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## Roof Collapses at Katz's at the Cove Marina

All Boats Feared Lost, But Many Saved!

In the early morning hours of February 17<sup>th</sup>, a thunderous, ominous sound was heard as the roof collapsed at Katz's at the Cove Marina. An exceptional snow accumulation over the course of the winter proved overwhelming for the one hundred four year old building. The calamitous event left little hope that any of the twenty plus boats stored there would survive, including many which were totally restored and in better than mint condition, some which still awaited the restoration process, and some which are irreplaceable owing to special family histories or being a "one of a kind" like the Barnes Craft Sedan.

The chronicle of the reclamation process is a tribute to Seth and his crew, and to the work of many volunteers from the Lake Hopatcong "family". Tommy Segond and Steve Van Ness worked in the dangerous environment on top of the collapsed roof, a still creaking and groaning structure, along with the men of Bruce R. Koerner Crane & Equipment Co. to rig, cut free, and lift sections of the collapsed roof with a 275 ton crane. As sections were lifted and piled elsewhere, what they saw raised some faint hope that a few of the boats might have survived.

While many boats were in fact lost, it was nothing short of miraculous that many were extracted with little to no damage at all! It is a story engendering both a well-deserved "job well done" and amazement in all who witnessed some or all of it.

Photos are the product of *Woodyboater*, Matt Smith, and Bob Kays unless otherwise noted.



Photo taken by Karen Fucito of Lake Hopatcong News the morning after the collapse

In an eerie coincidence of timing, Jeff Budd took this photo on Sunday afternoon about twelve hours before the collapse









## **18' Riviera a Good Soldier**



This Chris Craft Riviera's keel was crushed under the tons of weight that fell upon it, but it is worthy of a decoration for its sacrifice, having saved many boats by steadfastly supporting partially fallen beams, thus preventing further collapse of the roof and flooring onto boats.

## **Photos on Facing Page:**

Top Left: Tommy Segond and Steve Van Ness working to rig roof removal and boat extraction

Top Right: A section of roof is removed from the debris pile

Center Left: *Shorty*, a boat lifted out early on in the process, brought surprise and encouragement when it was found to be remarkably intact

Center Right: *Absolut* is uncovered, miraculously undamaged

Bottom Left: Another miracle....*Danielle* and *Side Car*, both thought to be total losses, were removed and found to have sustained only minimal damage

Bottom Right: With most of the collapsed roof removed, a pile of severely damaged boats is exposed. In the pile is the original *Jennifer*, a Century Resorter owned by the Picheca family since new. There is a sad irony that one of the boats is named ***Think Snow!***

## **Barnes Craft Damaged**

This historic Lake Hopatcong boat was built at Barnes Bros. Marina in 1948. It was a "sedan" for all of its existence (see photo at right), but the cabin portion was destroyed in the roof collapse.



## **President's Message**



The picture on the front page of this issue and this President's Message which also appears on our chapter website (Lhacbs.org) reflect how most of the members of the LHACBS feel about the tragedy inflicted on the Katz family, employees and customers.

I am so sorry for the losses at the Katz's at the Cove Marina (formerly Hockenjos) and the boats that didn't make it. I speak for all of the officers and directors of our chapter and offer our sincere sympathy at what happened. We all know that the Marina and the boats that can be repaired will be better than ever. The message on the page with the picture of the devastation, and timely recovery say it all; the Katz group is one dedicated group. The progress that you have made in such a short time is extraordinary.

The members who attended the kickoff meeting echoed my thoughts in this note, to a person.

Seth if there is anything we can do as a group, or individually let me know.

Regards,

Stan Struble

President LHACBS





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## **Editor's Desk**

I join Stan in expressing my personal support for Seth and Renee and the Katz's Marina Family in the wake of the catastrophic roof collapse, and I count myself in the many who stand ready to help in any way that we can.

It is with sadness that I report that several of our members have lost loved ones recently, and on behalf of the LHACBS, I extend our deepest sympathy to their families. It is a fact, as well, that some of our members continue to battle serious illnesses. Our fondest good wishes go to you all.

I conclude this column with my thanks to those who have provided information for this issue, and I extend my invitation to you to keep it coming!

## **Smith Mountain Lake Show**

### **A Warm Invitation from an Old Friend**

Alan Frederick, Show Chairman for the Smith Mountain Lake Chapter, has extended an invitation for us to be part of the 2014 show on the weekend of September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Several of us have participated in the Smith Mountain Lake Show in years past. It is an enjoyable event in a beautiful location at a lakeside hotel with slips for show boats on site. More importantly, perhaps, is Alan's unparalleled hospitality, well-known from his many years as Show Chairman of the Buffalo Show.

While Alan notes that the Registration Form is still being formalized, you can access information about the show on their website [www.woodenboats.net](http://www.woodenboats.net) or call Alan direct at 540-352-8653.

## **Tell Us About Shows**

Many of us will attend shows away from the shores of Lake Hopatcong this summer. As you attend those shows, chapter members would love to hear about your experience.....photos.....your thoughts in print....whatever you care to do. Thanks in advance!

## **Exciting Additions for 2014 Show**

### **New Judging Class**

The LHACBS Board of Directors has added a new class for judging to those which we have had for years. The new class is for unmounted engines, predominantly outboards, but inboard inboards would be in this class, as well. This is arguably long overdue and hopefully will encourage our members to bring and display their motors. It is further hoped in a broader regional context that adding this class will bring the participation in our show of outboard motor clubs. The Antique Outboard Motor Club Inc. (AOMCI) is a national organization with chapters through the country. Over time, we want the Lake Hopatcong Show to be a major event on the AOMCI show circuit.

### **New Awards**

The Board of Directors also approved the addition of two new awards for 2014.

A "Commodore's Award" will be created for which the sitting Commodore of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club will identify his or her favorite boat. This will be a perpetual award which will be displayed at the Yacht Club and for which the winner will receive a plaque.

In addition, a "Junior Judge's Award" will be created for the team of our young judges to present to their choice for the award.

## **Congratulations!**

### **Brian Gagnon**

Brian currently is First Vice-President of the International Board of Directors of ACBS and will become President at the Annual Meeting in September at Skaneateles.

### **Stan Struble**

We can take a full measure of pride in Stan Struble's election to the International Board.

ACBS has been well-served by Brian's long service on the Board of Directors and will be well-served, as well, by Stan's participation. Congratulations to Brian and Stan!



## **Kick Off Meeting 2014**

For our first meeting of the year, we met for brunch at Junction 46 to hear the plans for the many events which lie ahead. This will be an exciting year! There will be a workshop on outboard motors on April 26th, along with a presentation entitled, "Skipper Saver". The Boat Show and Parade will take place on June 20-22, and a July event is in the planning stage. We will again have a Lobster & Steamers Dinner August 21st at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club with a guest speaker yet to be announced. Fall will be busy, as well, with the ACBS Annual Meeting in mid-September at Skaneateles (Make your reservation now). October brings our Halloween Party and Auction, and the year will conclude with the Chapter's Annual Meeting in November. We have a fun filled year ahead with lots of activities to enjoy. Watch for the fliers.

In addition to hearing about coming events, our "web mistress", Cindy Heaton, conducted a captivating and informative tour of the newly designed chapter website. It looks fantastic and is very user friendly.....a nice combination! If you haven't already, check it out at lhacbs.org.

The highlight of the meeting was the special time that we had with Teri Hoffman, President of ACBS, both in casual chats and during her more formal remarks to our Chapter. Our members were quite taken by Teri's friendly, down to earth manner. She began her comments by sharing her personal history with ACBS which goes very deep and has been a large part of her life's experience.

Her wonderfully affable demeanor, however, belies her intensity as she focuses on clearly defined, purposeful goals and priorities which she has identified. She mentioned several, one of which is a major emphasis on implementing a new data management program, something she notes has been an issue for some time. She spoke, as well, of her initiative to identify and facilitate a cross sharing of "Best Practices" for both bringing new members into ACBS and retaining current members.

Teri closed her comments by noting how welcoming and friendly our Chapter members are, and I would say to her, "Right back at you, Teri, and thanks for being with us."



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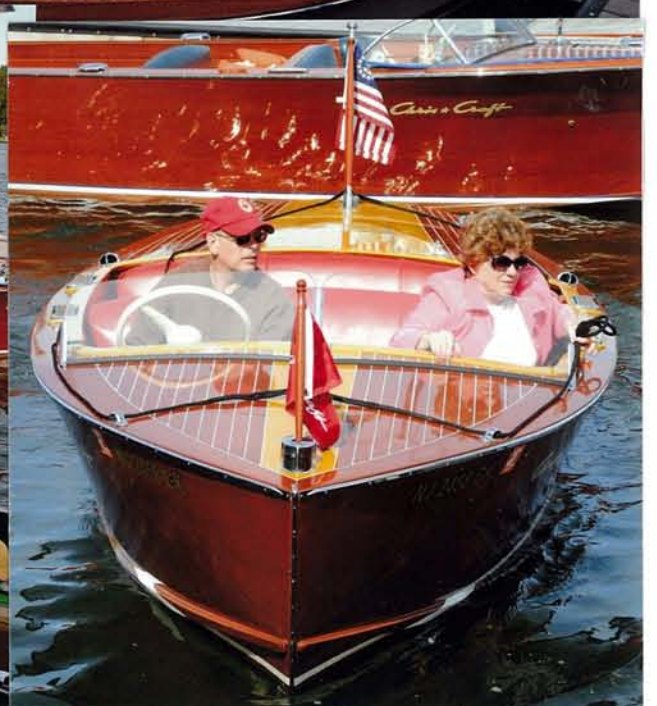
## **It's Been a Rough Winter**





## **"Woody" Mini-Golf Tournament**

Rendezvous at Alice's







## Lunch at Alice's and a Miniature Golf Tournament

It is well documented that our Chapter members will jump at the chance to rendezvous by boat for almost any reason. On September 15<sup>th</sup> we gathered at Alice's for lunch and a Miniature Golf Tournament at the Lake Hopatcong Golf Club. After lunch we hit the links, and the competition was intense. It was a challenging course with few of us scoring par. While the subject of honest scoring was not broached, Joan Greene was presented with a handsome Cup for having turned in the most honest scorecard, averaging ten strokes per hole. Tournament Chairman, Ken Heaton, fired the lowest score, though there was some hubbub as claims were murmured that he had the unfair advantage of using Ben Hogan's clubs.



Tournament Chairman, Ken Heaton, Presents "Honesty Cup" to Joan Greene



## Annual Meeting

On November 24<sup>th</sup> we convened for the Annual Meeting over brunch at the Lake Mohawk Golf Club. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, President Stan Struble introduced Jessica Murphy, President of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation who gave an overview of the Foundation's mission and activities. Stan then reviewed the activities of 2013, followed by Vice President Ken Heaton presenting the fun filled agenda for 2014. We heard comments from International Vice-President, Brian Gagnon, on the International Board's priorities. Elections followed with Cindy Heaton, Pat Hoferkamp, Wyn Ginter, and Michael Wiard being elected as Directors for two year terms.

Stan then presented awards for Achievement and Special Recognition. He honored Cindy Heaton with the President's Cup for her exceptional work in revising and updating the chapter website. Joe Cahill was honored, as well, for his year after year phenomenal performance in soliciting ads for our show program. Stan then presented Lifetime Achievement Awards to several deserving members. A Founder and Past President of ACBS, Joe Fleming, was so honored. Joe was part of a handful of people who had the very fore thinking conversations which entertained the thought of creating an organization like the ACBS. Wayne Mocksfield and Skip Shipman, both Charter Members of ACBS, were similarly honored for their long service to maintaining and celebrating



Cindy Heaton  
President's Cup



Joe Cahill  
Tom Wiss Memorial Award



Elinor Peter  
Lifetime Achievement Award



Susan Pocsik  
Lifetime Achievement Award

Below

Joan Greene and Dennis Moran Receive  
Scanlon Hats from Renate Scanlon



Skip Shipman, Wayne Mocksfield, Joe Fleming  
Lifetime Achievement Awards





antique boats. Both were participants in the Lake George meetings in 1974 from which ACBS was created. Stan then honored Susan Pocsik's contribution as hostess for so many functions, way too many to count, dating to the 70's, at the Mook home in Byram Cove. Finally, Elinor Peter was honored for her long and stellar service to the chapter. It is your editor's pleasant personal recollection of Elinor greeting show entrants with her characteristic beaming smile as she manned the Registration Table at the Boat Show in 1983. Joan Greene and Dennis Moran were happy and deserving recipients of "Scanlon Hats", the origin of the "Hats" being to honor the memory of Frank Scanlon. Frank was a Past President of our Chapter but was best known for enjoying a boat ride during which he always donned his white tennis hat. The "Hat" is indeed an award, recognizing those who similarly are seen enjoying their boats, which is what we are all about.

We turned then to some not so serious awards. Chris and Mike Smith presented the "Excellence in Boating Award", to Wyn Ginter....always a dubious distinction, for having run afoul of a buoy close aboard to the Smith's dock. A new award was then presented to an unsuspecting Mike Smith. Mike became the first inductee into the Excellence in Boating "Hall of Fame" for having been the recipient of the award THREE TIMES!



Top: Chris Smith Holds "Blow-up" Poster of Wyn Ginter's Dilemma

Center Left: Mike Smith Presents "Excellence in Boating Award" to Wyn

Bottom Right: Mike Smith Peruses the Citation for His Induction into the "Excellence in Boating Hall of Fame"







**And More Annual Meeting....**





## **Philadelphia Chapter Show: Oct 2013**

### **In Concert with Maritime Festival at Independence Seaport Museum**

Several members and friends of the Lake Hopatcong Chapter participated in the Philadelphia Chapter Show on October 12, 2013 at the Independence Seaport Museum.

Two of our members exhibited their boats and brought home awards. Doug Mehring's 2009 James Craft, *Rocket*, was 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Contemporary Class, and Peter and Rose Takvorian's 1966 Riva Junior, *Diva*, won both Best Classic Utility and Best in Show. Ed Ferris was there with *She's the One*, a long time award winner. Ed took home the Junior Judges award for Best in Show.

Also enjoying the show were the Strubles, the Morans with their adorable granddaughter, my wife, Pam, and I, and of course, Brian and Ellen Gagnon.

After the show we joined with members of the Philadelphia Chapter for dinner at the waterside restaurant, La Veranda. All in all, it was a very enjoyable day.

#### Photos

Top: *Diva* 1966 Riva Junior  
Owned by Peter & Rose  
Takvorian

Middle: *Rocket* 2009 James  
Craft Owned by Doug Mehring

Bottom: *She's the One* 1941  
Chris Craft Runabout Owned by  
Ed Ferris





## Paduca

### To Have or have Not a Chris Craft Cadet

By: Clifford E. Shipman, II

In 1969 there was a contest to find the oldest Chris Craft. This sales promotion propelled antique boats from discards to desirable ownership. The winner was *Miss Belle Isle* a 1924 26' Runabout Hull no. LXX with an aircraft Curtis OX-5 marine conversion engine. The boat was on display January 1970 at the New York Boat Show in the coliseum.

Wayne Mocksfield and I were invited by John and Ruth Peterson for a bachelor breakfast Saturday October 5, 1969. Afterward, we boated in the *Royal Flush* to Barnes Boat yard to look for a Chris Craft contest candidate. We found a 22' Chris Craft Runabout named *Paduca* for sale. The boat at one time was owned by Dudley Coghlan (Pat, Doug, Carl) who had the dark brown boathouse in the cove off Bonaparte Point. Dudley was a big, tall, heavy man who commuted to New York on the train with Harry Held's father. At the time we found it, Edward Smith, an attorney on the west shore, owned the boat and was asking \$1000. I talked with him on the telephone, and we agreed on a sale price of \$550.



*Paduca*

We picked up the boat, drove it to Indian Island, and started to do a thorough search. Wayne found in the bilge under the front seat a mahogany plaque with gold leaf letters, "SKIP". He said, "This must be your boat". We determined the name "Skip" was for Skip Walters who was related to Dan McCarthy's mother from the Walters family who owned Air Castle Isles. Mrs. McCarthy told me one day on the dock at Wayne's Marine that this was their family boat at one time, and the boat was named *Katriana*.

*Paduca* had the original Chris Craft paddle and gasoline dip stick. Not too many Chris Craft restorers can claim these items, but it was missing the "dog bone" gas cap. A 22' Chris Craft on land in back of Indian Island had one. On a very dark night, Wayne and I proceeded to row across to the mainland and made a swap of the gas caps.

I wrote to the Chris Craft Corporation about *Paduca*, and they provided me a letter dated October 13, 1969 with the information on the boat. It was

a 22' Chris Craft Runabout, Model 1, Hull no. 1586. It was shipped from the Algonac, Michigan plant on June 6, 1928 to New Jersey. The original engine was still in the boat, a Chrysler Royal Model JM, serial no. 6254, six cylinder in line rated at 82 hp at 2800 rpm. Chris Craft also provided copies of the 1928 Master Files Sales Brochure for the 22' Runabouts. This literature stated that there were two 22' Chris Craft "Runabout" Models. Model 1 (*Paduca*) which had the Chrysler model JM engine, and Model 2, which had a Chrysler LM 120 hp engine. The Chrysler JM Marine engine was rated at a 30 mph speed. In 1928 they also offered the 22' "Cadet" with a 100 hp Chrysler EM Imperial Marine Motor, rated at a speed of 35 mph. Other than the engines, all other hull details for the Runabout and the Cadet models were the same except for the propeller size. The same Runabout models were produced in 1929 as Model 1 and Model 2. In 1930, those became Model 101 and 102. In 1931 the model numbers were changed again to Model 201 and 202.

In 1975 I purchased a 1936 Chris Craft Runabout, *Ro-La-Ho*, from a customer of Ralph Spinelli at the Windlass for \$1000. This was Junie Rosevear's boat. George Drawbaugh was excited that I had acquired the family boat. Coincidentally, he found out that Dale Yacht Basin in Bay Head was for sale. They were a Chris Craft dealer, and George acquired for me an original bow light for the *Ro-La-Ho* and a box of Chris Craft sales and catalog literature for \$175.00. The box included a 1932 Chris Craft Dealer Manual, as well. The Dealer Manual includes a list, "Model Record by Boat Length". It provided information for years prior to the 1928 model year. For 1927, it showed 22' Cadets offered with a 110 hp Kermath engine, a 70 hp Scripps, or a Chrysler EM 100 hp engine. This box also included information published in an unknown magazine which showed that Chris Craft in 1926-1927 offered a 22' Cadet and a 26' Runabout with either a Kermath 100 hp or a Kermath 150 hp.

All 22' Runabouts that were built after 1927 had Chrysler Royal JM 82 hp or Chrysler Imperial LM 120 hp engines and were not Cadet models, even though the hulls were the same. The 22' Runabouts built after 1927 that were sold with the



Chrysler Imperial EM 100 hp engine were still Cadet models.



In closing I note that *Paduca* had a standard Chris Craft nameplate. The nameplate with "Cadet" shown on it in the picture with this article was not on my boat.

*Editor's note: From 1927 into the early 1930's Chris Craft offered 22' boats in both a "Runabout" model and a "Cadet" model. Differentiating between those 22' models which were so similar other than engines is challenging and mastered by few. Skip's article goes a long way to clarifying the differences.*

## Our Show in the Dubs

### Lake Hopatcong News

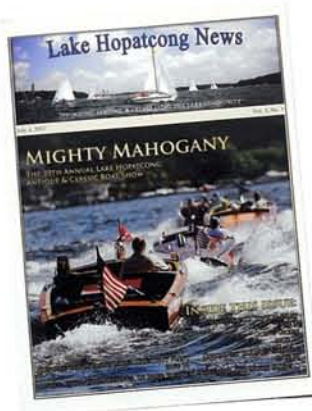
Karen Fucito, Editor of the Lake Hopatcong News, was with us at the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club on show day, and on Sunday she was leapfrogging our Parade throughout its route to get photos of the boats underway.

### Nautical Mile

As always, Editor Brian Gagnon provided wonderful coverage in the award winning Philadelphia Chapter newsletter, The Nautical Mile. Congratulations are in order for Brian as last year the newsletter was honored by ACBS as the Best Newsletter for chapters with less than 100 members (54% of chapters).

### Health & Life

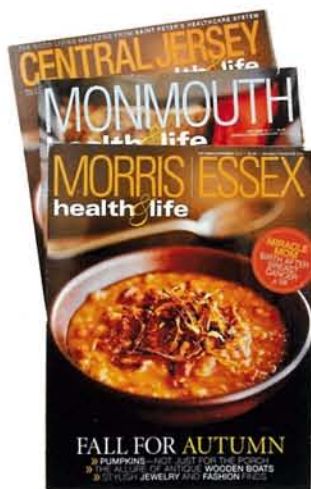
Our show was covered for the first time by Health & Life with an extensive layout of photos. While the bulk of their coverage was the same for all the issues, regional editions had different featured stories.



Lake Hopatcong News



The Nautical Mile



Health & Life



Ken Heaton



Lenny Gerardo



Peter & Rose Takvorian



## Calendars

### Where Are They?



It is a pleasant dilemma that some of our members and friends are disappointed that our Chapter did not create a calendar for 2014. Their dismay speaks loudly to the quality of previous year's editions. Why didn't we create one for 2014? Timing is the issue.

In years past, the calendar was not available until summer was winding down, and points of sale were seeing significantly less traffic. We didn't sell nearly as many as we would have, had they been available throughout the busy summer season.

The good news is that Bob Kays has neared completion of the 2015 edition which you will be able to purchase at Chapter events and at establishments around the lake throughout the summer. I note that we owe a significant and hearty THANK YOU to Bob. He has rendezvoused with many of our members for photo shoots during which he has taken literally thousands of shots. Bob then pours over all of them to select the very best shots. The 2015 edition promises to be another show-stopper!

## Woodywear



And talking about someone to whom we need to say, THANK YOU, we owe a hearty thanks to Pat Hoferkamp too! Pat is the Woodywear Chairwoman, and as everyone who has assumed that position knows, it is a lot of work, ordering, maintaining, and transporting the inventory (Thanks to husband, Brad).

It is my wife's and my good fortune that Pat has great taste, because our wardrobes are full of all manner of items from Woodywear.

Pat will have all sorts of great merchandise at the show, so stop by and take a look.

## New Members

Bobby & Daisy Hillenbrand.....Royse City, TX  
Chris Kretch.....Manville, NJ  
Robert & Marlene Rienzo.....Holmdel, NJ

**Welcome!**

## Talk About Serenity!



Dr. Hal Budd enjoys a cruise in *Barbour Ann*, his 1956 Barbour. He restored her over several years and finally got to enjoy the fruits of his labor last summer in all the peaceful beauty of a Vermont lake untouched by the hand of man.

## *Save the Dates*

*April 26.....Outboard Motor Workshop  
Junction 46*

*June 20-22.....LHACBS Boat Show  
Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club*

*August 21.....Lobster & Steamers and a Speaker  
Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club*

*September 17-20.....ACBS Annual Meeting & Show  
Lake Skaneateles Country Club*



## **No Boat Is Too Far Gone!**

### **Michael Wiard to the Rescue**

It was instant excitement for Michael Wiard when he heard the news of an old Lyman being available. Michael has a love of lapstrake boats, well-demonstrated by his owning two Lymans....a 1955 13' outboard and a 1965 25' Sleeper, along with his award winning 1962 17' Penn Yan, *Life Long Friend*, a boat that he restored beautifully. He learned about the boat from Bob Griswold whose teaching colleague had bought the boat several years ago, never used it, and now wished for someone else to have it....FOR FREE!!! It wasn't long before Michael and Bob, along with Don Gulliksen, were on their way to see the boat.

While the "price" was arguably a clue as to the condition of the boat, for those of us who have gone on such missions, you know that we default into a pleasant anticipatory excitement, enjoying a stream of images of the boat we are about to see. We entertain the thought that this could be that rare diamond in the rough....a boat that has been transfixed in pristine, original condition for the last fifty years or so....or a boat that is all there and is very restorable. It might just be that owner loves the boat and wants it to go to a good home. These thoughts dart through our consciousness as we travel to see the boat.

Finding the pristine boat envisioned en route does happen, but not this day. When the trio arrived at Bob's friend's farm, all the pleasant, optimistic images entertained just moments earlier disappeared instantly when they saw the boat. It was sitting on a trailer in an open field, had lost its shape badly, and there was significant deterioration throughout. It clearly was beyond the point of being restorable. But did Michael walk away? No!



Michael Inspects the Boat

This boat was to be saved, albeit for a use other than taking a boat ride. Michael saw potential for it, envisioning using the front section to create a bar for his home; and it wasn't long before he, Bob, and Don were trailering this worn by time and misshapened boat to his home to begin a new chapter in its life.

Knowing of Michael's superb restoration of his Penn Yan, *Life Long Friend*, we can look forward to a special outcome with this project. Photos please, Michael, when you are done.

## **Antique Boating: An Expensive Hobby?**

Most all of us have had the experience of people admiring our boats. When conversations ensue, it is not unusual to hear comments suggesting that these beautiful boats require an enormous amount of upkeep. We can concede that there is more to keeping our boats in good condition than may be required with fiberglass boats. The unstated comment, though, is that having one of these mahogany masterpieces is a substantially more expensive proposition than one encounters with a fiberglass boat fostering a widely held view that antique boating is an expensive hobby. Is that so?

Let's take a look at acquisition costs. A boat show at Raritan Center this winter was the site of a large and varied array of fiberglass boats. The prices were stunningly high, but there is larger point to be made. A question to a salesman at the boat show revealed that, not unlike cars, in a few years those plastic boats would be worth about half of their purchase prices.

In contrast, antique and classic boats have an established record of appreciation over the years. We bought our first "mahogany speedboat", *Filly*, in 1973, a 1958 17' Chris Craft Sportsman, paying \$900 for it. We loved that boat, but it was anything but rare. In fact, it was one of the lower end Chris Crafts made at that time. And yet we sold it in the mid-1980's for \$20,000! That trend of appreciation continues, and today that boat in totally restored condition might sell in the \$30-35,000 range or more!



*Filly*

Therein lies the crux of the argument for our hobby of antique boating not being all that expensive. Simply stated, fiberglass boats, with rare exception, are on a consistent downward value trajectory while antique and classic wood boats continue to increase in value. These boats are good investments!

So is antique boating an expensive hobby? All things considered, one can make a strong case that it is not.



