



# Bone Yard Boats™

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## THE TWINS



1956 CHRIS CRAFT SEA SKIFF CRUISER 40'

**1956 CHRIS CRAFT SEA SKIFF CRUISER 40'.** 12-foot beam. The owner of the Chris Craft pictured above actually has two of them – a '56 and a '67 – and refers to them as “my twins.” Approximately 80 of these hulls are believed to have been produced. The 1956 is hull number SK 40-104 and the owner believes that with all the research he has done she is the only one left from 1956. She has no engines and – as you can see in the photo below – has been meticulously stripped down to the bare hull. Galley, dinette, and sitting nook are down below. This boat was originally offered as a hardtop, a convertible sedan, or in a fishing version with a fly bridge. The asking price is the cost of the yard fees, which at the moment are roughly \$800 for each boat. Contract Patrick at [Patrick@thewoodenboatshop.com](mailto:Patrick@thewoodenboatshop.com) or 914-500-5415. More photos available at [www.thewoodenboatshop.com](http://www.thewoodenboatshop.com) (NJ) The 1967 “other twin” appears on page 8 of this issue.



## BONE YARD BOAT LISTINGS



FREE -- 1966 MATTHEWS FLUSH DECK 45' -- FREE

**1966 MATTHEWS FLUSH DECK 45'.** Owner says, “Powered by two GM Detroit 8V-53 engines with twin disc MG 506 gears (stbd. engine not running). Wood hull in fair condition, teak decks with mahogany interior. Aft master stateroom, two guest rooms, two heads, full galley, spacious main saloon and aft deck for entertaining. Cabin tops are fiberglassed. Boat has been out of the water for a number of years on jack stands and is being sold “as is - where is”. Radar antenna and other electronics as well as stbd. prop shaft missing. This restorable yacht is being offered for **FREE**. It has been neglected and needs to be moved from the property on which it is located. Boat must be promptly moved by purchaser at their expense after sale.” Contact Jed at 231-920-6106 or [waterborneproject@yahoo.com](mailto:waterborneproject@yahoo.com) (MI)

According to Jed, “My involvement with the Matthews (like many boats) is to simply find a place for the boat other than the junkyard. ...the whole “upper middle class” of boater that would consider this size of boat has all but vanished from our area of the Great Lakes. People want a large (50-100ft) new yacht or something less than 35ft where they can trailer and avoid boat yard costs.” (More pictures on back cover.)

This boat deserves to be restored and **FREE** is a good start.