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...DINGHY NEWS FROM GINGER

When I turned on the TV weather station the next morning, there were predictions of a severe storm headed our way; so not wanting to depart so soon, yet not looking forward to a roller-coaster ferry ride across LI Sound, I decided it was best to catch the 11am ferry back to LI and then drive straight through to NJ. I'm glad I did, as the next day was worse than terrible! I later heard that some had to stay another day or two before they could get a flight out. But everyone made it back to their destinations, eventually.

Now, can the S.S. UNITED STATES be saved? As a member of the S.S. UNITED STATES Conservancy, I received an invitation to attend an all day, 'Symposium and Gala Reunion', on June 9th at the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia. Being only about 45 minutes from Philly and a member of the Museum I plan to attend, as I did last year and found it most interesting.

There will be an update on the status of this famous cruise ship by the President and CEO, Colin Veitch of Norwegian Cruise Lines, the owners of the ship. There will be other presentations, discussions, films, items for sale and a special luncheon where you can see the S.S. UNITED STATES at her Pier on the Delaware River. Don't know what her fate will be, but I may give you an update in the next issue.

My next planned event is to drive to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. where the 20th annual Antique & Classic Boat Society's Chesapeake Bay Chapter will hold its three-day event over June 15-17th. This is billed as the largest classic boat show in the Mid-Atlantic region, and I've been a member for the past 20 years and have seen it grow. It is well organized and run by dedicated members and the main theme is to have "FUN".

It starts off with a Friday night dinner cruise on the excursion boat, 'PATRIOT', a two-decker boat. Then on Saturday there's an all day judged boat show with plenty of vendors under a big tent. That night, we dine at a catered buffet dinner party under another tent followed by a picnic & awards on Sunday.

This year the 'Bone Yard Boats' award will be the newly published book by Dr. Margaret A Rosenfeld, titled, 'ON LAND AND SEA'. Yes, Margaret and her husband, Richard are of the famous Rosenfeld family of photographers. Richard is the son of Stanley Rosenfeld and grew up on the boat FOTO, which is now on display at the Cutts & Case boatyard in Oxford, MD. Richard and Margaret keep their 37ft Tartan sailboat, BLEW BAYOU, (get it?) at the nearby Oxford Boatyard where they can see FOTO as they pass by. Dr. Margaret Rosenfeld is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Delaware and has written many articles and books on this subject. I invited Margaret and Richard to be my guests at the awards ceremonies where her book will be presented. They plan to sail over from Oxford and spend the day.

Next, it's off to Mystic, CT. over June 28- July 1, for the Woodenboat Show. This annual event is moved each year to different locations across the country and is a three-day event. It's a large show with lots of classic boats to see and board. Hope to 'hang-out' with some of my nautical friends along the way. (It's better to 'hang-out' than to 'hang-in). More travel planned, but will give you another Dinghy news in the next issue. Enough for now.

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...SUBJECT: OLD COMMUTER IN NJ



NJ COMMUTER 'TORPEDO STERN'

Naturally, I responded quickly to Bill that I would very much like to help him find a new home for his boat through Bone Yard Boats and our community of subscribers. Unfortunately, I was too late. On May 2nd – just 3 days after his first email – I received the following:

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2007

To: davidirving@boneyardboats.com

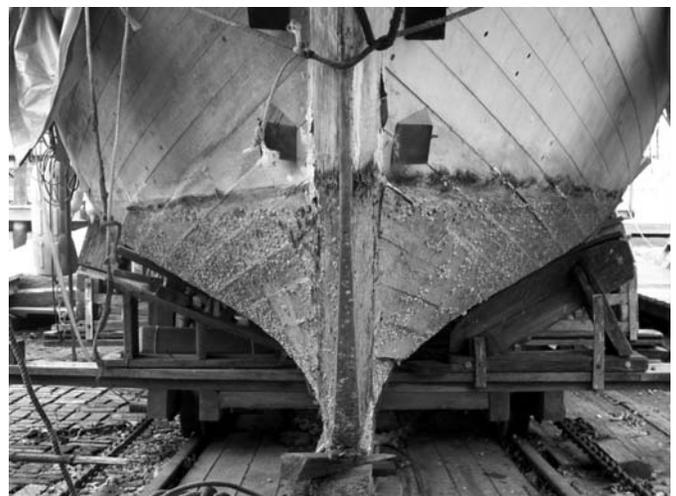
Subject: Re: Old commuter in NJ

David,

Thanks for the response, but the yard started taking it apart, yesterday. They wanted the railway available, and took away my slip of twenty years. After many years of ownership, it will soon be a memory. I would have given it away. I still have not found anyone, who can recognize its origins.

Thanks, again, Bill H.

All I could say was, "Bill, I'm really sorry to hear that. –David" And we keep trying. We may have lost this one, but we have certainly saved many and continue to do so every day. If you can help identify this boat for Bill, please drop me a line.



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