



# Bone Yard Boats

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## IN SEARCH OF “SOUTHERN CROSS”

Have you seen Grandfather's Boat?



SOUTHERN CROSS – launched spring of 1948

Let us introduce ourselves. We are Mark & Rita Stokes, and we live in Berwick, Maine. For many years, we have been searching for a particular Richardson Cruiser that was made by the Richardson Boat Company of North Tonawanda. Because we live in Maine, it is very difficult to search local marinas or old boatyards for information on this boat. We recently made a trip to Tonawanda in search of her, but were not successful. We were hoping that maybe you could give us any information or insight that may help us continue our search. We have included pictures of this boat at various times. Hopefully they will be helpful and with any luck you may know of this boat.



SOUTHERN CROSS moving to 867 Sweeney Street for finish work

In 1947, Norris Gillespie began building a 23ft. Richardson Cruiser named “SOUTHERN CROSS.” It was launched in the spring of 1948.

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## BONE YARD BOAT LISTINGS

**1938 STEPHENS MOTORYACHT 36'.** Owner says: “Please consider this 1938 36’ Stephens motoryacht as your next project. I rescued this fine yacht from the peril of the crusher last winter only to find that I've lost my dream. This is a fine example of the Stephens Brothers excellence in craftsmanship and is in remarkably good condition and ready to be restored to her former glory. She was originally sold here in the Bay Area in 1938 and has since to my knowledge had only one other owner. I purchased her from her last owner who owned her from the 1960s until 2006. From my conversations with her former owner, She has graced the bay as the flagship of the Southbay Yacht Club as the former commodore's ship and was hauled for a total overhaul some time ago. She is sound and has received some very extensive hull retrofits. She needs a new owner who appreciates her history and provenance and who will dedicate the time and expense to bring her back to her former glory.



1938 STEPHENS MOTORYACHT 36'

A Coast Guard documented vessel, she is ready for a new owner to continue on where time has left off. She's a beauty whose sister ships have rarely been seen and if so are being offered in the \$50k to \$100k range. Most of her is there, and some to be found. Email for details.”

Current owner came across her last year a day before she was to be crushed. She purchased this stately yacht, paid a crane operator to pluck her out of the yard where she had been stored for 10 years, and a trucking company to move her to her current location tucked away safely in a barn in the wine country of northern California. Ready for full restoration. Price is negotiable. Napa, CA. Contact Tracy at trapcurtis@yahoo.com