



1959 CROSBY RANGER 18'

1959 CROSBY RANGER 18'. Fiberglass utility runabout with twin 35 hp Johnson outboards. Always stored inside. Hardly ever used! Asking: \$4500. Located between Chicago, IL/Indianapolis, IN on I-65. Contact Brad at (765) 430-7636 or Bestdaylilies@cs.com



1945 NAVY LAUNCH 40' Fishing Boat

1945 NAVY LAUNCH 40' Fishing Boat. Owner says: "This boat has recently sunk and is currently being recovered. This unique boat was converted into a Dive Boat. Powered by running Detroit Diesel. Fuel tanks need to be replaced. Has a new prop, and new prop shaft from last year. Its beam is about 10 or 11', and weights around 11 Tons. This boat is currently in the under water, it's seaworthy but it will sink with enough rain. Interior has normal wear and tear, no major damage other than being sunk." Asking: \$5000. Location: Cumming, GA. Contact: Lanier Marine Liquidators at (800) 815-0580 or BoatSales@LanierMarineLiquidators.com



1959 THOMPSON SEA COASTER 17'. Owner says, "50 HP Mercury with trailer. All in excellent condition, extra prop, anchor, paddles, boarding ladder, fenders, located in Stevens Point, WI." Asking: \$1,995. Contact Don at (715) 341-4024, (715) 252-6963, (WI)

1964 CHRIS CRAFT SUPER SPORT 18'. Project boat. Owner says: " We are selling a project 1964 18' Chris Craft Super Sport for restoration that was originally from Lake Tahoe. Mahogany, white paint. Turquoise and white interior. Appears complete. Nice dash. Clear title and Chris Craft Factory data/ID plate. Boat needs restoration. Bottom hull double planked with 11/16" thick Philippine Mahogany planking, hull sides batten-seamed Philippine Mahogany 7/16", Structural wood appears solid. Top wood needs restoration and replacement in certain areas. From a dry climate. Original red paint on interior wood. Believed to be Original Marine 327. Appears complete. Unknown condition. Out of boat. 1B Original Chris Craft Corvette 210hp engine with 36 gallon fuel capacity. Give this boat a good home. Decent quality steel trailer. No title or Registration for trailer." Asking \$5,500. OBO. Carnation, WA. Contact Jim at gio@sprynet.com



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1961 CRUISERS INC Seafarer 16'. Owner says: "model 202, 16 foot Lapstrake classic. Original Johnson 40 H.P. outboard, original convertible top, never restored, only painted and varnished. Includes Holsclaw trailer. It's a beautiful boat with no dry rot." Wilmington, IL. Asking: \$3,500 obo. Contact Peter at (815) 476-0677 or email bonnelbend@comcast.net



1957/8 THOMPSON

1957/8 THOMPSON. Owner says, "excellent condition, dry storage since rebuilt 1998. Original trailer, two tanks, paddle, Mercury engine controls but no engine." Asking \$2,000. Contact Larry at (541) 265-4588 (WA)

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... IN SEARCH OF "SOUTHERN CROSS"

Parts of it were constructed by the Richardson Boat Company and the finishing touches were done by our grandfather. Norris had done some work for the Richardson Boat Company and was able to purchase the plans for this boat. These plans were never put into production by the company, so no other boats from the Richardson Boat Company were ever made of this kind. This truly made the "SOUTHERN CROSS" one of a kind. The "SOUTHERN CROSS" was housed in a boathouse behind his home on Sweeney Street in North Tonawanda. The boat was a dream of his and from 1948 until 1960, when he passed away, he was the sole owner with his wife Beatrice.



SOUTHERN CROSS in water with full cover

In 1962, Beatrice sold the "SOUTHERN CROSS" to Al and Jackie Koetzle also of Tonawanda. They owned the boat until 1970, when they sold it to a young family also from the Tonawanda area. The Koetzles changed the name of the boat to the "AL JACK" to represent both of their names, Al and Jackie. They also put a full cover on the top of the boat instead of a half one. This may change the way the boat looks, but it still remained in the Tonawanda area. In talking with Mrs. Koetzle, she mentioned that her son had seen this boat dry-docked on Tonawanda Island just 6 years ago. Unfortunately, she did not remember the name of the young family who had bought it so our research will end again. We are still concentrating on the Tonawanda area and the new name of the boat as a reference.



SOUTHERN CROSS at the Richardson Boat Company

Norris Gillespie was a veteran of WWI and WWII and held many jobs related to boats along the canals in New York.

He also piloted boats to Florida for different people on occasion. He later became Chief of Police for the town of North Tonawanda. My brother and I have fond memories of our Grandfather and the special times we had on this boat. We know chances are we will never see this boat again, but we have faith and know that anything can happen. Norris Gillespie was a strong and spirited man and I'm sure that his boat the "SOUTHERN CROSS" is still out there waiting to be found. We have included pictures from the time the boat was launched to when it was finished. I hope these pictures look familiar to you, or that you might have any suggestions on how to continue our search. We are unable to reference hull numbers since we don't believe this boat had an original hull number. We do know that it had a Gray Marine engine serial # C-67559. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark and Rita Stokes

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Dear Bone Yard Boats Readers: If you know the whereabouts of SOUTHERN CROSS, please contact Rita and Mark Stokes at the email address or phone number listed above. They would like to hear from you!

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