



## Oakwood Thonier is looking for new owner.

The Jean Michelle is an oak 2-mast Thonier built in 1943 by the famous boatbuilder Vernazza on the beach of La Rochelle in France.

Dimensions 10 meters long, 3,5 meters wide and a draft of 1,2 meters. Equipped with a well running DB2 Baudouin diesel engine with original air bottle to start the engine.

The hull is largely renewed: completely new deck (larch on oak), superstructure (douglas) and railing (oak and pine). The skin (25mm oak) is 80% new, the rafters (oak) have been renewed or doubled where necessary. Everything in the original dimensions and thicknesses.

The masts are new (douglas) and still without fittings. The bowsprit, the topmasts, booms and gaffs have been refurbished and in good condition. The whole rig for this 2-master with topsails, jib and outer jib is present: the sails (10 pieces including halfwinder), all necessary (wooden) blocks, including 24 damper blocks. The standing rigger is old and needs to be replaced (new steel wire and eyes for the rigging is present). The lines of the running rig are in need of replacement.

I bought the ship as a restauration project in 2001 and have worked on it with great pleasure the last 17 years. Woodworking is my passion. Now the gear has to be placed on it, a passion for sailing is needed. I sail occasionally but do not have the knowledge and attention for this part of the restauration. That is why i like to transport the ship to someone with a passion for history and sailing and who sees the rigging and finishing as a challenge.

All historic data of the builder and former owners are present  
The ship is now on the yard of Peters in Angeren, the Netherlands.

The restauration can be seen on [www.stevengerritsen.nl](http://www.stevengerritsen.nl) with "restauratie van een thonier".



Le Jean Michelle en 2018

