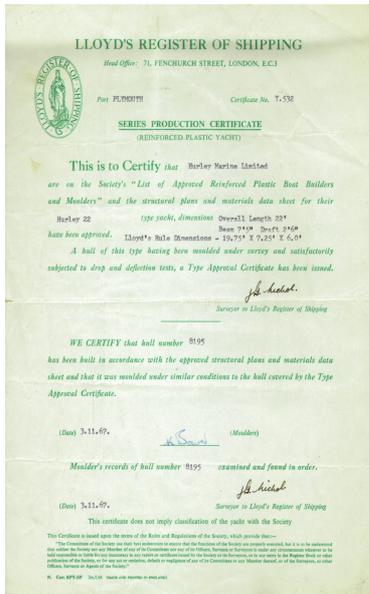


Hurley Boat Hull and Sail Numbers



In a perfect world, when we bought our Hurley boat, it would have come with a complete set of documentation. Starting with the original Lloyds certificate right through transfer of ownership papers between each owner to the receipt you received when you bought the boat. In practice this paper trail has probably been lost over the last 50 years or so.

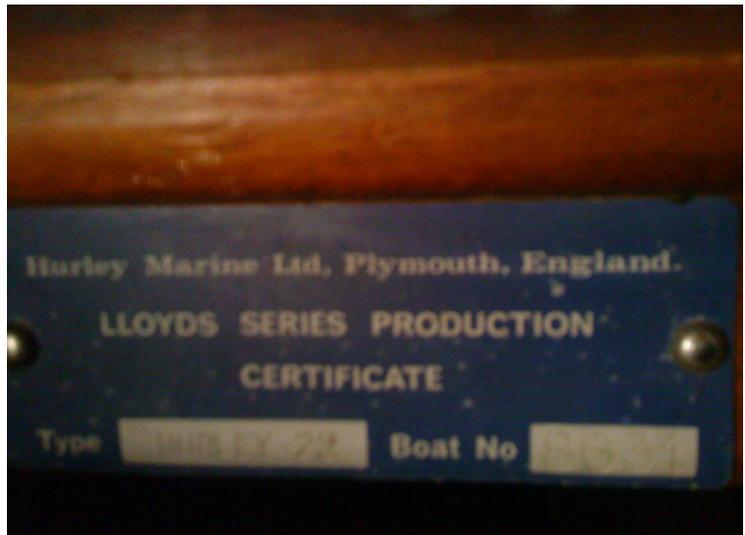
So how old is your boat?

Each Hurley boat had two identification numbers – a hull number and a sail number.

The hull number was allocated when the hull was manufactured. It was stamped into a metal plaque located in the cabin. It is a four digit number.

The first digit denoting boat type -

- 1 - Silhouette
- 2 – Vivacity and H 9.5
- 3 – H 20
- 4 – Felicity
- 5 – H 27 and Alacrity
- 6 – Signet and H 24/70
- 7 – H 18
- 8 – H 22
- 9 – H 30



Unfortunately, these plaques fall off and are lost. However all is not lost as the woodwork associated with that hull would have the hull number stamped into locker lids and cupboard doors etc. (so if you have no plaque in your cabin, try looking there). For example first Hurley 22 hull to be made would be hull number 8001 and so on.

Sail numbers were allocated to the boat when it was dispatched from the factory. The



numbers were sewn onto the mainsail, It is however very unlikely that the mainsail on your boat is original. When replacement sails are purchased, having sail numbers added means even more expense and may be missing. Also lots of boats have second-hand sails with the number of the donor boat. So beware.

You would think from this that it would therefore make sense that say the 200th Hurley 22 to be sold would be Hull number 8200 and sail number 200. Sadly not. What

would happen is that say over winter, boats would be made for stock for the coming season, each with an allocated hull number. Then the boats would be dispatched and allocated a sail number in the same order in which they were sold.

Known examples - Hurley 22 hull number 8324 is sail number 347.

- Hurley 20 hull number 3081 is sail number 88

The records that the HOA hold are based on sail numbers and can be found on the website in the Technical Archive (see - [Hurley Owners Association Members Area](#)). This is not 100% complete but contains information such as date of sale, where it was originally delivered and boat name.

As a result, if you only have a hull number, you can still get an approximate sail number by ignoring the first digit of the hull number and hence an approximate delivery date.

Exceptions -

If you have a Felicity, the data will be found in the 'Build Ledgers'

Also boats delivered in 1973 and 74 were logged in a 'Delivery Book' and includes hull numbers as well as sail numbers. In particular this includes some –Tailwind, H24, H27, H9.5, H30 and Vivacity.

