

# Sceptre 12 - K17

*Classic 12-M  
sailing*



## SCEPTRE 12 - K17 THE BRITISH 1958 AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGER

**S**ceptre was designed for the Royal Yacht Squadron by David Boyd and built at Alexander Robertson's yard in Sandbank, Holy Loch on the Clyde, for the **1958 America's Cup**, the first to be sailed to the International 12 Metre Rule.

Her principal dimensions are:

Overall length:	69ft
Beam:	12ft
Draft:	10ft
Mainsail:	1,250sqft
Foresail:	1,100sqft
Mast Height:	93ft
Displacement:	36 tons
Engine:	78hp



Following Sceptre's America's Cup campaign, her mast's position was modified and she subsequently enjoyed a number of years very successful racing in British waters. Later, she was converted for cruising, and now has 12 berths, two heads, shower, galley, fridge, cooker and warm air heating. There is standing room throughout, a little restricted towards the forward two berths.

She has full electronic navigation aids including radar, VHF/DSC radio and GPS. Sceptre holds a current MCA Small Commercial Vessel certificate. Her skippers are qualified RYA Yachtmasters with commercial endorsement.

### **Sceptre Preservation Society**

Since 1986 Sceptre has been maintained, sailed and enjoyed by members of the **Sceptre Preservation Society**. Currently numbering 16, the syndicate welcomes applications from like-minded enthusiasts who would relish the challenge of looking after this historic yacht. The benefits of shared costs and responsibilities, added to a ready-made pool of friends to go sailing with, make fractional ownership an attractive proposition.

**When the boat in question is as well-known as Sceptre, joining the Society is an opportunity not to be missed.**

## AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE SAILING ON THE FIRTH OF CLYDE



**T**he Firth of Clyde covers an area of 1000 square miles of sheltered water, with many islands and inlets, lochs and bays, secluded anchorages and attractive harbours.

The West Coast of Scotland offers a wonderful variety of landscapes and moods, the dramatic scenery offering an endlessly changing backdrop to some of the best cruising grounds in the world.

Sceptre is thought to be the only America's Cup yacht sailing regularly in British waters and is recognised and admired wherever she goes.

On the Clyde in particular she creates quite a stir as many people remember her early history and are really delighted to see her sailing close to home.



**Sailing on Sceptre is truly an unforgettable and unique experience.**

The yacht's size and power are exhilarating, yet she sails so smoothly that less experienced sailors will still feel confident enough to get involved and take the helm.

## BOOKING DETAILS

The thrill of sailing a thoroughbred

**Sceptre is available for day or weekend charter (or longer by arrangement) for up to nine guests. A fully qualified skipper and two crew are provided.**

### Hands on Sailing

Sceptre is big yacht sailing and retains many of her original features from the 1958 America's Cup. This is "hands-on" sailing and we encourage guests to feel quite free to do as much or as little as they wish.

It is their opportunity to enjoy an experience of a lifetime on this beautiful yacht.



Sceptre was converted for cruising during the 1970's and 1980's and now provides basic but comfortable accommodation.

No en-suite facilities are available but this is more than made up for by the thrill of sailing such an unique thoroughbred!

### Equipment

A full "what to bring" list is available but as a guide warm clothes, together with waterproofs and suitable footwear are all essential. All other safety equipment (such as lifejackets, harnesses and lifelines) is provided.

### Come on board!

For further information on chartering Sceptre or joining the Society as a share owner of this classic sailing yacht please visit our website:

[www.sceptrepreservation.co.uk](http://www.sceptrepreservation.co.uk)

Or telephone : 0121 308 0870

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