

SEA CHANTY

The *Sea Chanty* was built in 1964 and was in its original design as a Pacific Coast Trawler. She was in service until 1967 when coming up the Delaware Bay at night she struck a partly submerged telephone pole. It stove in the engine room port side. I immediately headed for Reedy Island to shallow water to beach the boat and abandoned her.

I had the boat salvaged, patched up and then towed her back to the Chesapeake Bay to a boat yard in the Magothy River.

It was there at the Gibson Island Yacht Yard that I redesigned the boat after the Alaskan, built by American Marine Ltd. I repowered her with the 130 H.P. Lehman which is still in service today.

I then made the appropriate measures to insure stability with hull modifications, bilge keels, lead weights, etc. She cruises at 8 kn at 2200 RPM's with a max 9.5kn @ 2600 RPM.

After many refits and rehabs, she is still in service today and in better shape than ever. She draws a lot of attention and favorable comments everywhere I go.

At present she is berthed at the Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville, Md. on Kent Island in the Chesapeake Bay. I live only 10 minutes away from the Marina and visit the boat often. I work on her with pride and take many trips.

I am a Retired Naval Officer (Commander) having studied Naval Architecture at the Naval Academy, and enjoying life with my "*Sea Chanty*".

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