

## **Fast Motor Dinghy FMD 5004**

FMD 5004 was the third of four craft built by Woodnutts, Isle of Wight.

Completed on the 26th April 1951.

Allocated to the Daring class destroyer D108, HMS Dainty.

HMS Dainty was built by J S White, launched 16<sup>th</sup> August 1950, and scrapped 1972.



FMD 5004 was allocated to HMS Dainty on 7 July 1951, and served with the ship, until placed in the Ships Reserve Portsmouth, in 1958.

FMD 5004 was selected for issue to Portland Naval Base and transferred to the Port Auxiliary Service for the use of the Chief Engineer, in lieu of the 16ft FMB 42136.

FMD 5004 was re-engined at Portland in 1960. No engine type specified.

FMD 5004 was removed from the Port Auxiliary Service account on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1962, and held at Portsmouth under consideration for the Ministry of Education.

FMD 5004 was sold out of service to Mr F Watts, Gosport, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1967, and was removed from the base on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1967.

FMD 5004 was offered to the British Military Powerboat Trust in July 2003, and was collected and transferred to the Husbands Shipyard shed, the then home of the BMPT, at Marchwood, by R Hellyer.



Restoration commenced in 2003, but had to cease with the sale of the Husbands Shipyard, and the subsequent need for BMPT to find a new home. The boat was moved into an old container in January 2005, on her purpose built trailer, along with all her bits and pieces, at the Marchwood Military Camp, to await a new home.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009, FMD 5004 was delivered to her new home, Shed 4 at the Portsmouth Naval base Property Trust.



In July 2011, FMD 5004 was selected for further restoration in Shed 4, and was removed from her trailer onto a purpose made trolley.

An apprentice shipwright from France, Julie, under the watchfull eye of a PNBPT expert, Trevor, are working carefully to bring the boat back to her former condition.

