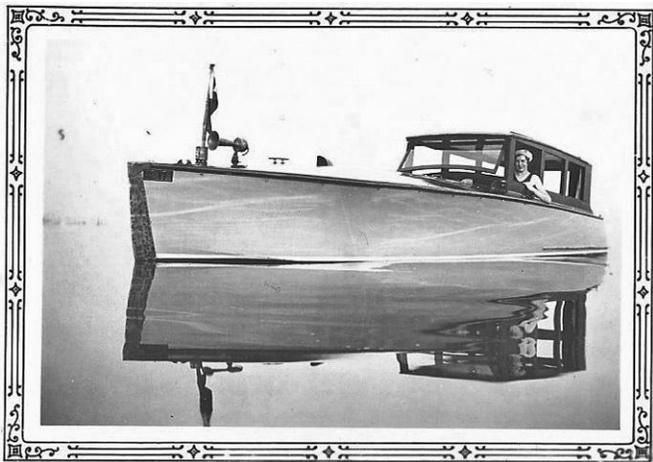


## PROFILING A CLASSIC: SAEEDA...

(continued from page 1.) Mr. Felgar removed the small cabin, relocated the engine aft and built a larger sedan cabin styled after the Gar Woods and Ditchburns of the day. With the relatively larger cabin and modest living accommodations, SAEEDA cruised the length of Lake Ontario and points north via the Trent Canal.

With the exception of WWII during periods of gas rationing SAEEDA has been in continuous use every summer. The current owners are her third and have lovingly cared for her since the mid 1950's. She is a capable vessel that has carried the owners and crew throughout the Trent Canal in fair weather and foul. SAEEDA was launched this summer for her 85th year, and although her hull is in generally good condition the cabin and decks are in need of repair or complete restoration. Her Graymarine engine is in excellent condition and she is still capable of a respectable turn of speed with four people on board.



BERTHA's/ SAEEDA's ORIGINAL MID-1920's CONFIGURATION

SAEEDA's owner went on to say, "My Dad bought the boat in 1955 for \$900 from the second owner who had owned her for only a few years, and Dad repowered her in 1956 with a new 60HP Graymarine engine (\$600) and replaced the original noisy chain V-Drive with a Walthers V-Drive. When my Dad passed in away in the fall of 2007 my Mom kept her for one more summer so we could celebrate the boat's 85th birthday and then be methodical about finding her a good owner to keep her floating for many years to come. My Dad and Mom have only ever owned one boat. While most folks get two-foot-itis, as a couple they continued to care for Saeeda for over 50 years. Perhaps as they were all nearly the same age the process of aging in a person is slowed by keeping an old boat young?"



## SKERRY SEARCH: THE SQUARE METER REGISTRY

In 2008, the 100th year of the Square Meter Rule was celebrated in Sweden. Square Meter Rule sailboats are a class of sailboat derived from a type of Scandinavian sailboat known as "Skargardskrussare". They were first developed to navigate the small islands and fjords of northern Europe.

This Centennial year of the class is a good time to compile a registry of the remaining square meter boats that were imported to the United States. The class was first raced out of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts in the 1930's. In addition to New England, the class was also active on the Great Lakes, operating out of the Detroit area and Belmont Harbor in Chicago through the 1990s. There is an active fleet in Port Huron, Michigan.

Square Meter Rule sailboats can be identified by their long narrow hull between 23 and 45 feet, with a low freeboard, long overhangs, and a very small cabin. Also, the mainsail is typically on a very tall rig with a very short boom. In addition, many of the surviving square meters, mostly 22- and 30-square meters, have a bend (or "hook") at the top of their masts.

To hopefully save these beautiful boats, please report information as

to the location of any square meter boat that is in need of rescue, is in storage, or best yet that is actively being sailed, to the following email address for inclusion into the square meter registry: [info@squareskerryyachts.net](mailto:info@squareskerryyachts.net)



22 SQUARE METER -- ARETE

Pictured above: The 22 Square Meter Arete on the crane in Marinette, Wisconsin. Note the long overhangs and low freeboard typical of the square meter boats. Late 1990's. Photo by Trygve Rhude.



1951 CHRIS CRAFT HOLIDAY 19'

**1951 CHRIS CRAFT HOLIDAY 19'.** "Vintage 1951 Holiday, top of the line and one of the most stylish models of the CC line up. This model had blond covering boards that extended into the first plank, a raked bow, raked and curved transom, and a teak strip floor. This is a nice original boat that needs refinishing. Has a couple of cracked planks that may be repairable; always advisable to do a bottom job, although optional. Has all hardware except stern pole. Engine is a KLC 120hp that probably needs rebuilding. Comes with trailer." Asking \$6200. North Metro Detroit. Contact Maury at 248-693-2256 or [mjdebelle@comcast.net](mailto:mjdebelle@comcast.net) (MI)



1965 TOLLYCRAFT EXPLORER 32' – details on page 11.