

# Vagabond

Vagabond is unique.

\* She is the narrowest of all the A Raters.



See below for more .....

\* She was trialled with not one, not two but three sliding seats. However, rules were put in place to ban these. Shown here using just one. We still have one sliding seat in the Boatshed (2016)



\* She is the only Rater to have a dedicated Facebook site.  
Vagabond's Facebook site

\* She is the only Rater whose hull has been encased in a sheath and then stripped down and returned to a wood finish.

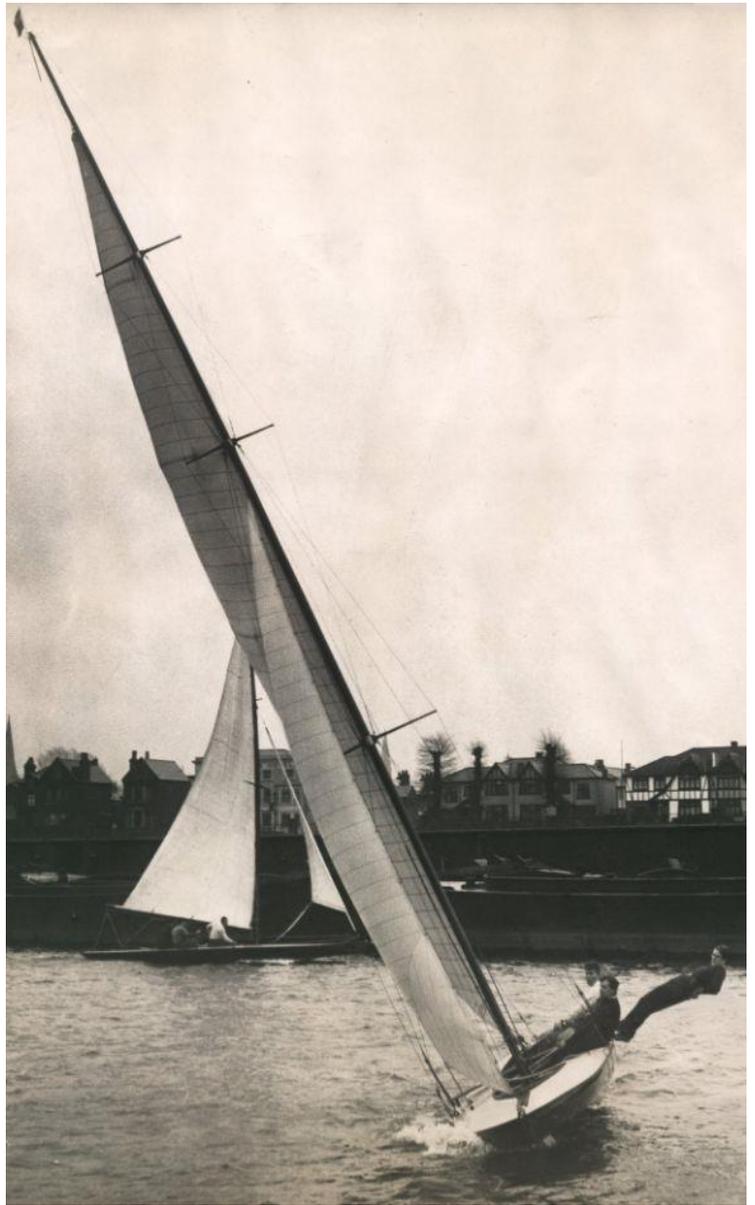
\* According to Laleham SC, formerly Thames United SC, history Vagabond was owned by H C Tower in the early 1900's. It is suggested that she was the only boat to survive a dramatic fire. To quote the Thames United SC/ Laleham SC History: [History of TUSC & Laleham SC](#) (see page 12 for Vagabond story as below)

Finally, in 1909 or 1910 Wharton's Boathouse, which had for many years been the clubhouse of TUSC, burnt down. We learn from Mr H Scott Freeman that the fire consumed not only the boathouse but all the vessels. Despite his remarks it would seem that one vessel did survive. The Rater which Mr Tower owned, which was called Vagabond, and survives to this day.

Interestingly it would seem that Scamp was also based at TUSC and it is clear that she too must have escaped the fire as she also is with us today.

\* She was possibly the first 'dinghy' to have a trapeze, known then as a 'bell rope'.

see also [The First Sliding Seats and Trapezes](#)



\* She is the only Rater to have been on show at the London Boat Show.



Norris Williams, Arthur Oxborough, Ingrid Holford, Jim Stock & Richard Winter



(Pictures courtesy of Richard Winter)

