



# CONRAD 'TALISMAN' REFIT

Whilst the majority of yachts featured in this book are 'new builds', every so often a yacht which had previously fallen into dis-repair is refurbished to such a high standard that she may as well be announced as 'new'. One of these yachts is the recently re-launched sailing yacht, 'Talisman', originally built by Abeking & Rasmussen in 1920, and completely refitted by the Conrad Shipyard in 2006.

Conrad Shipyard, who are based in Gdansk, Poland, started work back in 1989 as a company called 'Marine Projects Limited' which was established as one of the very first private shipyards in Poland after the country's people took the brave decision to revolutionise the country as a democratic society. Developing rapidly as a full service building yard, constructing hulls, superstructures and complete ships of all sizes up to 100m in length, Marine Projects rapidly gained the expertise that other western European yards had taken for granted for so many years.

Then in 1993, Marine Projects Limited took a decisive step and entered the yachting market in a major way – by building a 200' brigantine, called 'Swan Fan Makkum'. The success of this stunning sailing yacht naturally led to enquiries being received at the yard for other yachts, and before long Marine Projects Limited began building hulls and superstructures for sailing yachts over 100' long on a fairly regular basis.

*Opposite & Below:  
Under sail or power, 'Talisman' is a  
beautiful sight to behold.*





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With work now coming in on a regular basis, Marine Projects Ltd quickly outgrew their premises, so in 1999 they became the owner of the Gdansk yacht yard complex, named after the famous Polish writer 'Joseph Conrad Korzeniowski', otherwise known country wide as 'Conrad'. The name of Conrad Shipyard was born, and it is this name that is rapidly becoming well known in yachting circles worldwide, for building luxury sailing and motor yachts.

Throughout their existence, Conrad Shipyard have employed the very best specialists in naval construction and design and co-operates with many professional firms, both in Poland and overseas. The yard's employees have considerable experience in building a variety of yachts of different styles and versatile levels of technology. Most recently the yard announced to the yachting world a new era in their history, with the launch of the 27m luxury motor yacht 'Escape S' (see feature later in this book).

As well as building clean modern hulls and superstructure, Conrad Shipyard specialise in the production of luxurious yacht furniture. Using a variety of luxurious woods such as mahogany and American cherry wood, the furnishings the shipyard creates meet the highest world class standards.

Building luxury yachts however is only part of the story. With a reputation for the finest joinery & carpentry work, and with all necessary yacht building facilities on site, Conrad Shipyard have attracted the attention of the refit and repair market.

So it was that in 2006 the 1920 Abeking & Rasmussen built sailing yacht 'Talisman' arrived at the yard to begin her major refurbishment. Not content with merely refitting the yacht, the whole of 'Talisman's interior was completely redesigned, so that she now features a luxurious owner's cabin, two double guest cabins, a double crew cabin, two bathrooms, a large dining lounge and galley. Not bad for a yacht with a beam of only 4m!

The whole interior was completely reconstructed using high quality 'sipo-mahogany', which gives off a



**Above & Left:**  
The main lounge offers a combination of rich warm woodwork and fine cream leather, perfectly suiting the traditional characteristics of the yacht.



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rich, warm colour, especially when as highly polished and finished as Conrad Shipyard demands.

In the main saloon, fine cream leather perfectly complements the rich wood, whilst an abundance of lockers built into the wooden furniture, hides away the yacht's glass and other dining ware. Behind the raised panels and inside cabinets, navigation equipment and system control panels are installed as well as plasma TV's and music systems, everything visually hidden to provide the interior with a truly classic look, referring back to the time when the yacht was built and first launched. It is not only the interior of 'Talisman' that Conrad Shipyard refitted however. All the mechanical and electrical systems onboard are completely new or have been rebuilt. The yacht's hull has been completely re-insulated and Conrad have also equipped 'Talisman' with a new main engine, new generators, water-maker, bow-thruster, air-conditioning and separate heating systems. The shipyard also performed a complete renovation of the yacht's wooden masts.

With a refurbished masts, rigging and new sails, 'Talisman' is to all intents and purposes a brand new yacht and one which will give her fortunate owner many more years of pleasure.

For Conrad Shipyard, 'Talisman' is yet another example of the fine craftsmanship for which this yard is getting a well deserved reputation.

#### SPECIFICATIONS: CONRAD 'TALISMAN' REFIT

Length Overall:	23.36m (76' 7")
Length Waterline:	15m (49' 3")
Beam:	4.10m (13' 5")
Draught:	2.50m (8' 2")
Displacement:	35T
Accommodation:	4 guests + 2 crew
Original Builder:	Abeking & Rasmussen / 1920
Refitted:	Conrad Shipyard / 2006
Hull Construction:	Steel
Propulsion:	Volvo Penta 180hp



*Above & Left:  
The sleeping accommodation is both  
warm and relaxing.*