

Now, a dream of mine will finally come true. I have wanted a Classic Dragon race sloop for a long time. Well, I will finally have a 1952 Dragon in my slip here in Puget Sound. This boat is very important to me. Her name is SMAUG. I will take this boat to wood boats shows and race her, as well. I want to show people that these old school boats are the best.

If lightning hit a boat and took out the radar, GPS, sounders, chartplotters, etc., most people would be scared to death. Me? I don't have those things. I would be fine out there with my paper charts, binoculars and a compass. Simple. It has worked for hundreds of years. I've been told my race boat "was a real fine competitor in her day." Everyone thinks you need carbon fiber and mylar sails to win, lots of techy stuff, too. My "old school" racer is outdated they say. Well, my answer to them is that in this crazy, fast-paced world of modern gadgets we "cant live without," the one thing I can think of that hasn't changed is the ocean.



Andy and her Dragon SMAUG

The sea hasn't changed, nor the wind, tides, nor currents. Same as they were in 1952 when SMAUG was launched. The only thing that HAS changed is the people sailing them. Maybe a little skipper skill, instead of electronics, is not such a bad thing. My Dragon is just as fast now as she was in 1952. I don't need a windex to tell me where the wind is coming from. My skipper from my schooner taught me better than that. I hope to show people with SMAUG the Dragon, that these well-built old girls are just as competitive now as they were then. They are also even more special now, and we need to save them before they are all gone.

Look out into the bay. You will see a bunch of white, glass boats that all look the same. But when you see a classic boat, you are looking at one of a kind. My Dragon won't be lost among the others. Anyone can buy a boat. Big deal. It takes someone special to own a classic. You will become a part of a community of wood boat lovers. Take great pleasure and pride in what you have done. Don't just buy any boat. Build one yourself, or better yet, save one that needs saving. She will reward you 100 times over, and you will know it was you who made it all possible.

I have a few old more old boats that I'm thinking about taking in, but the old line - "gee, she followed me home, can I keep her?" -- is getting a bit old and wearing thin.

used concrete to do some of the patching. He had arranged for dockage at a marina, but was initially turned away when he arrived with JEAN. I'm guessing that she was not looking all that seaworthy at the time with a solid line of growth running diagonally across her cabin near the top. Eventually, the marina allowed her in and they lifted her from the water. She has since been relocated to the rear of Eldo's inn, the Carbo House, on Tybee Island.



JEAN at the Carbo House - photo courtesy of Jennifer Spell

Eldo told me that he and JEAN have been the subject of a few news stories and a radio interview on Georgia Public Radio. Back in October Eldo and friends held a fundraiser to help generate some of the money needed to restore JEAN. The event had several local sponsors, as well as such national names as West Marine and Sea Tow.

When I asked what he hoped to do with JEAN, Eldo responded that after renovating her he hoped to use her as a maritime museum, an oyster bar, or a chapel. In fact, he thought a combination of all three might work, as well. Personally, I'd like to see JEAN back in the water someday.

Filmmaker Jennifer Spell of Spellbound Pictures became involved in the saga of the JEAN at an early stage when she first heard of the JEAN's beaching on Hutchinson Island and the stranding of former owner Charles Blanda. It was clearly the makings of a good documentary. In a recent email, Jennifer explained: "The documentary has not been completed although over 37 hours of filming has taken place ever since she breached herself on Hutchinson Is. I was hoping that the completion of restoration and opening of the maritime museum would make a nice ending to the story."

"I still have hopes for the Jean and maybe you can help Eldo find some qualified folks to lend him a hand?," said Jennifer. If you'd like to lend a hand, I'm sure Eldo and friends would love to hear from you:

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FLYING BRIDGE - DOUBLE CABIN

**MATTHEWS, 1952, 41'.** See details on Page 4 - Column 2. She doesn't look like this now, but you may be the person who can bring her back from the brink. Time is running out!



1960 HINKLEY 40'

**HINKLEY Sailboat, 1960, 40'.** The sailboat pictured above is currently on the front lawn of a boatyard restaurant in Rock Hall, MD and in need of rescue. She is believed to be a vintage 1960 Hinkley 40-footer. The owner has walked away and the boat is available **FREE!** to anyone who will move it. Her name is MISTY. Contact Kevin Flynn at The Flynn Company (215) 561-6565. (MD) [SP06-27]