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SAVING OUR NAUTICAL HERITAGE...

...ONE BOAT AT A TIME

Simply put, BLACK PEARL is an American maritime treasure. Designed by Edson Schock and modeled after George Crowninshield's CLEOPATRA'S BARGE (1817), construction of BLACK PEARL was begun in 1939 at the Vaughn Shipyard in Wickford, RI. The date of her completion and subsequent launch varies by source; some say 1948 while others claim as late as 1952. She was built by Lincoln Vaughn as his personal yacht. It is rumored that Mr. Vaughn was able to construct her of the high-quality lumber made available to him during WWII through his U.S. Navy ship-building contracts. When the war ended, so did the lumber supply, and BLACK PEARL was finished somewhat shorter than originally designed.



BLACK PEARL – AN AMERICAN MARITIME TREASURE

BLACK PEARL was built of yellow pine planking on a framework constructed of oak. Her decks are now teak but were originally white pine. Like the dates of her launch, her precise specifications vary by source, but not by much: 79' sparred length, 52' hull length, 43' LWL, 9' draft, 62' mast height, 32 tons, and nearly 2000 square feet of sail. Although frequently called a brigantine, BLACK PEARL is more accurately described as an "hermaphrodite brig" - part brig and part schooner. While a brigantine has square topsails on her main topmast, the hermaphrodite brig has a square-rigged foremast and the fore-and-aft rigged mainmast of a schooner. Her particular rigging supposedly makes it possible for just two sailors to manage her. Equally impressive is her history.

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FREE -- 1947 CHRIS CRAFT 36' -- FREE



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1947 CHRIS CRAFT 36'. Owner says, " I have a 1947, 36' Chris Craft boat, on land, in pretty poor condition. When I got it, about 15 years ago, I wanted to restore it, but now I no longer have the capacity to do it. I would like to have it removed from my property in the Catskills, or, I would be glad to give someone all the different parts on it if they would disassemble the boat safely." ... "It hasn't been in the water for about 15 years. It has 2 International 100 hp engines - condition unknown. Main Salon is about 11x14 feet. Then 3 steps down to galley and bathroom. Then forward upper and lower bunk beds. Much original hardware. No steering wheel." **(NY)** Email Richard at RFried4871@aol.com. **FREE!**



1953 MATTHEWS DELUXE SEDAN 41'. Twin straight 8 cylinder Chryslers. Needs restoration. Nice fresh water boat! Asking \$10,000. Owner offers a layaway plan with minimal deposit, no storage fees, and no interest. Contact Jerry at (603) 279-8841 or email harperboats@gmail.com **(NH)**



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