



Bone Yard Boats™

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FREE 1941 CARL ADAMS SPORTFISHER 43'. Owner says, "PROSPECTOR is a 1941 Carl Adams designed and built wood 43' sportfisher from Absecon, New Jersey. We're not asking any money for PROSPECTOR -- we'd rather have her go to a home where she will be cared for in the manner she needs, and have any funds that normally would go into a purchase price go into any of her needed work, and transportation expenses. Unfortunately, when potential owners see an ad for "FREE BOAT!" on listings places such as Craig's list or E-Bay it usually doesn't attract the kind of new caretakers PROSPECTOR needs. Our emphasis is on the right new owner(s) - not money. She's floating quite fine - and you can jump about on her decks without any concerns, but will need a complete repower and rewiring. On her next haul-out, which she'll need soon, it was recommended that a refastening be considered. We have a very old copy of a faxed survey that is barely legible from about 12 years ago. It looks like she's double-planked Cedar over oak with Monel rivets.

"The Good: PROSPECTOR is in amazingly good condition for a vessel from 1941, but she is from 1941. She is floating fine on her lines, takes on relatively little water, and has been a warm home for the past 16 months or so. We keep a 110 sump in her bilges to keep her dry, but have left the sumps off for over 2 weeks with no concerns.



FREE – 1941 CARL ADAMS SPORTFISHER 43' – "Very solidly built."

"She is safe to tow (we have moved her), and been advised that she's safe to haul-out (on a railway). Her exterior hull was sanded and painted with Z-spar primer last summer. Her diesel tanks have been drained (no fuel in the boat).

"The Bad: The flybridge and coachroofs were glassed/expoxied over which have over the years separated from the tongue and groove planking below, so if the weather gets sloppy for too long, she does leak some. Some deck beams below and around the teak cockpit are rotting (although it's still fine to walk on - you can just feel the 'softness' below the teak planks). We've not used any of the 12v systems on the boat, so cannot advise on how they are, most of the wiring is original or at the very least old, and should all be replaced. The boat did get a good dunking we think about 4 years ago, not because of a hull breach, but because of a failed bilge pump/rainwater/absent owner/open through hull went below the waterline... you get the picture. Before she was raised, she went down far enough that the engines did go under (Perkins 165 inline/slant 6), and weren't pickled after. (Continued on Page 2.)

FROM ONE DREAM HOUSE TO ANOTHER



1939 SEA BIRD YAWL 27'

1939 SEA BIRD YAWL 27'. 8' beam and 4' draft. Home built from Thomas Flemming Day design – "sails beautifully, really fun and easy to handle." White pine and white oak with full white oak keel. 9.9hp Yamaha outboard.

Owner says, "I got her from her owner of 37 years, saving her from the boneyard at that time as she needed a rebuild and he was getting too old to feel he had the time or energy to follow through with it. I trucked it to my parents' house, built a structure over it, and spent a year rebuilding her. New horn timber, transom, frames, cockpit, aft deck, interior, bowsprit, mizzen mast, ... (Continued on Page 12.)



1956 TROJAN UTILITY 18' – details on page 3.