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THE WINNERS

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RESTORED SAILING VESSEL OVER 40FT CYNARA

Restored by a team led by Paul Harvey and Ben Hobbs, Designed by Charles E Nicholson, Built 1927, LOD 95ft (29m), Rig gaff ketch
The gaff ketch Cynara is proof that big-yacht restoration is not dead. She was sold into Japanese ownership in 1973 and has been there ever since, in recent years often spoken about as "one of the last left to do". Work on the gargantuan project began in April 2017, made up of a group of boatbuilders from 12 nations and a team of skilled Japanese carpenters. She is now sailing again, and with an estimated 92 per cent of her Burma teak hull still original.

RESTORATION OF THE YEAR UNDER 40FT BEL'ROSE

Restored by Nyhamns Säg & Båtbyggeri, Designed by Albert Andersson, Built 1894, LOD 30ft 6in (9.3m), Rig gaff cutter
The Swedish Ravanis brothers Martin and Mathias won our award in this category in 2018, for the sailing fishing boat Bessie. This time, they have taken it with their restoration of one of Sweden's earliest and best known racing yachts. The Ravanis guys are purists of the first water, and this restoration, like their others, began in the forest, looking for grown bends. Methods and materials are as original: there are no laminations or epoxy here, but plenty of good, quarter-sawn timber, linseed oil and skill with hand tools.

Japan's first extensive big-yacht restoration was carried out by experienced European boatbuilders and skilled Japanese craftsmen

NIGEL SHARP
CORRESPONDENT



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RESTORATION OF THE YEAR
OVER 40FT

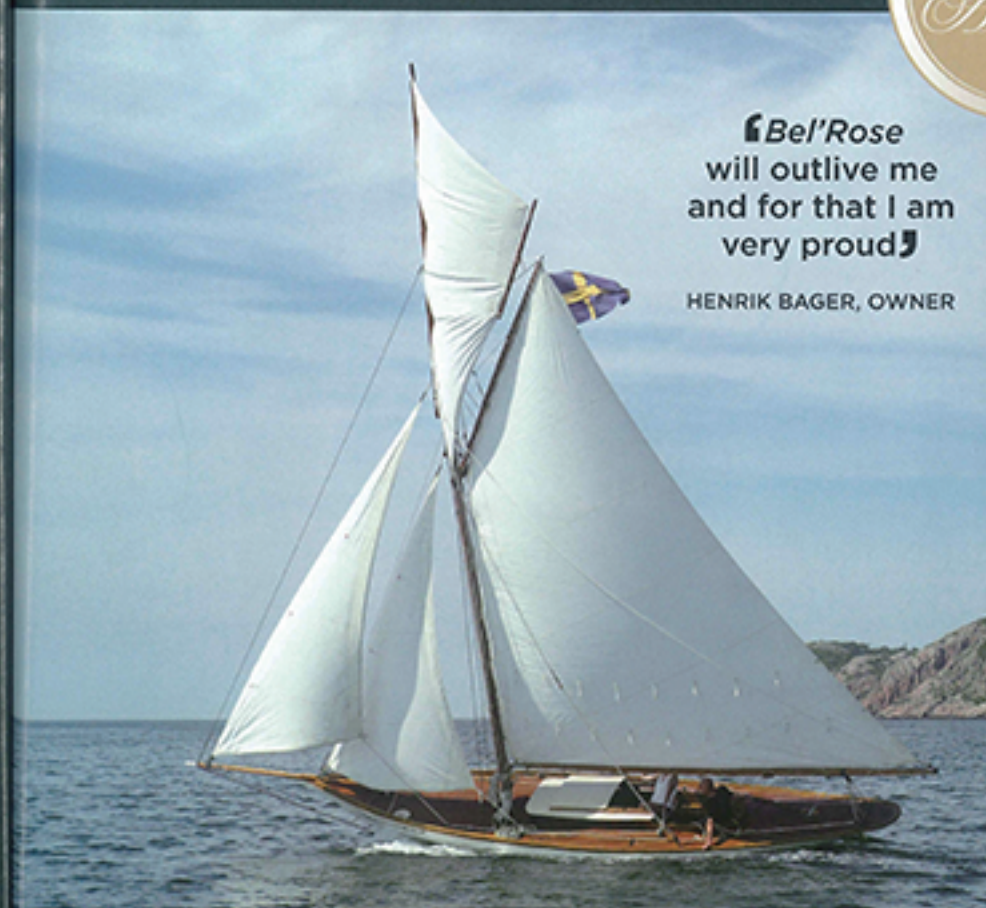
IDA

Restored by Horizon Boatworks, Designed Chas Bailey, Built 1895, LOD 46ft (14m), Rig gaff cutter
Originally built as a Five Rater, the elegant Ida was in danger of being broken up in 2011 when she was found in Australia by her current owners, who shipped her home to Auckland, NZ, and Horizon Boats, where Wayne Olson and team performed the full works, rebuilding much of the boat to bring her back to as-new condition today. This included decks in the almost mythical kauri timber. Now, she's queen of the A-Class in NZ classic yacht racing, fulfilling the promise born 120 years ago.



Bel'Rose
will outlive me
and for that I am
very proud

HENRIK BAGER, OWNER



RUNNER-UP

RESTORATION OF THE YEAR
UNDER 40FT

ATALANTA

Restored by Mike Dixon, Designed by Uffa Fox and Alan Vines, Built 1954, LOD 24ft 3in (7.4m), Rig bermudan sloop
The Atalanta is a bold, post-war sculpture created by the best of British intelligence at the time: Fairey Marine and Uffa Fox. The triple-diagonal aircraft style hull construction could not have been an easy thing to take on, but Mike Dixon brought Atalanta back from wreck to perfection. She's still largely original.