

Betsy Davis, executive director of the **CENTER FOR WOODEN BOATS** in Seattle, sent me a note thanking Bone Yard Boats for the coverage of the CWB in the Winter '06 issue. She also enclosed the Center's newsletter, *Shavings*, and the 2006 Program Catalogue. The programs offered by the CWB range from restoration of their Herreshoff 12 1/2 to cedar strip kayak building to sailmaking, boat photography, docking under sail, to historical navigation – far too many to list them all. Here's a link to the PDF version of the program available online:

www.cwb.org/CWB_2006_CourseCatalog_finalp.pdf

EVENT: If you find yourself in the Seattle area this summer, don't miss the CWB's 30th Annual Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival and Classic Speedboat Show July 1 - 4, 2006 (Saturday - Tuesday). www.cwb.org/BoatFest2006.htm



OWENS, 1959, 26'. Nice family cruiser in good condition with a V8 gas engine that starts and runs good but needs some tinkering. Cabin includes an enclosed head, dinette and v-berth. The cockpit is large and includes an extra sink. New full cockpit canvas. \$5,750. Contact the Center for Wooden Boats at 206-832-2628 patrick@cwb.org. **(WA)** [SP06-16]



CRUISERS INC., 17'. Loads of charm. Interior & exterior need to be refinished, but it has a running (or so the donor tells us) outboard and it's small enough to fit in the garage. It was used as a law enforcement boat and is equipped with a cool searchlight and a siren. It even has the original seat cushions! "Little Dude" trailer is in ok condition. 17' LOA, 6' Beam, \$2,000. Contact the Center for Wooden Boats at 206-832-2628 patrick@cwb.org. **(WA)** [SP06-18]



17' CRUISERS INC. w/Outboard



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CRUISERS INC., 21'. A husky runabout. Hull is in good condition and has been painted recently. Interior is a little rough but serviceable. The V6 OMC engine was submerged and is not running. The trailer is good but shows some surface rust. This is a desirable model that is becoming more collectable as time goes on. 21' LOA, 7.5' beam. \$1,500. Contact the Center for Wooden Boats at 206-832-2628 patrick@cwb.org. **(WA)** [SP06-17]



1952 MATTHEWS 41'

MATTHEWS, 1952, 41'. Extensive rib repair to the starboard side, new transom framing ready for final fit after the floor timbers are renewed aft. Then the bottom of the transom replaced, chalked and painted. Boat has 95% of her hardware. Drawers, latches, doors, mast, flag poles, monel fuel and water tanks. Cabin roof has been glassed, fore (glass) and side (teak) decks in good condition. Cabin sides fair. New window track in saloon, material here for aft cabin windows. No engines so you can power with units of your choice. Owner knows where there might be 2 straight 8's of the proper vintage and type. **FREE** to good home, must be moved by Summer '06. Mike, 410-725-0221 **(MD)**

NOTE: The mission of Bone Yard Boats is to Help Save Old Boats. Sometimes we will repeat a boat listing in an effort to find a new home for a vessel in need. Do whatever it takes!



CHRIS CRAFT, 1952, 8'. Pram Kit Boat with oars & same vintage Firestone 5hp outboard motor \$500 complete. Contact Michael at (608) 241-6611 or fleetwoodvc@aol.com **(WI)**

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... WOOD BOAT DISEASE

Wood boats made this world what it is today. Wood has been used for centuries and is still the best hull material out there. Seawater keeps the wood fresh. They don't rot if they are cared for properly, and, contrary to popular belief, are just as easy to maintain as any glass boat.

How I ended up with wood boats, let alone sailboats, was strange. I am a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary officer. I was crew training in Seattle. Out in the bay we passed a "boat." I couldn't believe my eyes. She looked like a big pirate ship. "What is that?" That is the first time I heard the word "schooner." I was totally mesmerized by this incredibly gorgeous ship. The sun setting behind her huge sails. She was elegant, impressive to say the least. I knew that had to sail on her someday.



RASCAL 1955, photo courtesy of Andrea McDonald

A year passed, and I was working for a marine center. I saw a photo of a boat, and I knew right away it was my schooner, the tall ship ZODIAC. I was about to turn 40, single with 6 kids. They had a cruise right on my birthday, so I went. From the second I stepped on the ship, my life totally changed. When we lifted the sails on that 1924 gaff-rigged schooner, it was like going back in time. Until you have sailed on one, you have not really lived. I had been a "mariner" for years, but when I looked up at those sails that sound like thunder when they luff -- WOW. The sheer power of them, moving a 148-ton ship through the water, with no annoying noise from a motor or gas fumes. She put me under a spell that will never be broken.

As I slept in her wood bunks, I felt a sense of peace and belonging. Her Captain, a great man and skipper of 65 years, was as wonderful as she is. Before that cruise was over, I was made a crewmember, which is usually not that easy to do on

a tall ship. But, on that ship... I was home. I found where I belonged, where my very soul was happy. These old boats carry with them so much of the people that have owned them, built them, and loved them. They have a soul of their own.

I became involved with a special boat, a 1955 Ben Seaborn race sloop in sad shape and named RASCAL. Saving this old girl from the scrapper was a lot of work, but I would not give up on her. After all, she was one of the last of only 13 ever made. I started working with different groups to save these boats. It became a huge part of my life.

Because of RASCAL, the Seaborn sloop, I met many wonderful people along the way and learned a great deal, too. It was an awesome adventure, and even though at times it seemed impossible, I didn't give up. Eventually I realized that I did not have the means to save her myself, and I finally found a wonderful young fellow to take her. His uncle had owned



RASCAL, recent photo courtesy of Andrea McDonald

DORADE, another incredible boat. He had a trailer to haul her and a place to keep her. It was very hard saying goodbye to RASCAL, but I knew I had to do it. She gave me back so much in the short time I had her. In time, I would have one I could keep.

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