

Nautor Swan 57-footer is ketch-rigged for simpler sailing

Boat: Lianda.

Owner: Mark Bunschts, Waterloo, Belgium.

Designer: Sparkman & Stephens, New York, N.Y.

Builder: Nautor Swan, Pietarsaari, Finland.

Length: 57 feet (17.5 meters).

Hull: Solid fiberglass.

Year: 1981.

History: Originally commissioned for a U.S.-based doctor and named for the ancient gypsy healer who turned Dracula into a vampire, Lianda (Hull No. 40 of 49) spent 15 years in Europe before coming to the U.S.

From the mid-1980s to the early 1990s, the pre-eminent design firm of Sparkman & Stephens teamed up with Nautor Swan to produce what remain today as some of the finest yachts in the world. Lianda is one such yacht. Despite her age and the many miles traveled, Lianda is a strong, capable and cozy voyager. Her handmade wooden interior imparts a sense of comfort while her exterior is purposeful and efficient.

Unlike most Swans, the 57 is ketch-rigged, which allows for better sail management. During an offshore passage, the sail loads can be balanced to steer the boat, eliminating the need for a helmsman.

After buying the boat, Lianda's new owners came straight to Jamestown, a credit to the inter-

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Monday: 'On the Water,' highlighting local and visiting boats of interest.

Tuesday: 'Off the Clock,' taking a look at the extracurricular activities Newport County residents are passionate about.

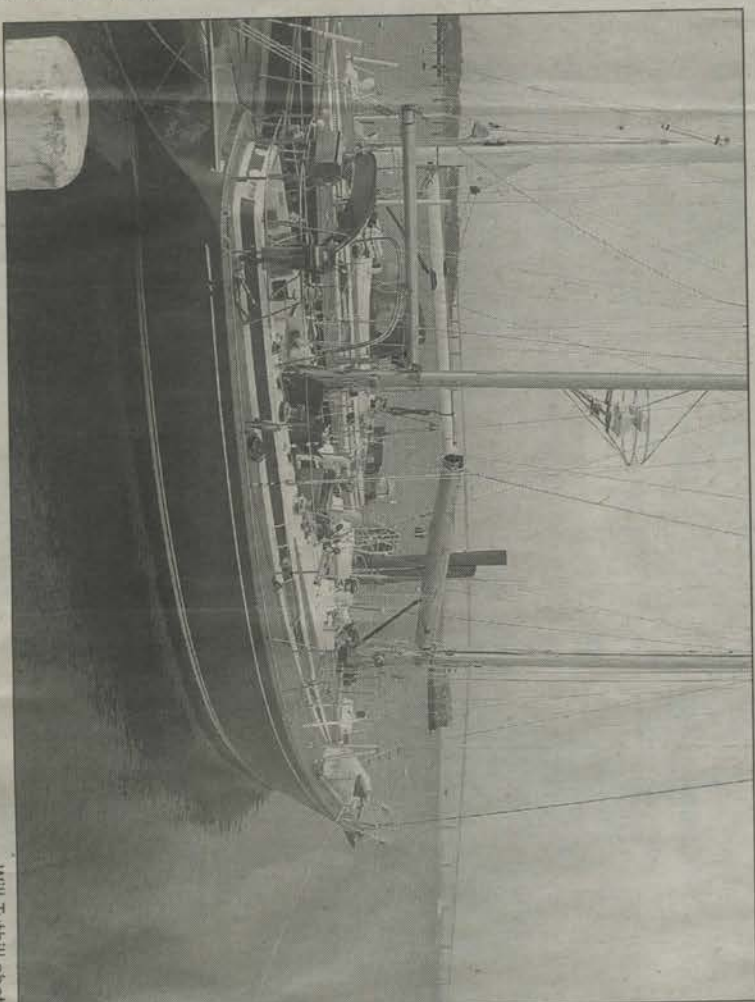
Wednesday: 'Remember When?' What was making the news this month in history.

Thursday: 'Then & Now,' produced in conjunction with local historical organizations.

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national reputation of Jamestown Boatyard as a certified repair and maintenance center for Swan yachts.

"On the Water," a weekly feature that highlights local and visiting boats of interest to the area, is produced by freelance writer Will Tuthill.



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