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Firefly: Pond Yacht with Full Sails, Circa 1930

£295

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Height: 182 cm (71.7")

Width: 84 cm (33.1")

Depth: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A charming early 20th-century pond yacht named 'Firefly', dating to circa 1930 and presented on a purpose-made display stand. With her full complement of sails set, this beautifully evocative model captures the romance and quiet theatre of pond yachting-a pastime that combined model-making, racing, and the pleasure of time spent on the water.

The yacht has an elegant, streamlined hull and a tall rig, arranged with sails that give the model a wonderful sense of movement even at rest. Her name, 'Firefly', is displayed prominently, lending the piece personality and a tangible connection to its original sporting life. The carefully balanced proportions of hull, mast, sails, and rigging make this an especially attractive decorative object, whether viewed as a model, a piece of nautical history, or both.

Pond yachts became popular in Britain during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when enthusiasts commissioned and built finely made sailing models to race on ornamental lakes and boating ponds. More than toys, the best examples were miniature working yachts, designed to respond to wind and water in the same way as their full-sized counterparts. This model retains all the charm of that tradition.

Mounted securely on its stand, 'Firefly' is ready for display in a library, hall, garden room, coastal interior, or collector's cabinet. A handsome and atmospheric piece for collectors of maritime antiques, nautical models, and early 20th-century sporting objects.

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