April 17, 2012

Re: NY32, Hull No. 21, Masquerade

To Whom It May Concern,

In the mid-1930s, after winning a design competition from the New York Yacht Club for a new one-design class the New York Yacht Club commissioned Sparkman & Stephens to design and build twenty of the now historic sailing yachts, known as the NY32 class (32 represents her waterline length of 32'). 20 original boats were built by the boatyard of Henry B. Nevins of City Island, New York, numbers 1-20 and each individually designated on their sail plans.

None had been built since, until Pieter van der Aa of The Netherlands as a one-time exception was allowed to do so by Sparkman & Stephens. The result is considered a valued addition to the class and as such the boat has been granted acceptance by the class and thus hull number 21 has been assigned.

As the designers of the original historic NY32-class built during the mid-1930s we herewith declare that the sailing yacht named Masquerade built by Pieter van der Aa and known in the Ship's register at the Netherlands with registration number 22565 Z 2009 is hull number 21 of the NY32 class. It is our professional opinion as the designers that the foresaid sailing yacht has been built strictly in conformance to the original hull, keel, rudder, deck and rig geometry and in so much as possible using the original materials. As such she qualifies as an individual replica of the historic original.

Best Regards,

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