

staging her rightful return to America's Cup glory on a world stage," says Lipton Tea's New Zealand manager, Kylie Rutherford.

Today, the Lipton Karin III is owned by a syndicate of businessmen who salvaged her from the bottom of the Whitianga Harbour last year after recognising her enormous historical significance. She is one of only 17 original Colin Archer vessels left in the world. Of these, 15 boats are in museums.

She was built in Norway and is classed as a Norwegian Double Ender, so named because her bow and stern look identical. Her sister ship, The Fram was the first boat to reach Antarctica and the Arctic. The Lipton Karin III's most famous venture was participation in one of world's first trans Atlantic races in 1927.

In her 103 year life, the Lipton Karin III has been owned by and registered in many countries – Britain, France, Norway, The Netherlands and Singapore. She has had many interesting owners including Alan Buchanan. He owned, lived and worked on the Lipton Karin III when he first started his naval architectural business. Today, Alan Buchanan's career spans 50 years, with 2400 designs to his name and a reputation as one of the world's greatest naval architects.

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