

# SAUNTRESS

needs a new keeper – could this be you?



*“What kind of boat is it you are looking for?” with barely concealed cupidity; for an outsider with money to burn in the wilds of the Isle of Anglesey was akin to manna from Heaven.*

*“Something like that,” said the innocent, pointing out a dainty white cutter on her mooring in Holyhead harbour.*

*“Well,” said he “I believe she may just be for sale.” He may well have added—but this might just be imagining—“You had better be quick, she is not on the market yet.”*

*An Irish horse dealer could not have done it better.*

So began, in 1973, Martin O’Scannall’s love affair with *Sauntress*, voted in 2013 one of *Classic Boat* magazine’s Top 250 Boats, built in 1913 by Wright and Harris in Cardiff, Wales.

*Sauntress* has now fallen on hard times. Martin and his partner Luis sailed her from their home in Galicia, north-west Spain, to Carriacou in the West Indies a few years ago. Sadly Luis died, and Martin has since ‘swallowed the anchor’ and relocated to Colombia. *Sauntress* remains afloat at Carriacou where local friends watch over her, but she needs a new keeper able to rectify a little hurricane damage, freshen up her now tired appearance, and bring her back to life.

These photographs show her in her hey-day not too many years ago, and the wonderful experience awaiting her next custodian. If she piques your interest, or that of someone you know, **her asking price is a barrel of rum**. Contact:

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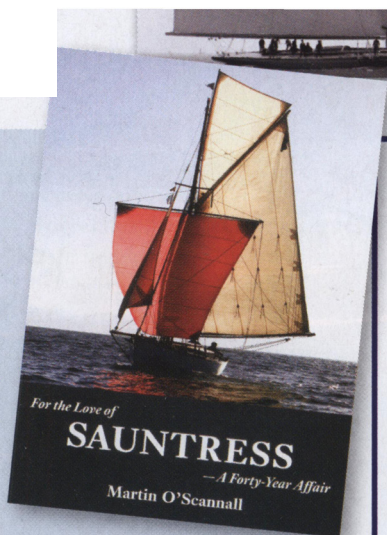
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## For the love of Sauntress A Forty-Year Affair

by Martin O'Scannall

A confession: we nearly overlooked this, with the steady trickle of self-published 'boatographies' that come into the office, seldom edited or typeset properly. Then we noticed the Lodestar imprint, which has become a good omen in recent years. And so it turns out that this is a decent read, nicely presented and with a quality colour plate section in the middle. It tells the story of Martin's love of his yacht - the 28ft Wright and Harris gaff cutter *Sauntress*, she of the downwind square sail featured in CB. The short chapters are an account of works undertaken and voyages embarked upon, and the whole is suffused with a knowing wit, and rich in the folklore of old-boat ownership. *SHMH*

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Martin's book about *Sauntress* appeared in 2014 and was reviewed in *Classic Boat* (above) and elsewhere. By the time you read this it will likely be just out of print, but it remains available as a PDF e-book from the publisher, at [lodestarbooks.com](http://lodestarbooks.com)















