

Riverman Boats 2020

Christopher



A marine ply copy of the “Bennie” which is now in the Glasgow Transport Museum. Used by the Parsonage family and other Rivermen for work on the river mostly associated with the Glasgow Humane Society. Called after George and Stephanie’s second son

The boat while on the original clinker design is made from marine ply. Every plank is glued as well as riveted. It has slightly thinner planking than the George.

The boat was built in 2006.

Special rowlocks designed by George Parsonage were added to the original design

George



Another marine ply copy of the “Bennie” Used by the Parsonage family and other Rivermen for work on the river.

Called after GHS Officer Mr George Geddes Parsonage. The boat while on the original clinker design is made from marine ply. Every plank is glued as well as riveted. The boat was built in 1994.

Lady Sarah



10ft fiberglass dingy used by ben Parsonage mostly on the rivers Cart and Kelvin and on the Canal. If there is a museum set up of the work of the Parsonage family this boat will be on show. Called after Mrs B Parsonage (Sarah) wife of Mr Benjamin Parsonage Built in 1960 this fibreglass boat is suitable for Canals Quarries parts of the Clyde where one has to come down Hursts (rapids) and as said rivers like the Cart and Kelvin.

This boat has had to be rebuilt by Ben then George Parsonage on many occasions such is the rough usage that the lifeboats receive. This boat has been customised several times to include things like a steel keel band and stronger gunwales and steel seat knees.

Stephanie



A fiberglass and wood copy of the "Bennie" Used by the Parsonage family and other Rivermen for work on the river. Called after Stephanie wife of George Parsonage. A mould was made from the Bennie and this boat was the first lift. The boat has everything bolted together, making it exceptionally strong.

Ann



Another fiberglass and wood copy of the "Bennie" Used by the Parsonage family and other Rivermen for work on the river. Called after

Ann Morrison Geddes Parsonage the brother of George and daughter of Ben and Sarah

Elizabeth



Another fiberglass copy of the “Bennie” Used by the Parsonage family and other Rivermen for work on the river. 14ft rowing. The mould for this boat was washed away during a flood and never recovered.

Called after Mrs Elizabeth Thomson nee Parsonage daughter of Sarah and Benjamin Parsonage and sister of George Parsonage

Un-named



11ft fiberglass dingy.

2x Kayaks

2x Canadian canoes

Used for work on narrow fast flowing rivers and burns where quick searches can be made-used mainly for spotting. They are also used for training purposes and for event coverage.

6x racing single sculls and 1x double scull. Racing sculls are used by the family for training, but give “eyes” on the river, the sculler spotting and reporting as required.

One of the racing sculls is the famous “Razor” belonging to Ben Parsonage which should end up in any Museum. Another is the “Phelps” sculling boat used by George Parsonage when setting various records. This should also end up in any Museum.

During Regattas or Head of the river Races when we are giving additional safety cover (which we prefer to do by stationing rowing boats at intervals down the courses) as many as ten craft can be in use on the one day.