

69' Nevins

- Year: 1958
- **Current Price: US\$ 1,350,000** (10/08)
- Located in Newport, RI
- Hull Material: Wood
- Engine/Fuel Type: Single Diesel
- YW# 1877-1987719

Columbia is the first 12-meter America's Cup winner. Built in 1958 for the 17th defense of the Cup, she beat the other contenders, Easterner, Weatherly, and Vim, for the right to defend the America's Cup in Newport, RI. She then handily beat the challenger from the U.K., Sceptre, in the 58' Cup Series. She also was a contender in the 1962, 1964, and 1967 Cup series. Afterwards she served as a cruising yacht in California and trial horse for Sweden in 1977 and was campaigned in classic regattas in Northern Europe and Southern Europe during the 80s and 90s. She returned to Newport, RI, in 1997, where she has been in charter service ever since.

Additional Specs, Equipment and Information:

Builder/Designer

Builder: Nevins

Designer: Sparkman & Stephens.

Dimensions

LOA: 69'5"

LWL: 45'6"

Beam: 11'10"

Displacement: 61,925

Draft: 11'11"

Engines

Engine(s): Yanmar

Engine(s) HP: 77

Construction

Columbia underwent a major refit in 2000 through 2001 to prepare her for the America's Cup Jubilee in Europe and competitive sailing in New England waters. The entire refit was done at New England Boatworks, a major builder of America's Cup yachts, and supervised by David Pedrick Yacht Designs, Newport, RI. Columbia, which had a chopped stern since 1967, was brought back to her original lines of 1958 with a new overhanging stern. As part of her refit, she had all steel frames replaced with newly-cast bronze frames. Her teak deck was refurbished. A new lead keel was laid in accordance with its original plans. A new mast step, as well as many wood planks and frames in the hull, as needed, were replaced. The cruising interior was refinished with new mahogany planking to match the saloon, heads, and owner's cabin, also finished in mahogany. In summary, all alterations were made as recommended by Pedrick to bring her to Bristol condition and excellent racing trim, which she is today.

Deck

New Harken primary winches, grinders, and pedestals and new traveler and spinnaker pole blocks, tracks, and winches were also installed. All aluminum hatches on deck were replaced with beautiful teak hatches, and a new doghouse was added for a more classic appearance.

Electronics & Navigation

Raymarine electronics including radar, color GPS chartplotter, mast instruments, and autopilot were added.

Engine & Mechanical

Yanmar 77-hp turbo engine with a Gori folding propeller.

Sails and Rigging

New standing rigging of heavy-duty stainless steel rods replaced the old rigging to give her additional strength.

Columbia also has a new full racing inventory of sails, along with a full inventory of charter sails. The owner just replaced several sails so that they are up to date and more competitive. Most recently a new carbon-fiber spinnaker pole was added to afford the crew easier handling under race conditions. She also has a full awning and a bimini for casual cruising.

Mains (4) - Race and Charter mains, plus 2 older charter and cruising mains

Jibs (7) - Racing: 3 no. 1s. 1 no. 2. 1 no. 3, 1 Charter no. 3 and Charter no. 5

Spinnakers (5) - new light, medium and heavy spins, and older practice heavy and medium spins.

Remarks

In 2008, Columbia won the Tiederman Regatta, Edgartown Regatta, and Candy Store Regattas in the 12-meter traditional class, and has finished in the top 3 positions in its class in most other regattas over the past 8 years. She won the Ted Hood Cup, awarded by the Museum of Yachting for the best performance by a 12-meter yacht in the Traditional class in Newport, for 5 consecutive years. In Europe in 2001, she won the Prada cup for the best results in the America's Cup Jubilee circuit against all other traditional yachts. She is often admired as one of the most beautiful 12-meter yachts.