though they will appreciate your help too, should you wish to be involved). There are bunks and cooking facilities on board.

For further information and rates, see our website (www.wherryalbion.com), or contact the charter secretary, Pam Shallcross. Tel: 01692 630593 or email charter@wherryalbion.com



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