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## THE MIGHTY Z – FROM IWO JIMA TO THE PERFECT STORM



U.S. COAST GUARD PHOTO: USCGC TAMAROA (3/20/1947)

During his WWII service in the Pacific, my father served aboard all four ships of Cruiser Division Ten – the BALTIMORE (CA-68), the BOSTON (CA-69), the CANBERRA (CA-70), and the QUINCY (CA-71) – all built by the Bethlehem Steel Company at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy, MA, just 17 miles from where my dad was born, raised, and lived most of his life. It was always pretty clear to me, however, that of those four ships his greatest attachment was to the USS CANBERRA. In his later years, he proudly wore his USS CANBERRA CA-70 baseball cap, and on those rare occasions during my childhood when we were able to coax him into telling a “navy story” one that I recall vividly was the day the CANBERRA was almost lost. *(continued on page 4.)*



**1950's CHRIS CRAFT SEA SKIFF 22'.** Marine plywood, lapstrake. Powered by non-original International Palmer V8 marine, gasoline, hours unknown. “Boat is in restorable condition.” *(continued on page 2.)*

## SINGLE-HANDED FROM TONGA TO SAN FRANCISCO



1953 NZ-BUILT 40' RACING SLOOP – “FREE TO THE RIGHT PERSON”

**1953 NEW ZEALAND BUILT SLOOP 40'.** Owner says, “Trying to find a new home for my 1953 40' racing sloop. Designed by Eric Cox and built by Robert C. Mahan in Wellington, New Zealand. 40' LOA, 8' beam, 6'9" draft, low freeboard, nice lines, great upwind boat. Purchased her in NZ in 2007 where she had been left sitting for a few years after owners lost interest in racing her. Gave her a minor refit (new standing rigging/chainplates/deck paint, etc.) before sailing her with a friend to Tonga, and then single-handed from Tonga – American Samoa – Hawaii – San Francisco. Amazing boat for cruising the bay, still take her out often and get plenty of compliments, but way behind...” *(continued on page 2.)*



1957 PETERSON DOWNEAST LOBSTER CRUISER 25' – IDLEHOUR

**1957 PETERSON LOBSTER CRUISER 25'.** Steam bent oak frames with cedar planking. Owner says, “I bought the boat in 2005 and had a full survey done at the time; copy of the survey is available. I bought it from a fellow in Long Island that had done a substantial amount of work on it. Replaced many oak frames, transom, some house and deck work, stripped the hull to bare wood, refastened...” *(continued on page 11.)*