

**THE WORLD OF WHIRLWIND... (cont)**

can say that? Light boats use light trailers. Whirlwind owners can move their boats around easily, by themselves, with no hernia. Whirlwind boats turn on a dime. My friend took me out in his boat with a 40 hp engine and ran it full power in tight turns until we were dizzy, and there was never any danger or loss of control. What other wood boats can do that? Sure, Whirlwinds aren't for rough water, but I don't really like rough water anyway! Whirlwinds are day boats for small bodies of water and secluded places. They provide comfort and pleasure for most of a day, and then it's time to go in. Most of the time, they can be washed and wiped down before bed so they are stored dry and ready to go next time. If neglect and promises are your thing, don't get a Whirlwind!



Nearly 15,000 whirlwinds were produced. Because the veneers were resorsenol coated, the boats were durable and surprisingly rot resistant. Many thousands of Whirlwinds were kept stored dry the way they belonged because their owners realized their value. This means that there are enough of them left, 4 to 6 decades later that we can still have one to use and enjoy.



In addition to collecting historical material, Howard Johnson has restored 25+ Whirlwind boats and usually has several on hand to see or buy. Howard advises customers about the steps in their restoration and about the products required. Howard has pioneered, through experimentation, many ways of improving the beauty and strength of these wonderful boats. You are welcome to visit his website at Oldtimeworld.com, or call him at 301-627-2114, about your boat and your particular interest.



**SUBJECT: BEYOND REPAIR?**

Hello -- By any chance, would you be able to point me towards a source for a boat that is BEYOND repair? I know that Bone Yard Boats only advertises those that are seaworthy (or potentially seaworthy), so perhaps you come across boat owners who need to "give up the ship" for whatever reason.

I know it's blasphemy, but I'm looking for an old wood boat that no longer has any useful life around water, or otherwise needs adoption, so I won't feel guilty when I literally "put it out to pasture" in my backyard as a kid's clubhouse/project. I grew up sailing, and my husband is a carpenter, so we have the right backgrounds and tools to pull this off.

The ideal boat would be wooden, 20-30' with a roofed and windowed cockpit and bow cabin with berths and hatch to the foredeck. Oh, and there should be plenty of places for kids to store games, treasures, and petrified peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches. I wouldn't rule out a sailboat, but an old hard-top motor cruiser would probably be better because it would have more beam, and wouldn't have the complications of a mast or keel. It would not need an engine, gas tank, water tank, holding tank, head, galley, or functional electronics. We are flexible, of course, on all of the above.

My kids think a boat would be way cooler than a regular tree house (duh!), and they claim that they are eager to do the work. Do you know of such a boat, or could you point me in the right direction? Thank you.

Fair winds, Deborah

[Deborah and family live on the North Shore of Boston. Please contact Bone Yard Boats if you know of a boat that may be suitable, or if you'd like to weigh in on whether or not this, indeed, blasphemy!]



**1951 WHEELER 38' (or 36') PARTS.**

Boatyard says, "The boat is in bad shape has been sitting since owner left it 5-6 years ago. The jackstands are going through the bottom and have pushed the boards up in the center of the boat. It is kind of unsafe at this point to even be on. Jeff would like to see if he can sell the hardware and console. He estimates it being worth approximately \$3,500. It is all original I have pictures of all of it." Contact Karen at Jeff's Yacht Haven in NY at email: jyachthaven@hvc.rr.com .



1951 WHEELER 38' BOW CHOCK



1955 CHRIS CRAFT KIT RUNABOUT 14'

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Owner says, "This old girl is sound and in good shape. Includes seized 16 hp seahorse engine. Asking \$900. Contact John at 304-290-4168 or jellis1739@aol.com (WV)



1959 DUNPHY RUNABOUT 18'

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Owner says, "I bought it in 1976 in LaCrosse WS and spent a year restoring it and reinforcing it to take a large engine (50 HP was the largest in 1959!). I bought a new 1977 115 HP Mercury for it and it's still in perfect condition and looks new. The tandem trailer I've owned since 1961 and is in good condition. We used it as the family ski boat until Aug 2006 when the stem broke in heavy seas. The bottom of the boat will require a lot of work but the boat looks terrific. Every time I took it out, people would stop me to see it." Asking \$1200. Call Stan at 931-363-0457 or trimble@geog.ucla.edu (TN)



**1930's ALDEN SCHOONER.**

Owner says, "She is still available but will not be long for this world. I don't have any great pictures, and in reality there is not much to look at. However, there have been bigger basket cases brought back to life." Contact Joel at joelfp@verizon.net



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