ASGARD Á THÓGÁIL

I Márta 1905 tosaíodh ar *Asgard* a thógáil i mbádchlós Colin Archer. Faoin 1ú Aibreán, bhí cíle an luaimh leagtha síos ach ní raibh ainm air go fóill. Bhí na frámaí dúbailte feistithe den chíle faoin 15ú Aibreán. Sna trí mhí dá éis, tugadh plancáil na cabhlach chun críche, leagadh an deic agus feistíodh cóiríocht an chábáin. Ag deireadh mhí Iúil, scríobh Childers litir chuig Archer inar dhúirt sé: 'Her name is Asgard, please paint it in gold letters on the stern.' Seoladh an luamh an 1ú Lúnasa 1905.

Is troime struchtúr *Asgard* ná struchtúr mórchuid luamh eile. Tá na frámaí móra dúbailte cosúil leis' na frámaí a fhaightear i mbád seoil iascaig. Luamh storrúil í agus fad 15.5 méadar inti ó dheireadh go transam, agus bíoma ceithre mhéadar. Bád plainc is ea *Asgard*, a chiallaíonn go bhfuil plainc an chabhail feistithe ciumhais le ciumhais agus daingnithe den fhráma, chun dromchla réidh a thabhairt. Tá níos mó ná adhmad amháin sa chabhail; ceannaíodh a bhformhór go háitiúil, go háirithe an péine a úsáideadh sna frámaí.

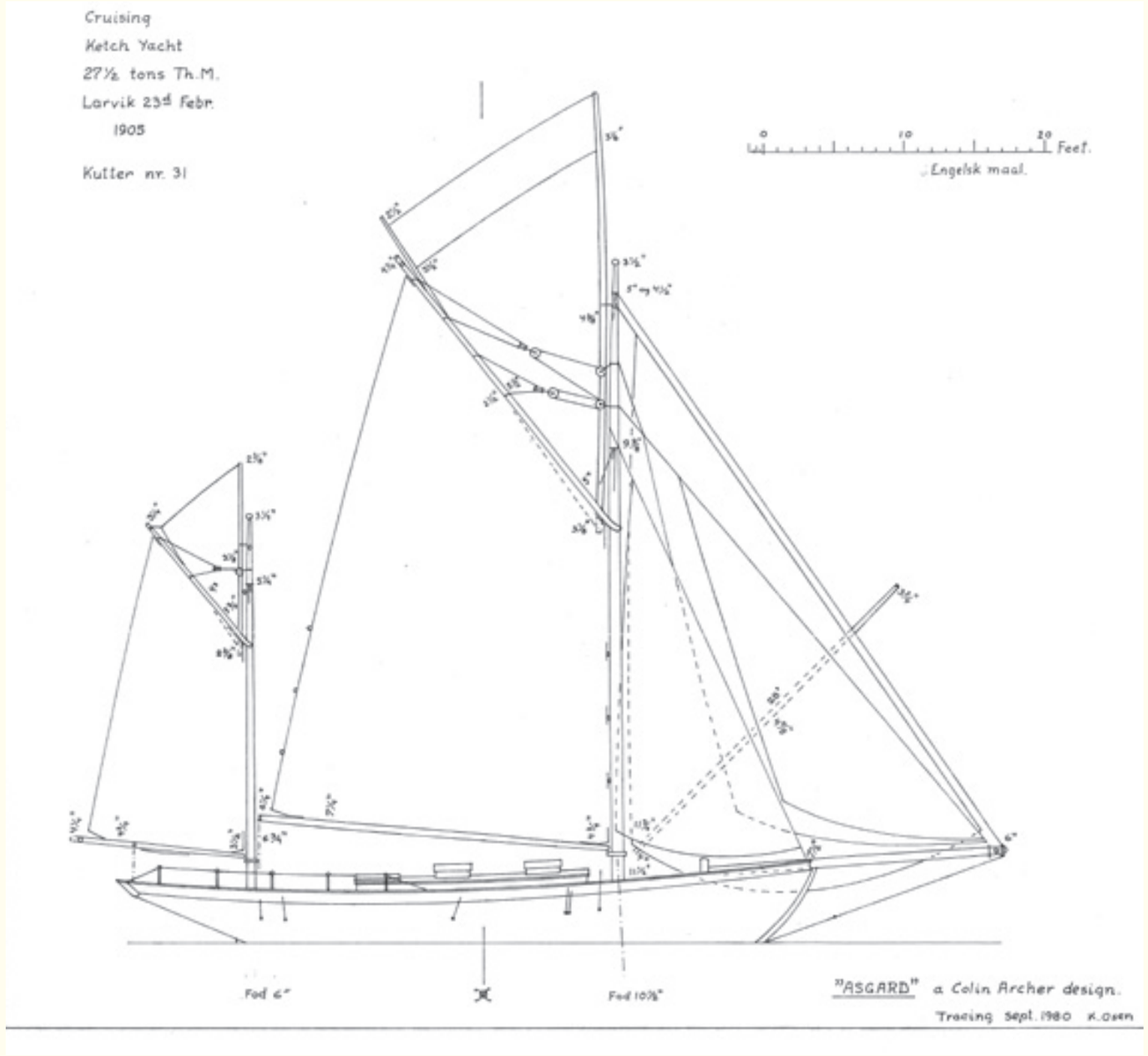
Ar chlé: Colin Archer, i ngrianghraf a tógadh ina longchlós i Larvik, An Iorua, 1903.
Norsk Folkemuseum. Grianghraf: A. B. Wilse.

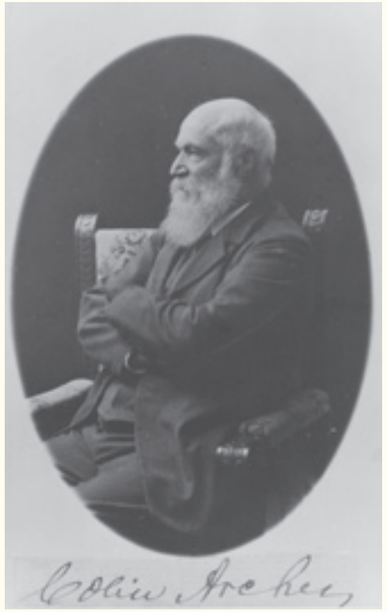
Left: Colin Archer, photographed in his shipyard in Larvik, Norway, 1903.
Norsk Folkemuseum. Photograph: A. B. Wilse.

BUILDING *ASGARD*

Building work on *Asgard* began in Colin Archer's boatyard in March 1905. By 1st April, the keel of the as yet unnamed yacht was laid. By 15th April her double frames were fitted to the keel. Over the following three months, the planking of the hull was completed, the deck was laid and the cabin accommodation was fitted. At the end of July, Erskine Childers wrote to Archer, saying 'Her name is Asgard, please paint it in gold letters on the stern.' The yacht was launched on 1st August 1905.

Asgard's structure is quite heavy for a yacht. Her large double frames are more akin to those in a sail fishing boat. She is sturdily built, and measures 15.5 metres in length from stem to transom, with a beam of 4 metres. The vessel is carvel-built, which means that the hull planks are fitted edge-to-edge and fixed to the frames, giving a smooth surface. Various woods were used in the hull, mostly sourced locally, particularly pine for the frames.





Ar chlé: Plean seolta Colin Archer d'*Asgard*.
Norsk Maritimt Museum.

Thuas: Colin Archer, ailtire cabhlaigh agus tógálaí long loruach (1832–1921).
Norsk Maritimt Museum.

Left: Colin Archer's sail plan for *Asgard*.
Norsk Maritimt Museum.

Above: Colin Archer, Norwegian naval architect and shipbuilder (1832–1921).
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