

An A or B Thames Rater?

The picture below made me look twice, and more. It does look rather like an A Rater however it is a boat sailing off Devonport New Zealand. It is captioned: 'Mercia leading past Devonport in the first race of the Inter-Colonial One Rater Regatta 28 December 1898' (taken from the Winkelmann Collection WB1) Note how low the boom is where attached to the mast. No wonder the crew is crouching low!

Also stated in the notes is: COLLECTION Winkelmann, Henry. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION 16.3x12cm. PRODUCTION Winkelmann, Henry, 1860-1931, photographer (Creator). 28 December 1898

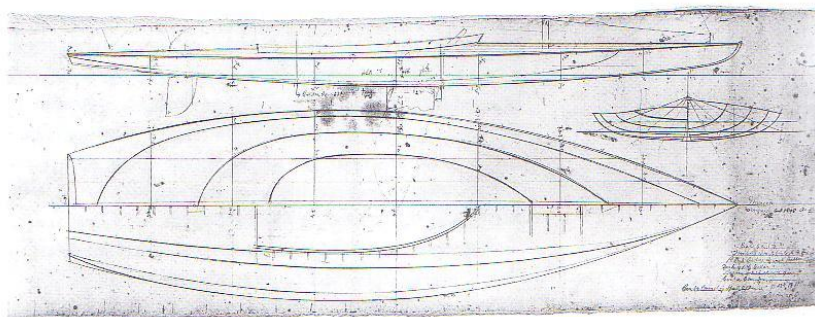
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(The above and photo from: https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/collection/object/am_library-photography-19953)



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