Friendships

Newsletter of the Friendship Sloop Society

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Commodore's Message

Well, we are looking at another first for the Friendship Sloop Society. The Commodore lives in Hollywood, California. Occasionally I catch the sight of a wooden spar sticking out of a marina around here...but not often. The cars hold up better than the wooden boats under these conditions. I have discovered that there are, in fact, a few islands out here too. Maybe there is something to go sailing to after all...but not in **Phoenix**. She belongs in New England. I don't think she would like the move. She's a little stuck in her ways. She'll be exploring the Bay of Maine again in 2001.

Its hard to believe that my term is over already. This is my last commodore's message. I hope that you have all had as much fun as I have over the past four years. I am honored to have been able to serve the Society that I grew up in. Its funny, I never thought that I could feel more a part of the Society. But by doing a little of the basic stuff I feel even more at home. Sometimes we seem like a tough group to break into. If any of you feel that you want to be closer to the FSS, I recommend grabbing a job, even if its a small one.

We are wrapping up our 40th Year. Our events were very well attended across the board and none of them could have happened without the help of Caroline Phillips or David Bell. They really keep the society on its feet. We cannot forget to thank Tom Miller and Peggy Dotter for the amazing chandlery this year. What would we be doing if it were not for Bob Rex? I hope you find time to thank all of our officers: John Wojcik, Doug Amsbary, Bob Monk, Jack Vibber, Greg Roth, Dave Graham, Bill Zuber, Roger Duncan, Rich Langton, Dick Salter, Miff Lauriat and of course, the Morangs. We even have a new cannoneer for the upcoming year. I'd like to welcome the Hooydonk's. We have a Dutchess as a Cannoneer!

Did I forget anyone? Oh you might want to thank our Vice Commodore and welcome him as our new Commodore: Paul Haley. I leave you in his hands that are far more capable than my own.

I hope to see you all in Durham on November 11th. I'll be flying out for the event and it should provide a great time. Renewing friendships will be more important than FSS business. Harold will be auctioning off anything that is not tied down. And I hear that Jack Cronin is preparing a good excuse for his finish (or lack there of) in Marblehead this year. Bring your pictures, video's, fantastic auction items and stories of ocean going adventures and we'll all listen. Well, we'll at least pretend to listen. See you in November.

Rockland Homecoming

by Bob Rex, Race Committee Chairman

The first "homecoming" of the New Millennium welcomed twenty-two of these great looking sloops that were registered for racing but there were several more boats that came just to enjoy the event.

Day 1 - The weather was fair with a light 5 knot breeze that veered to the Southeast as the day drew on. From a start east of the breakwater both divisions reached to the mark off Jameson Point then both divisions had beats - Division I to the gong east of Owl's Head, Division II to the #3 bell east of Monroe Island. Both divisions finished at nun #2 in Rockland Harbor. Dave Westphal drove Margaret F to a first, Salatia was second with Miff Lauriat at the helm and William M. Rand was third in Division I. Division II's winner was the Cronin's Tannis followed in a close race for second place by Dick Dudman in Freedom and third Charlie Burnham's Resolute.

Day 2 saw similar conditions with a bit more air from the Southeast. The courses were also similar. Mark F the #3 bell east of Monroe Island proved to be a struggle to round against the current for Division I. Perhaps we should only use this mark at dead high or low tides! Margaret F rounded "F" in good shape and sailed to her second victory, Salatia was second and William M. Rand third. Division II sailed across West Penobscott Bay to mark H southwest of Stand-in Point North Haven Island. Both divisions finished at nun #2 in Rockland Harbor. As in Division I, the previous day's winner did it again - Tannis first followed by Resolute and Commodore Tad Beck's Phoenix was third.

Day 3 was cloudy, a good 10-12 knot easterly with rain later on. Both divisions were given courses which kept them inside the harbor. The start was at "D" deep inside and along the southern shore of the harbor. Both courses were twice around. We had different winners in both divisions. William M. Rand, a sloop that has won the State of Maine Trophy many times was first on corrected time, Salatia who finished first on elapsed

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Annual Meeting Reminder

This years' annual meeting will be held:

November 11th

The New England Center University of New Hampshire

Rockland Homecoming

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time was second and **Echo** sailed by Tom McCobb was a close third. Tad Beck's **Phoenix** won a 44 second victory over **Rights of Man** sailed by Wayne Cronin on elapsed time. Third place was taken by our founding father and first president Bernie MacKenzie aboard **Voyager**.

The overall results appear elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. I wish to thank all those people without whom this regatta would flounder if not founder. From the Commodore Tad Beck to the Rockland Harbormaster to the Race Committee: Dick Salter, Gerry Ross, Gene Costanza, our next race committee chairman Dave Graham, Bruce Lanning, Jim Besse and ex-Commode Larry Plumer. The owners and skippers of Messing About and Chickadee and the Trophy Committee of Marcia Morang and daughters Penny and Kelly. The trophy presentations would be shambles without these terrific ladies believe me! A special nod of appreciation to Jim Besse and Jon Trumble for stepping forward to help solve a computer problem along with our computer mavens Gerry Ross and Dick Salter. I'd still be figuring scores on my abacus if it weren't for them.

We had a fine time at Rockland thanks to all you sailors and sloop owners, Society officers and members. You are the most important ingredient, no skippers, no sloops, no regatta. See you at the annual meeting.

New London Regatta

New London, CT- Imagine the majestic scene in the harbor as Friendship Sloops passed in review before almost three dozen tall ships and notable sailing vessels from around the world. It was the spectacular week of OpSail festivities that coincided with the fourteenth annual New London Friendship Regatta and Windezvous. The region was blessed with such good weather from Wednesday to Sunday, 12-16 July, that almost one million visitors had descended on the small city to view not only the magnificent tall ships, but also to witness a fine collection class A and B Friendship Sloops. Society boats had arrived from MA, NY, and CT to participate in the FSS activities. Just behind the lead boat Brilliant from Mystic Seaport, the Friendship flotilla ushered in the Antique and Classic Boat Parade on Friday, viewed the Grucci fireworks (shot in the clouds) on Saturday, and had a respectable race on Sunday. Eight sloops went around the 6.83 nm course.

Thames Yacht Club in New London again provided facilities for moorings, launch service, the Saturday picnic, the Sunday breakfast, and the race committee barge.

[N.B. At this writing, it is a pleasure to report that Jack Vibber is doing well after his surgery and recuperation period. He's on the road again.]

Plans are already being considered for next summer's Fifteenth Anniversary Regatta in New London. Consider joining in the fun and excitement of Sailfest 2001 in July.

Greg Roth and Jack Vibber

New London Race Committee

Rockland Homecoming 2000 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance Margaret F.

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy Salatia

Bruno & Stillman Trophy
Lash Brothers Trophy
Margaret F.

Division II

Commodore's Trophy
Winslow Trophy
Homecoming Trophy
Resolute

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy Gladiator
Charles Morse Trophy Tern
Alexander McLain Trophy Chrissy

Special Trophies

Chrissy Trophy Pamela Hooydonk Spirit of Friendship Greg Roth

Gladiator Trophy Gaivota

Nickerson Trophy Adam Phillips - **Tannis** Owner/Builder Trophy **Belford Gray** - Wooden

> Boat S chool Celebration Gannet

Liberty Trophy William M. Rand

Jarvis Newman Trophy Salatia

Cy Hamlin Trophy Legacy - Craig Collemer

& Gary Lapari Larry Plumer

Post Office Trophy

Danforth Trophy

R.W. Stanley Cup

New London Regatta Results

Positions Based on Corrected Time (secs.)

 Class A:
 Class B

 1. Natanya
 12832.55
 1. Finast Kind
 12360.01

 2. Gaivota
 12891.96
 2. Muscongus
 13076.26

 3. Captain George
 15692.21
 3. Solomon Gundy
 14359.22

 4. Banshee
 14420.80

 5. Captain Tom
 DNF

Thank You

The editor was sent the following note:

Friendshippers: A note of thanks for all the get well cards I received from all of you in my recent medical set back. The notes must have worked because I'm slowly recovering. Thanks again - Jack Vibber

The Marblehead Regatta

By David W. Graham

When the final curtain came down on this year's racing at Marblehead, the two old adages, "Necessity is the mother of invention" combined with "When the going gets tough, the tougher get going" became stalk reality. At Marblehead, whenever the wind is northeast, the sailor can be guaranteed that it will be lumpy and wet.

And so it was with the 2000 Friendship Sloop Regatta at Marblehead, where 14 Friendship Sloops showed up to race. Friday morning dawned fair and only the advancing high cirrus on the southern horizon gave a hint that things were to change soon. By the time evening had rolled around, there was little doubt that the next day would be the pleasant one we all hoped it would be. Sure enough, daylight on Saturday brought on some nasty looking conditions with northeast moderate to fresh breezes that rolled substantial seas straight into the mouth of the harbor. The result was that only 10 sloops in Divisions I and II showed on the starting line at Can "1" just outside the harbor. With but a five-minute delay to gather the sloops in the vicinity, the starting gun was fired at 10:15 AM and the sloops were off to Nun 4 for Division I and Newcombs Ledge Whistle for Division II.

Usually at this time of year, we go begging for wind. Not this time, however, for if there was any begging needed to be done, someone overdid it. Within an hour of the start of the Saturday race, all of Division I had withdrawn from the race, leaving only the six Division II sloops to slug it out. The second leg of their course took them to the buoy on the north side of Bakers Island and then the run down to Can "1", where it was determined that a shortening of the race course was the prudent thing to do.

That day's racing determined that a new set of courses would be necessary if there were to be any racing on Sunday, for the weather forecast did not include any improvement. During a conference with the skippers on Sunday morning and with their concurrence, the Race Committee elected to run a heretofore-unpublished course that took the sloops on a course on the relatively protected waters behind Bakers Island and down the lea shore on the Salem Channel before returning to Can "1" on a once-around course. The skippers and crews were ecstatic and the Race Committee had created a new set of courses for future Friendship Sloop races at Marblehead whenever there are stiff breezes out of the northeast.

In the end, the combined two days of racing produced the following results:

Division I

3rd Runner-up N/A

2nd Runner-up Tern - Paul Haley Voyager - BernieMackenzie
1st Runner-up Old BaldyResolute (ex Golden

James Wilson

Anchor)

Allan Waldman

The Ridgway Trophy **Phoenix** - Tad Beck

Phoenix Wins Friendship Sloop Races at Southwest

From "Maine Coastal News" August 1-15 written by Jon B. Johansen

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - One of the prettiest looking craft ever to grace the coast of the State of Maine has to be the Friendship Sloop. This once commercial vessel is now just used as a pleasure craft for those that still love the look of a fine traditional sailing craft. Every year the Friendship Sloops gather in several different ports along the New England coast. One of the ports they visit every year is Southwest Harbor, home of wooden boatbuilder Ralph Stanley, who has built many fine Friendship sloops over the years.

This year nine Friendship sloops, Blackjack, Dovekie, Eden, Endeavor, Freedom, Gladiator, Phoenix, Salatia and **Tradition** showed up for the race on 15 July. What is more impressive is that Blackjack, owned by Wilson Fletcher of Bar Harbor, was built by Wilbur Morse back about 1900. Gladiator, owned Bill and Caroline Zuber of Friendship, was built by Alexander McLain in 1902. Three others Dovekie, Freedom and Endeavor were built by Ralph Stanley. He also had a hand in **Tradition** since he redid the sloop used to make the fiberglass mould for Jarvis Newman, Inc. It should also be noted that Stanley put a new shortened mast on **Dovekie** this past winter. At the start of the race there was a ten-knot breeze out of the east. The course was set up to start off the northwest end of Greening Island. They would then head between Greening Island and Northeast Harbor to a mark off the southwest corner of Bear Island, then around Sutton Island to a mark in the middle of Gilley Thorofare, over to the Manset shore, back in around the western side of Greening Island, up to the head of Somes Sound and then back to the finish off the northwest end of Greening Island.

On the committee boat the ten-minute gun was fired on time, but the five-minute gun failed. Most of the racers figured out the problem and started on time when the gun was fired for the start. The first over the line was **Salatia** skippered and owned by Miff Lauriat Southwest Harbor. He was followed by **Phoenix**, Tad Beck of New York, **Eden**, Scott Martin of Bar Harbor and **Endeavor**, owned by Betsy Holtzmann of Southwest Harbor and skippered by Richard Stanley. As the leaders headed out of the Sound **Salatia** and **Pheonix** were in a real battle with **Tradition**, owned and skippered by Jarvis Newman, gained on them as they beat their way up the only windward leg of the race. The first to round the mark was **Phoenix** with a good lead followed by **Salatia**, **Tradition** and **Dovekie**. Now it was a drag race to the finish so long as no one made a mistake and fell into a hole.

The three boats behind **Phoenix** were close. **Tradition** and **Dovekie** seemed to have gained on the leader, as **Salatia** dropped back a bit. **Phoenix** rounded the second mark well in front as the three behind battle for second, third and fourth. As **Salatia** neared the second mark she was passed by **Dovekie**,

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Phoenix Wins Friendship Sloop Races at Southwest

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however **Tradition** sailed in towards Cranberry Island and gained on the other two and would round the mark second with **Dovekie** and **Salatia** next. **Gladiator** was sailing well catching up to the top four boats, but those behind were way back.

After the mark rounding **Salatia** seemed to gain on **Tradition** and **Dovekie**. This may have been because **Salatia** has a topsail and the other two do not.

At the third mark **Phoenix** still had a big lead over the rest of the field. **Tradition** rounded next with **Dovekie** and **Salatia** coming in for the mark rounding. As the two headed into the mark **Salatia**, who was on starboard tack, forced **Dovekie**, who was on port tack, to tack away. **Dovekie** asked for buoy room, but because she was not on starboard tack **Salatia** did not have to give it. This allowed **Salatia** to round first followed by **Dovekie**.

On the fourth leg of the race **Phoenix** continued to stretch her lead. She rounded the last mark first and finished the short final leg before the second boat rounded the last mark. Next around the last mark was **Tradition, Salatia** and **Dovekie**. **Salatia** went to windward and these three boats were in a real fight for second, third and fourth.

They finished with **Tradition** second followed by **Salatia**, **Dovekie**, **Gladiator**, **Blackjack**, **Endeavor**, **Freedom** and **Eden**. **Dovekie** filed a protest against **Salatia** and **Phoenix** for not observing the government mark and against **Salatia** for not giving her buoy room at the mark off the Manset shore. Neither protest was heard since this is a friendly race.

WoodenBoat Registry

WoodenBoat Publications is actively gathering data for the fourth edition of The Register of Wooden Boats and would like to have your wooden Friendship sloop listed in it. The boat must be at least 20' long and have a homeport in North America.

To receive a registration form, contact Pat Lown in WoodenBoat's Research Department: Tel. 207-359-4651, fax 207-359-8920, email pat@woodenboat.com, or write P.O. Box 78, Brooklin, ME 04616. There is no charge for the listing and your sloop will be added to the more than 50 Friendship sloops listed in the third edition.

If your sloop was listed in the third edition you need not contact WoodenBoat because you will receive a different form to update your listing.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2001, please send them to: Caroline Phillips, Society Secretary,

164 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507

Membership News

Membership Chairman Doug Amsbary has submitted the following membership activity

#249 **Baby Blue** has been purchased by Scott Johnson of Vermont. He is looking for a homeport somewhere around Burlington VT.

Jonathan Levy has sold #169 **Defiance** to Fran Daley of Newton, MA. He will be keeping the sloop in Winthrop, MA. Jonathan mentioned that Fran had been walking his dog by the sloop for some time and when the for sale sign went up, 48 hours later it was sold. That must be a record! Fran sailed on **Tern** during the Marblehead races this summer.

Member Keith Roberts has acquired #23 Depression.

Member Scott Johnson mentioned that **Silver Heels** has been sold and is going to Connecticut.

#189 **Tradition** (a 31' Dictator) has been bought by Jarvis Newman. The homeport will be Southwest Harbor, ME

#171 **Resolute** has been purchased by Alan Leibouitz of Bilerica, MA and charters under Atlantic Charters of Marblehead. MA

The sloop #105 **At Last** was sent to the bottom in a large squall while returning to Manchester on June 17th. Only the top of its mast was showing above the water after the storm. The 5 people on board survived after being rescued. The boat has been raised and is at Crocker's Boat Yard and is undergoing repairs. It was reported that the jib top unrolled accidentally causing the sloop to heel and take on water. **At Last** has been sold to new members Ken and Liz Spindola of Hopedale Ma. They recently renamed #105 **Lady E**. and will be keeping the sloop in Padanaram, MA.

I am pleased to report that new members Diahanne & Kevin Stirnweis have purchased #152 **Ollie M** and they may be changing the name to **Murphy's Law** with a homeport of Salem, MA. We would like to pass along a warm welcome.

We would also like to welcome Donald Jones of both Cedarville, OH and Portage Lake, ME as a new member.

The sloop #224 **West Indiaman** has been sold to John & Karla Ayer of Miami, FL. They have changed the name of the sloop to **Daylight** and will be keeping the boat in Miami, FL. We would like to pass along a warm welcome to John & Karla.

We received a note from member Norman Sulock saying that he had seen a sloop by the name of **Tradition** on a mooring in Boston Harbor during the Tall Ships event. Might this be Jarvis Newma's new boat? He enclosed a couple of pictures of the bald headed sloop with a dark green hull. If you have any further information about this sloop please contact the membership chairman.

Sloop Society on the Web

Don't forget to visit the Friendship Sloop Society home page on the World Wide Web at:

WWW.FSS.ORG

Memorial Book

We have received a number of generous pledges for our new book. But we are still a bit shy of our goal to print the book. We have 130 pledges. We need 200. Please consider buying a few extra copies and we can easily reach our goal. Otherwise, Harold might be selling them to you for \$100 at the next annual meeting. Actually the price goes up to \$50 after printing, but I have no control over Harold.

So please fill out the attached pledge form. Send it to:

Tad Beck 1222 N. Bronson Ave. Hollywood, CA 90038

DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY. But please send photographs of your boat (if you have not already done so) and you will be guaranteed to see her in the book.



I
agree to buy copies of
"Friendship (sloops)" at \$40 each.
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Annual Meeting Notice

Saturday, November 11, 2000
New England Center
University of New Hampshire
Noon - 4:00 PM - Pre-Meeting Events
4:00 - 5:00 PM - Business Meeting
5:00 - 5:30 PM - Auction
5:00 - 7:00 PM - Social Hour with cash bar
7:00 PM - Sit-Down Dinner
9:00 PM - ? Commodore's Hospitality Suite
Room Reservations - 603-862-2801 /
800-590-4334
\$85.00 Single / \$95.00 / Double
(Call Immediately for Reservations)

Special Features of the Annual Meeting:

- Extended social opportunities!! More chance to elaborate on those sea stories
- *Picture Swap Area* bring a picture / take a picture. We all have so many pictures of other people's boats why not share the wealth with everyone!
- 50/50 Raffle held during the pre-meeting social. This is a way for us to defray the cost of renting the conference room and a lucky winner has taken home over \$100 each time we have held this raffle.
- Business Meeting which wll focus on the key areas of concern and interest to the membership.

Auction Items Needed

For the last few years, the business meeting of the Society has been concluded with an auction. The auction will be for the benefit of the scholarship fund and the operating fund of the Sloop Society. If you have any item that you think would be of interest to our members, and wish to donate it to the auction, please bring it along to the meeting, and please designate to which fund you would like the proceeds from your item to be allocated. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Email List

Tad is putting together an email list for the Sloop Society. There are times when we need to spread the word quickly and this is the best way to do that. You will still get all the regular mailings.

To get onto the email list...just send Tad an email to TADBE@AOL.COM saying that you would like to be added to the list.

Sloop Philip J Nichols #225

Bob Monk Jr posted the following on the Scuttlebut forum of the FSS Internet site in August:

My dad and I have just come to be owned by the Sloop **Philip J Nichols**, ex **Islandia**, ex **Philip J Nichols**, ex **Sea Fox**. Having been members of the **Secret** #112 family, we are struck by the similarities between the two boats. Its hard to believe that a man could build 2 boats over a period of almost 20 years and have them be so identical. As such, we have launched ourselves to the tasks typical of the breed, that is new stem, deck, cabin, cockpit, bow sprit, garboards, gaff and engine.

We have set a goal, albeit lofty, of having her ready to go overboard for the 2001 sailing season. If anyone has a picture or pictures of the **Philip J** under sail, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at rmonkjr@aol.com. Otherwise, we look forward to returning to our position on the horizon behind the fleet next year.

History of a Friendship

Joe Dupere, a new member, and current owner of Number 222, **Lady Jeanne**, and unregistered sloop **Surprise**, posted the following on the Internet:

I have just purchased an unregistered Friendship. It's mentioned in Roger Duncan's 1984 book Friendship Sloops', and is an 18 footer built in wood, named **Surprise**. In 1984 it was owned by Peter Boback of Fairfield, CT. Prior to that it was owned by his father John, who bought it from someone who brought the boat to CT from Maine in the mid 60's. I bought it from a man in NH, who claimed it was built by Phillip Nichols in 1964, but I'm pretty sure he had this one confused with number 49, which is obviously still sailing and is a much bigger boat.

I have been in contact with Mr. Boback and he is going to try to get me more information on where his father got the boat, and what happened to it after it left his hands in the mid 80's.

The boat is in pretty sad shape right now, but I believe (hope? pray?) it's repairable, so I'm going to give it a shot. My only boat building and repairing experience has been with plywood, but I have a little better than average wood-working and mechanical abilities and I believe I can tackle the job. At any rate, I couldn't possibly make it any worse than the condition it's in right now.

At any rate I have some questions. First does anybody have any information, or could anybody point me in the direction to look for who might have originally built the boat? Does the Society have these kinds of records available? Might this kind of information be stored in the records of the Friendship Museum?

Secondly, can any one recommend a good first book to read on boat restoration? I need to get a basic understanding so I can find sources for specific questions I know I'll have once I start to rebuild.

Thanks

Marie Anne - Friendship Sloop - In Search of...

The following request and responses were posted on the Internet:

From: Stephanie Colotti / The Davidson Family on Oct. 18th:

My grandfather, Jason Davidson, built this boat, **Marie Anne** in the late 60s, early 70s. He passed away a week ago, and I am looking for a photograph of my grandfather's boat (he built it), can anyone help me? I have found the owner, but I do not know how I can reach her, she is in Seven River, Maryland. Please email me with any suggestions: smcolott@eagle.fgcu.edu

Member Tom Berry responded the same day with:

I live in the DC/Annapolis area and might be able to help you. Please email me the name of the owner and any other info you might have that could help in locating her. I'm skeptical about your grandfather's boat being in or around Annapolis, however. The only other Friendship I know of in that area is a ferocement boat built and owned by David and Charlie Holmes. But send me some info and I'll give it a shot for you.

Captain Harvey also responded the same day with:

Marie Anne is alive and well and in Seattle. I do not know Diana's email address, but she is doing fine. I last saw Marie Anne at the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival last month.

The next day Diana Echeverria posted the following:

I am Diana Echeverria - the girl that worked with Jay to get the boat finished and sailable. The boat is in great shape and sailing well.

The **Marie Anne** has sailed from Massachusetts 1976-1980 to Maryland 1981-1985 to Michigan on Lake Ontario 1986-1988 and trucked to Washington in Seattle 1988-present.

The boat was significantly rebuilt since you have seen her with many changes including the shape of the hull. I do have some pictures from each period and can provide you with a nice synopses of places she has been. Please email me or call me at work or home.

Diana later added a little more history of the Marie Anne:

Captain Harvey called me today to say that Jay Davidson, the Novia Scotia wood worker with whom I apprenticed in 1975-1978 to finish the **Marie-Anne** just died.

The boat is #204 and when I was on the East Coast I used to be a member of the Society. I saw her on your registry.

She was launched in 1978 and was moored in Salem up to 1980. I sailed her down to Annapolis in 1980 where she was moored on the Severn River until 1986.

One summer she and I meandered back North all the way into the Great Lakes and she was moored in Port Huron until 1988 - where I finished grad school. I then trucked her to Seattle WA where she is now moored in Shilshole Marina - the next sailing goal is Alaska!

This craft was completely rebuilt in 1993-1995 - but now she is in good condition - well maintained - and loved. Thank-god my partner is a ship wright.

Could you please send me an application form - I should rejoin and stay in touch with you all on the east Coast.