



Amicitia

NARRATIVE

Amicitia, Friendship Sloop Sail # 64, was built by Lash Bros., in Friendship, in 1965, to a design by John Alden, one of the most prominent naval architects of his time. She was built for Dr. Francis Colpoys of Milton, MA, and finished by Simms Yacht Yard, in Scituate, MA. She was built alongside Voyager (II) being built for Bernie MacKenzie, and under his tutelage. Bernie was a marine surveyor, and the founder of the Friendship Sloop Society. He had owned the original Voyager (Sail #1) built in 1906.

I purchased Amicitia in 1975 from Emerson Stone, the second owner, who at the time was V.P. of CBS News, and I have now owned her for the past fifty years. "Amicitia" is Latin for 'friendship', and normally pronounced with a soft 'c', however, I pronounce it with a hard 'c', "Amikitia", as did both Mr. Stone and Mr. MacKenzie.

She is built in the traditional method of cedar over oak (planking over frames/structure). In 2014 I had a new, Sitka spruce, hollow mast fabricated by Jim Elk in Bar Harbor, ME. Pleased with Jim's work, and work ethic, I gave him the boat for a major refit and upgrade, mostly topside and interior work, including a new cabin top, toe rails etc. In the ensuing years, she has had additional structural upkeep including some below the water line planking replacement, including garboards, keel bolt inspection, new stern tube and aft deck, beam and clamp upgrades, which were performed by Triad Boatworks/myself. In 2017 a good portion of the bottom was additionally fastened, and water stops replaced by Wooden Tangent. For the past eight years her winter storage has been inside at Triad in Mattapoisett, MA, and where she is currently located.

Amicitia is a beautiful Friendship Sloop, built by a renowned builder, in Friendship, with pure Friendship lines, and well found. She is in her prime at sixty years of age, and ready for the next caretaker. Included in the sale is much of the original correspondence between Dr. Colpoys and Lash Bros., as well as the John Alden plans. Also included are my invoices/records/letters etc. accumulated during my fifty years of ownership, giving the vessel great provenance. She has always been a Documented Vessel, #503127.

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SPECIFICATIONS

LOA: 43'-10" LOD 33' LWL 27'-3" Beam 10'-3" Draft 5'-3"

Gross Registered Tons: 7

Carvel planked cedar over white oak frames. Bronze fastened. Marine plywood decks covered in either Dynel or fiberglass cloth.

White oak keel with 3000 lbs of lead bolted on. Interior ballast 2000 lbs. of lead pigs in bilge (removable).

Sleeps: presently set up for 4, but has 2 hanging bunks that can be added and then sleeping 6

Power: 1995 Yanmar 3GM30F 3 cyl, 24hp@3400rpms, hours unknown, no hour meter, believe hours to be relatively low and would estimate them at about 2500, in that boat was out of the water for about 10 years (2006-2016); new water pump assembly 2024. All engine work over the past 26 years has been performed by Niemiec Marine, New Bedford, MA.

Fuel System: Racor model 500MA filter

Cooling System: fresh water cooled through heat exchanger

Strainer: 2016 Perko bronze internal basket

Exhaust System: raw water cooled thru riser, hose, and muffler, out transom

Reduction Gear: Kanzaki model KM3p, 2.61:1 ratio S/N 25732

Propeller: 3-blade bronze Ellis fixed 15x14.5

Shaft: S/S with rope cutter

Batteries: 2 12 volt (2024)

Distribution Panel: Blue Sea Systems (2016)

Isolators/Switches: Blue Sea Systems vapor proof rotary on/Off parallel switch with Blue Sea Systems SI-ACR (start isolator automatic charging relay)

Wiring: all new 2016

Shore Power connection: none

Fathometer: new Raymarine

GPS: none, (handheld retained by seller)

Radio: West Marine VHF Model 580BK S/N 629a 14001052 (2016) plus handheld

Stereo: Jensen Phase Linear Model UMP401 AM/FM/CD/MP3 w/ 4 speakers incl cockpit (2016)

Compass: R.W. White, original to boat, adjusted 2024, with night light (cockpit pedestal)

Ground tackle: Lunch hook, carried on fore deck, Danforth 14 lbs. Storm anchor-Danforth 40 lbs w/trip line. New anchor rode (2024)

Anchor Windless: Bronze horizontal, manual (not installed, currently broken down for cleaning and lubricating)

Winches: None

Stove: Origo 4000, two burner alcohol

Head: Groco model HF manual Holding tank: None

Bilge Pump: Rule 1500 w/Rulematic float switch; boat is wired for a second pump and a backup pump is included

Safety Equipment: Life Sling w/ 5 part block/tackle for passenger overboard retrieval (2024)

Life Ring: Jim Buoy

Flares: per Regulation (2024)

Sound devices: multiple handheld air horns, plus bronze/brass ship's bell, whistle

Life jackets: Sellers are retaining personal jackets, several additional Mustang jackets included

Fire extinguishers: 2

Search light: 12v portable plug in

Boathook: bright wood w/bronze hook

Port lights: 6 oval bronze, Spartan Marine, no screens (2016)

Running rigging: all in good condition w/wood blocks finished bright, new main sheet (2024)

Ship's Steering Wheel: 28" mahogany, bright, by South Shore Boatworks 2014

Steering Gear: Worm gear by Lunenburg Foundry

Spars: staysail club, mainsail boom and gaff (original from Pigeon Hollow Spar Co. Cape Ann)

Mast: hollow, Sitka spruce, finished bright, fabricated by Elk Spar and Boat Shop (2014); mast is rigged with all standing rigging, halyards, lazyjacks, topping lift, and lights, is off the boat

Bowsprit: Douglass Fir, new 2022

Sails: Roller furling jib, staysail, and mainsail by Ernie Smith's loft in Fairhaven, MA (batten pockets need TLC)

Ensigns: staff, stern mounted, brightly finished, removable with ensign; ensign on leach

Billet Head- eagle, carved by Jay Hanna, with carved trail boards

