

GRANDSON RESCUES LOST CHRIS CRAFT

Remember the big Chris Craft pictured on page 12 of the Summer '09 issue sunk at her slip at the Maryland marina? I stated rather boldly in that boat's listing, "If there are any hearty souls out there willing to take on such a challenge, they certainly exist among the Bone Yard Boats crowd." Well, I am happy to report that, once again, you proved me right! Even better, a BYB subscriber was reunited with a lost family treasure. Read on...



1951 CHRIS CRAFT MOTOR YACHT 54'

In a recent email, subscriber Howard W reported the following: "I also want to tell you that I have rescued my grandfather's 1951 54' Chris Craft Motor Yacht which appeared in the summer issue. She was listed as a 1950 50' which was incorrect. Thanks to your publication... I will raise the Chris in about a month and have contacted a yard about restoration. Would make a good story for your paper, "grandson rescues long lost Chris Craft belonging to family in 1950's and 60's." I enclosed a picture from 1958 with my family aboard. Grandfather standing in his usual spot! Regards, Howard W" (Howard's grandfather owned this Chris Craft from new until 1968.)

CHRIS CRAFT SOLD TWICE IN BYB

In a recent email, the former owner of the 1960 Sea Skiff 30' says, "...the boat was sold! Through Bone Yard Boats, which is where I found it several years ago. Many many thanks!" Further adding, "My acquaintances regard it as nothing short of a miracle that I was able to sell an old wood boat."



1960 CHRIS CRAFT SEA SKIFF 30'

A few days later, I heard from the happy new owner: "I am writing to update you on the 1960 Chris Craft Sea Skiff featured in your last newsletter. My wife (Kathy) and I fell in love with the boat as displayed in Bone Yard Boats and ended up taking it on a 275-mile trip up the Hudson River and then (most exciting part yet) through 27 locks along the Erie Canal. After 5 1/2 days, we made it safely back to the North point of Seneca Lake, Geneva NY only to wish the trip were not over! We have many pictures of the adventure, and if nothing else...

...felt you should realize the newsletter did, in fact, bring together individuals seeking to pass along a fine craft and someone seeking as well. Best regards, Todd and Kathy"

1936 MARBLEHEAD 30' ADOPTED

This happy subscriber was amazed at the response your publication "Bone Yard Boats" could create when our 1936 Marblehead photo appeared in the Summer 2009 issue. All of the callers were very interesting people, from all walks of life and they wanted her. They called from Ohio, Virginia, Houston, Massachusetts, New York, and Michigan to name a few locations. We took the calls in the order they were received. Anthony from New York called first, but Blinn from Virginia saw the boat first, and wanted it, but was very understanding that Anthony had first refusal. Anthony saw her, and took the boat away within one week. It was a shame we had only one Marblehead to go around!

OWNER FINDS 1939 ALDEN 47' ON BYB

Okay, the world is getting smaller all the time. New subscriber Peter from Sweden found HIAWATHA, his 1939 Alden Schooner 47', on the Bone Yard Boats site (Winter '09 issue, Page 12). The following has been slightly edited for language differences & readability: "Hi David, thank you for helping me; Hiawatha is my former boat. This boat was really a fantastic boat. I had Hiawatha for 10 years. But David, what happened to her; is it possible you can help me to find out some information since she left Sweden? The buyer told me he is sailing to Santa Barbara; he was working for an oil company in West Africa. I hear from England and later nothing. Do you know more exact where she is? Best Regards, Peter"



1939 ALDEN SCHOONER 47' HIAWATHA

I was able to help put Peter in touch with HIAWATHA's current owner, who apparently acquired the Alden from the person that purchased the boat from Peter in Sweden. (Follow that?) The current owner writes: "I knew his name [Peter, that is] as the fourth owner of the boat. She is continuing in poor shape. There are two different interested parties who want to collect the usable parts and rebuild her new on the old keel, etc. I hope to have this begin this winter." Peter goes on to say, "But the owner sounds nice and it's like he really wants somebody to take care of Hiawatha. I can understand it's not easy to find that person, because it's like building a new boat on the keel." HIAWATHA had been stored under cover in Louisiana for years until hurricanes literally removed the roof of her storage building. The verticals in the photo appear to be the external beams of that building. (I hope to provide updates.)

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FLEET OBSOLETE -- www.PT728.com

I had the good fortune to take a ride on PT728 when she made a stop at Battleship Cove in Fall River, MA, back in late August. The boat is fabulous, and the captain and crew are knowledgeable and entertaining. Although not powered by 1200hp Packards, her pair of 600hp Detroit Diesels combined with her flat bottom had her performing rapid figure 8's at 20 knots without listing a bit and virtually no wake. You see, she needed a stable platform from which to launch her torpedoes at speed. If you have the chance to take a ride or a reason to charter the boat, don't pass it up.

I'M NOT JUST THE PUBLISHER...

Remember the old TV commercials featuring Sy Sperling, the founder of Hair Club for Men, saying, "I'm not just the president, I'm also a client." Well, I guess I'm now the Bone Yard Boat's version of that after recently acquiring a 1956 Century Viking 19' with her original Gray Marine inboard that I listed back in the Winter '09 issue. I just could not get this boat out of my mind. Okay, truth be told that happens all the time. The difference with this boat was that she was only 75 miles from my house and would fit in my garage -- just barely. I started in on my "winter project" a few days ago. Who knew that shop-vac-ing leaves and pine needles from the bilge could be so much fun!



1965 CLYDE 16'. Evinrude OB. Asking \$10,000. Bill at djh0355@yahoo.com (MI)