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Builders of Fine Boats
1951-1969

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Registry



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THE SUNNYLAND ANTIQUE BOAT FESTIVAL May - June 2017

30th Anniversary Celebration



*"Just An Ole
Plywood Boat?"*

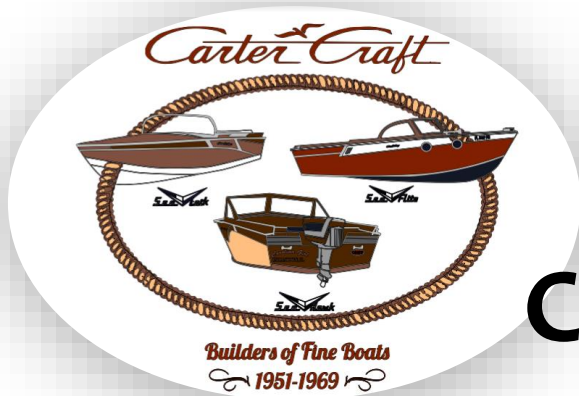
"Or Is It?"



A FATHER IS
neither an anchor
to hold us back,
nor a sail to take us there,
BUT A GUIDING
LIGHT
WHOSE LOVE
shows us the way.



Thank You



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2008

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Current Registry

Members (Boats)– 45
Guest – 23

Past Editors

Bruce Danielson

Founder

2008-2015

Ed Dominiak

2015- 2016



FROM THE EDITOR

Rick Pressley

Greeting Members/Guest

The first quarter of this year has been extremely busy. Valerie and I have spent more time in the buckeye state than Florida. Our company move is now complete and life is getting a little back to normal.

I traveled to Chicago on the March 18th for a very busy 3D printing show and flew back on the 22nd into Orlando. Then a two hour drive south that landed me back at home a little after midnight on the morning of the 23rd. Caught a few hours' sleep, then up at 6am to hook up the boat and get ready for the road trip to Tavares.

I got everything in place and loaded, picked up "little man" from school early. My son informed me he had a field trip to the zoo. My response, "a zoo he has been to on multiple occasions or a weekend with grandpa." Not to mention the 3B's, Boats, BBQ & Bluegrass. We also had lots of people to meet and greet, watch the Sea Planes take off and Miss America (Garwood) make a 70-80 mph run on Lake Dora. He said leave out the Bluegrass and he could go. SECRET, we still did the bluegrass!

My one thing to add, Donovan was the only kid I saw the whole weekend, except the youngsters involved in the SCAMPY program. If we are to preserve our boats and interest, we need to get the younger generation involved to keep this alive. Make it fun for them, and they will catch the enthusiasm. Thanks to Sue Herring for a little advice. I used to worry about taking him out of school, I don't anymore. She was right, this is an education in itself.

The show itself was great in spite of all the construction going on. Next year will be even better as a result. New docks, hotel rooms and hopefully restaurants. The city of Tavares is definitely behind this show. They closed registration this year due to sell out crowd. There were same folks and lots of new ones as well. They have over 200 volunteers to make this show happen and it is the best I have ever attended.



Next year I am going to try to do the Northbound River Cruise with Gerald Dake.

The Registry needs you to get involved to make our Carter Crafts bigger and better. I am working on the 3rd annual show with Robert Moore, Pat Pulaski, Mike Miller and Senator George Gainer. One of the sites we are working is Senator Gainer's "man cave". He has a large classic car selection and has offered to empty out and set up as a Carter Craft showroom. This is a large undertaking and we need you to make it work. We will announce show date soon and we want to have a minimum of 24 boats. So make plans now for October in Panama City, Florida. This show will be bigger and better than last year.

I met several folks at the show with Carter Crafts. One gentlemen has two boats and has promised to join the registry. The other, a man from North Carolina offered that he had one, but provided no other information and would not join a free registry. Oh well, I tried.

Boats are selling and changing hands. Don't forget to encourage any new owners to join the registry and keep these boats accounted for. Welcome to the new members/owners. We still have a boat for sale in Texas. It is listed, pass on the info to potential buyers.

In closing, if you have interesting stories like the one included from Don Hixson, show coverage or items for sale, please send to me to publish in the newsletters. Valerie and I are also making plans to be on Lake Rabun with the Hickey's for the July boat parade on the 2nd with BBQ and Fireworks.

Happy Boating!



We need you!

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Sunnyland Show Coverage Show Overview

Donovan and I pulled out around 10:30am for the 3 hours drive to Tavares with the boat in tow. The 30th anniversary show took place in March 23-26. This year was poised to be the largest ever and registration for boats was actually closed two weeks before the show. The picture in the lower left was taken about 7am on Sunday morning. It was extremely quiet and the day started with a beautiful sunrise. As the morning progressed with the sun getting higher in the sky, the crowds were greeted with a beautiful morning for a boat show. The lake was like glass and a lot of boats took to the water to enjoy the smooth ride.

Donovan just turned 6 on the March 14th. This is his first Sunnyland show. I let him navigate the Dora Canal in Carolina Girl for the first time. He did great and had a blast. He is hooked and ready for the next show already.

You owe to yourself to attend this show at least once!

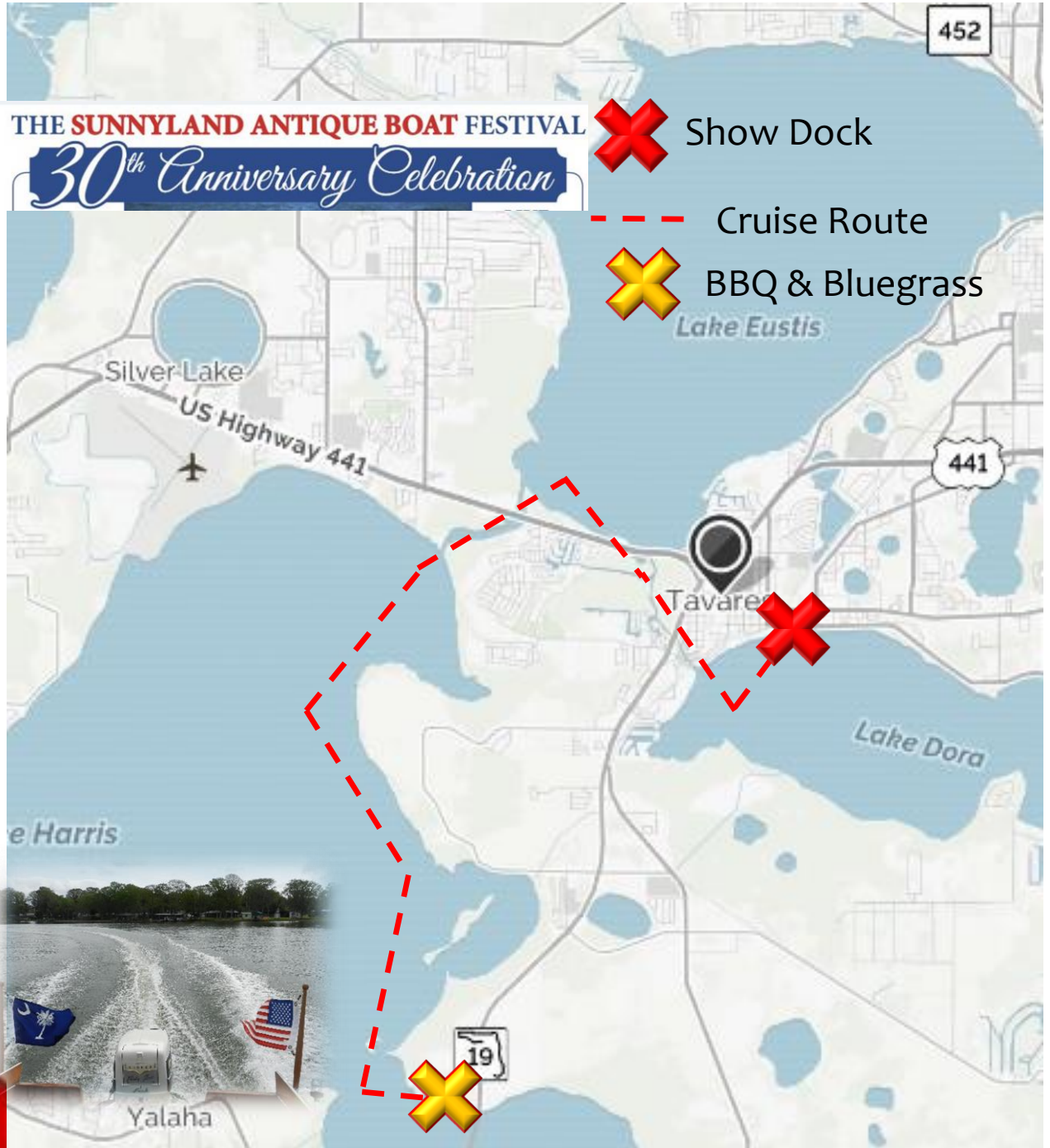


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Sunnyland Show Coverage

Dora Canal Cruise



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Sunnyland Show Coverage Show Area - Waterfront



Sea Planes At Tavares



Richard Pressley At The Helm.

View
from the
back of
Carolina
Girl
crossing
Lake
Eustis

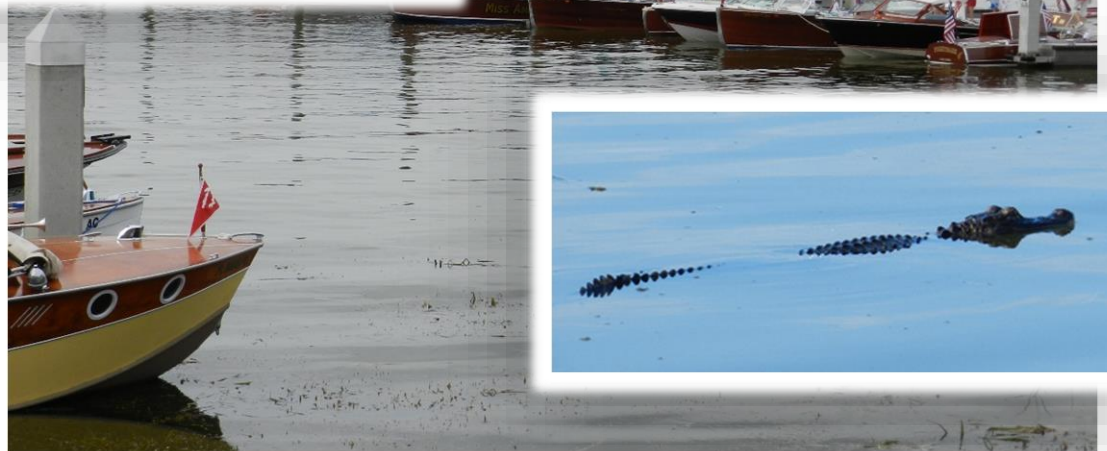


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Sunnyland Show Coverage

Show Area - Dockside



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Sunnyland Show Coverage

Dora Canal Cruise



Richard (Left) and Donavan Pressley at the helm on Saturday morning cruising the Dora Canal in the "Carolina Girl". Three Generations cruising the canal. There was a lot of boats enjoying the early morning hours on the canal.



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Sunnyland Show Coverage

Dora Canal Cruise

Dora Canal Cruise is filled with wildlife. Birds, gators, turtles and fish all along the way. The Dora Canal was lined with boats on Saturday and Sunday morning. Great trip back in time to Ole Florida. Key to this trip, is early or late in the day.



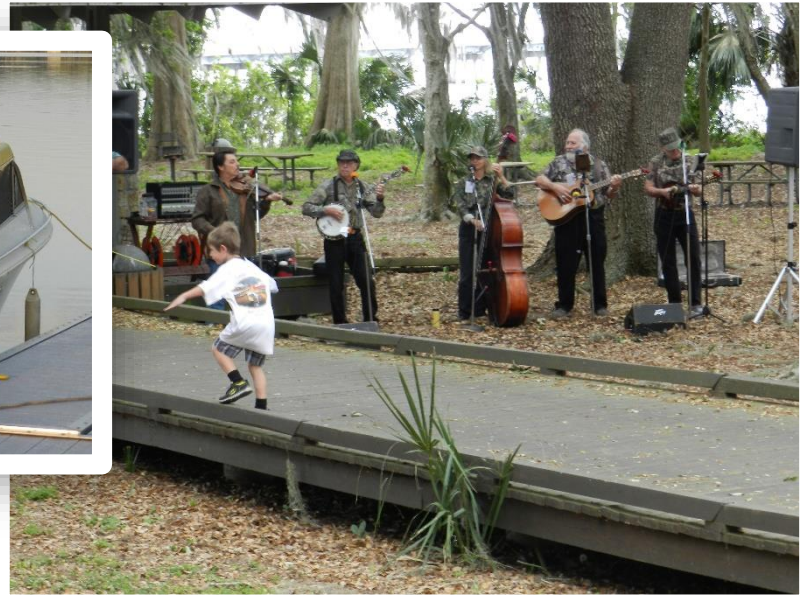
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Sunnyland Show Coverage Picnic & Bluegrass

Boats docked at the
Lake Harris State Park.



Amphibi-car crossing
thru Lake Eustis, we
encountered about 20
of these headed into the
Dora Canal at Tavares.



Our Ride to the picnic:
1973
All Original Century Coronado
Dave Bortner @ Freedom
Boat Works, Minnesota

Bluegrass Band playing
outdoors under the big oaks
filled with Spanish moss.

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Back In Time



Sea Hawk at Shrimp Boat In Panama City, Florida
Photo provided by Becky Saunders

Do you know the man in the picture?

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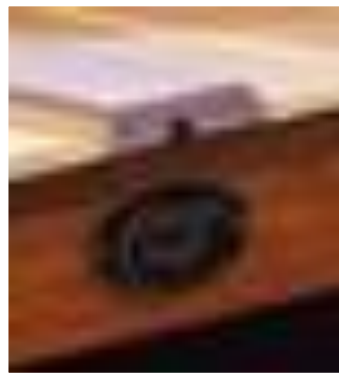
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**WELCOME
ABOARD**



1952 14ft
Hull # 2204, 4th Owner
Bill Long
Pekin, Ill.

Engine 1956 Elgin 25hp
Beautifully Restored
Purchased in 2016. 3rd owner.
Original owner was an
Undertaker



FFS – Future Feature Story

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1957 Sea Hawk
Hull # 5663
Alan Parker



Maiden Voyage After Re Power
Grand Valley Lakes, Saulsbury Tn.
My Wife Julie Parker And Ruth
Near The Outboard
May 7th 2017



Alan stated the maiden voyage went well with the 70 Hp Johnson and no leaks.

Note: This boat was formerly owned by Mr. Don Hixson and is the subject of Chattanooga to Memphis story in this edition.

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See America In A Carter Craft

Chattanooga To Memphis - Part 1

June 1967

By: Don Hixson

My name is Don Hixson and I live in Ooltewah, Tennessee. I am the former owner of a Carter Craft Sea Hawk, hull number 5663, built in 1957, the year I graduated from high school. I have recently sold the boat, motor, and trailer as I am getting too disabled to use it or take care of it. It is my hope the new owner will enjoy it as I did. I made several trips of some duration with the boat. Rick asked me if I could write some of them up. I have four of them, the first being as follows:



The River Below Chattanooga Is Considered To Be The "Grand Canyon Of Tennessee"



CHATTANNOOGA TO MEMPHIS *June 1967*

My father and I put the boat in the water below Chickamauga Dam on a Saturday morning. This dam is just a few miles upstream of Chattanooga. We cruised down the 470 miles of the Tennessee River to Paducah, Kentucky, where we entered the Ohio River. From there we cruised down 50 miles entering the Mississippi at Cairo, Illinois. We spent two days and traveled two hundred and thirty miles on the Mississippi. We spent Thursday night at a fisherman boat dock at New Madrid, Missouri. On Friday afternoon we docked at the marina on McKellar Lake for a total trip of about 750 water miles. McKellar Lake is a body of water just below Memphis that connects with the Mississippi River. The gasoline cost for the entire trip was \$49. We slept and ate on the boat except for one night and that was at Paducah. We decided it was time for a restaurant and creature comforts, plus it was raining. When we arrived at Memphis we spent the night there.



Multiple Bridges at Chattanooga



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June 1967

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Dad and I flew back to Chattanooga the next morning. It was the first time my father had been on a jet aircraft, he marveled that what took us by water all week we did by air in 45 minutes. The next weekend I drove over to Memphis and trailered the boat back home.

The Tennessee River has only short stretches that could be considered riverine. It is now a series of reservoirs (lakes) formed by dams with locks. Consequently there is very little current, except just below each dam. Our trip took us through seven locks with a total of a little over three hundred feet of drop in elevation. At the time, the construction of Nickajack dam had just been finished, but the reservoir behind it was not yet filled with water. Thus the old Hales Bar Dam just upstream was still in operation and so we had to lock through it. Today Hales Bar Dam is no more. The old powerhouse is used as a marina. The Tennessee River begins at Knoxville in the northern part of east Tennessee, flows south past Chattanooga and enters Alabama at Bridgeport.



This city is important in Civil War history and was the site of paddle-wheel steamer construction in the 1800's. The river continues south to just beyond Huntsville, Alabama, where it turns west, crosses Alabama, touches a corner of Mississippi and then heads back pretty much straight north crossing Tennessee and Kentucky.



Painted Bluff Rock
Wheeler Lake in Alabama



My Dad At The Helm

By contrast the Ohio and the Mississippi have plenty of current. We were impressed by this and also by the size of the barge tows on the Mississippi. Three to four times the number of barges you would see in a tow on our Tennessee River system. There were two dams with locks on the section of the Ohio River that we traversed. I assumed this would be a similar process to what we had already done so many times. But it was a whole different situation that I was to learn about with chagrin and relief.



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June 1967

By: Don Hixson

The purpose of these dams is to hold back water in times of low river flows to permit boat and barge traffic. When the river flow is high they are not needed and the dams are ingeniously lowered to the river bed. The lock is non-functional at this time. I had noticed these dams on my river charts. I will close on this as a bit of humor. When I asked the dock master at the Paducah marina about them, he said, " Oh, don't worry about those dams, at this high river flow you will go right over them."



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Mussel Fisherman On Kentucky Lake



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NASA Rocket Barge Near
Huntsville, Alabama



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Inside The Lock At
Kentucky Dam



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Marina at Paducah, Kentucky



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Skyline of
Memphis, Tennessee



Corps Of Engineers
Steam Powered Work
Boat

Foreground 1957 Sea
Hawk Hull # 5663
"Poseidon" Docked At
McKellar Lake Marina
at Memphis,
Tennessee

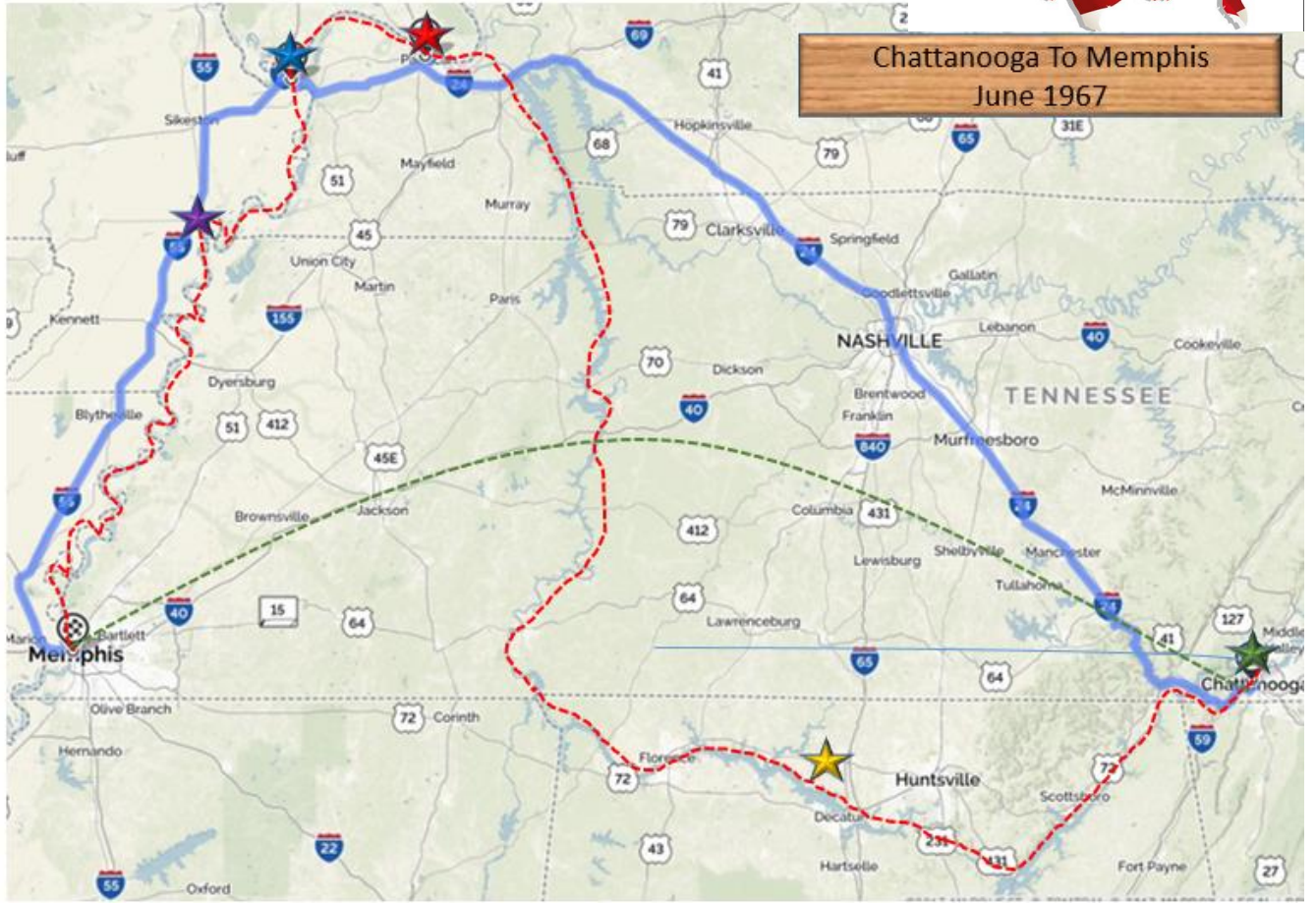


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June 1967

By: Don Hixson



-  Wheeler Lake
-  Wheeler Lake
-  Cairo, Ill.
-  Paducah, KY
-  New Madrid, Mo.

 Auto Travel

473 Miles – 1 Day

 Nautical Travel

750 Nautical Miles

1 Week

 Air Travel

45 Minutes



Membership Update Form – Page 1 of 2

First _____ Middle In. _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home PH _____ Email _____

Cell Ph _____

Date Joined (Estimate of Unsure)

ACBS MBR #



PLEASE UPDATE INFO

Boat Information

Boat 1						Trailer			
Model		Year	Orig	Restored	Condition	Original	Restored	Make	Yr
EXAMPLE	X	19XX	Y/N	Y/N	See Below	Y/N	Y/N	Mastercraft	19XX
Runabout									
Deluxe Runabout									
Sea Lark									
Sea Hawk									
Sea Flight									
Imperial									

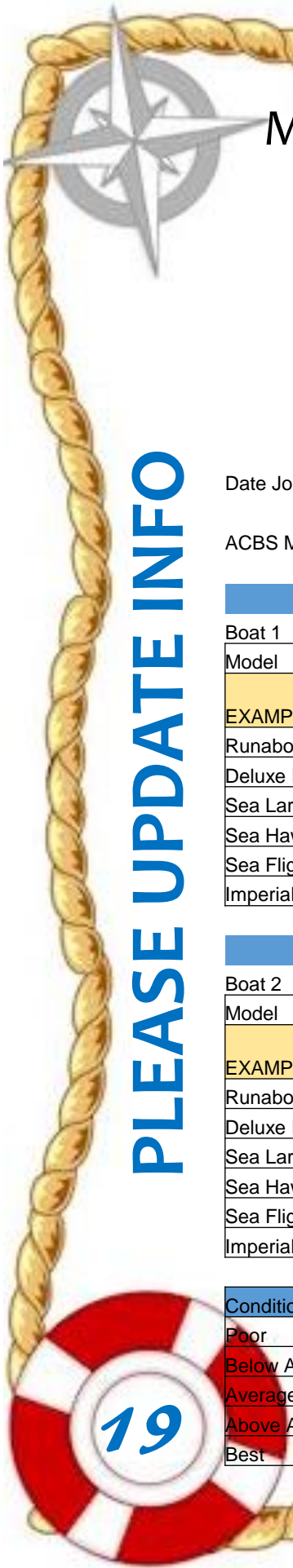
Boat Information

Boat 2						Trailer			
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Runabout									
Deluxe Runabout									
Sea Lark									
Sea Hawk									
Sea Flight									
Imperial									

Conditions	
Poor	1
Below Average	2
Average	3
Above Average	4
Best	5

Engine	Make	Model	Hp
Boat 1			
Boat 2			

Please fill out, scan an email me updated info for the registry.
(Both Pages Please)



Membership Update Form Page 2 of 2

How Long have you owned your boat? _____

Has it been in family for generations? _____ If so, how many? _____

What is primary use of boat? _____

Primary reason you bought boat? _____

List as many owners as possible

	Name	City	State
Original Ower			
2nd Owner			
3rd Owner			
4th Owner			
5th Owner			
6th Owner			

Will you attend 3rd Annual Show in Panama City Florida (1st Week Nov)?

Would you attend show if closer to your home state?

What would you like to see in the Newsletter?

We are going to Web based this year.

Would you be willing to pay \$25.00 per year for membership to support the monthly hosting fees and website maintainance?

Are you interested in replaement parts for your boat?

If so, what items?

Please send any other comments or suggestions wit hyour return mail.

Thanks for taking the time to fill out and return this questionnaire

PLEASE UPDATE INFO

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Members & Guest

New Members – If you know anyone that owns or interested in Carter Craft boats, please encourage them to join our registry.

New Members

Bill Long – Pekin, Ill.

Dennis Renaud - Michigan

Guest

No New Guest This Month

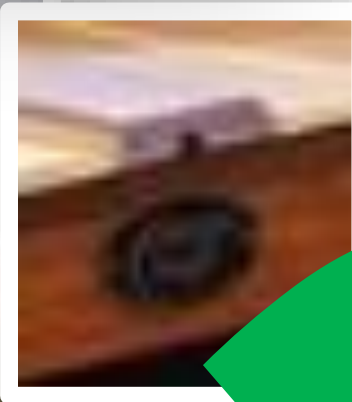
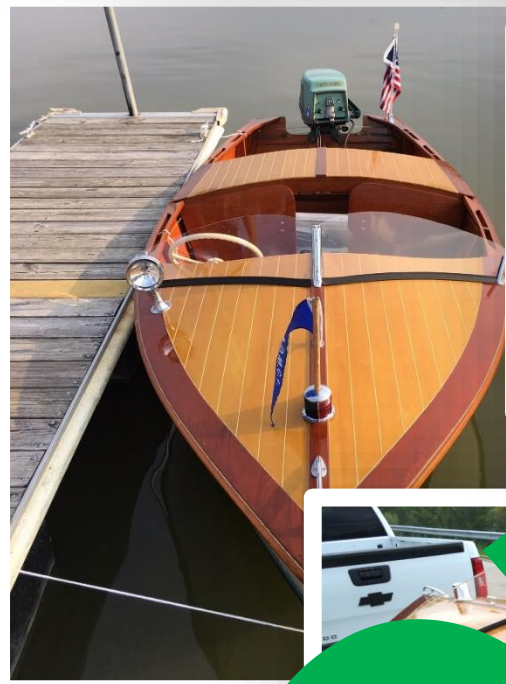
Carter Craft Registry- March 2017

Boat Model	# Boats
Runabout	2
Runabout, Deluxe	3
Fishing Boat	5
Inperial, Royalite Hull	1
Sea Lark	7
Sea Hawk	21
Sea Flite	6
Total	45



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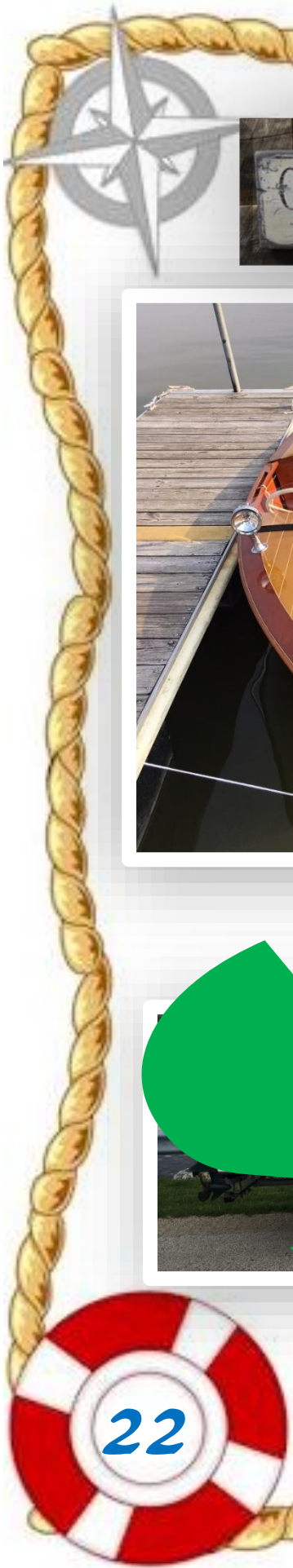
1952 ? 14ft
Hull # 2204, 3rd Owner
Travis Huffman
Dahinda Illinois 61428

Engine 25hp
Beautifully restored
Purchased in 2011 by owner.
Owner was an
taker

When I received the call from Travis indicating he had found a boat on the internet. He stated it was a Carter Craft boat. He forwarded a picture of the boat. My first thought is this was not a Carter Craft. This looked nothing like any Carter Craft I had ever seen. This must be a mistake based on the design of the boat. Travis forwarded more pictures. The side view definitely looks like a 14ft runabout and logo on the side is correct for that period. Even the familiar Carter Craft brass and black tag on the dash are correct. Look more on this boat in March edition.

The boat is possibly for sale, if interested please contact me and I will get you in contact with Travis. Truly unique and beautiful.
If you have any info on other Carter Crafts similar to this one, please speak up.

SOLD!



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1961 Carter Craft
Imperial 19' Runabout

Expanded Royalite
(Pre-Fiberglass)
All Original

90 Hp, 1964 Evinrude
Outboard
"Little Dude" Galvanized
Trailer
Note Hatch and Port
Holes

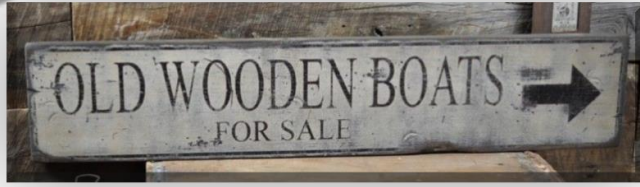
Serious Inquiries Only
Want her to go to a good
home.
Needs Some Restoration
Boat has been in storage
facility
Not been in the water
since 1983

Still Available

Contact Lewis White
713-249-1033 or

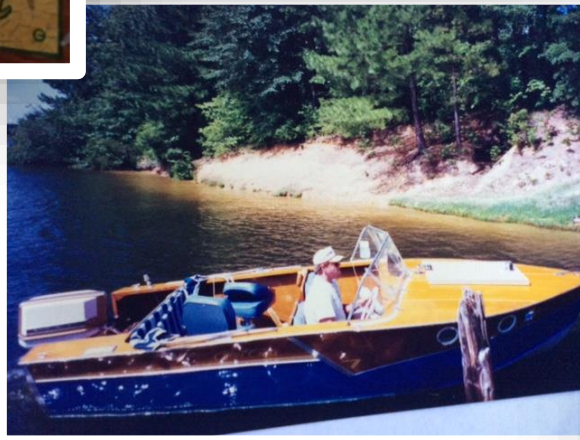
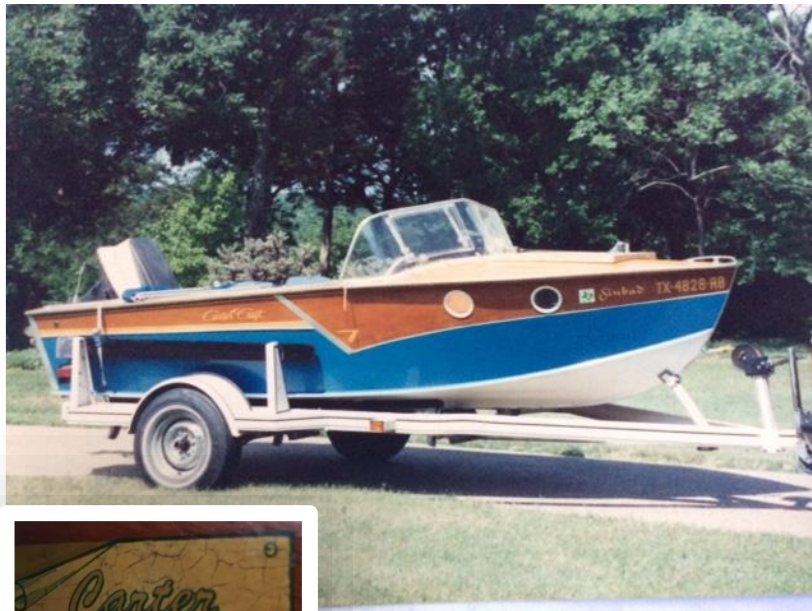
LewisWhite77@Hotmail.com

This boat needs a great home!



1952 ? 14ft
Hull # Requested, 2nd Owner
Edwin Spurlin
Yantis, Texas 75497

"Sinbad"



Appears the show coverage is getting us some great advertisement. I have received multiple calls from folks finding our information on the internet.

Mr. Spurlin was one of those folks. This boat has been stored inside most of its life and is in great shape. He was interested in finding out more of the history of the boats and indicated he may be interested in selling. Welcomed him to the registry and his boat is shown here. If you are interested, contact me and I will get you in touch with Mr. Spurlin. Looks like a great find.



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For Sale



\$30.00 Need To be Re Plated
Inserts have no cracks, but are Worn.
Can barely make out "Carter Craft"
Contact Rick Pressley 561-459-5380

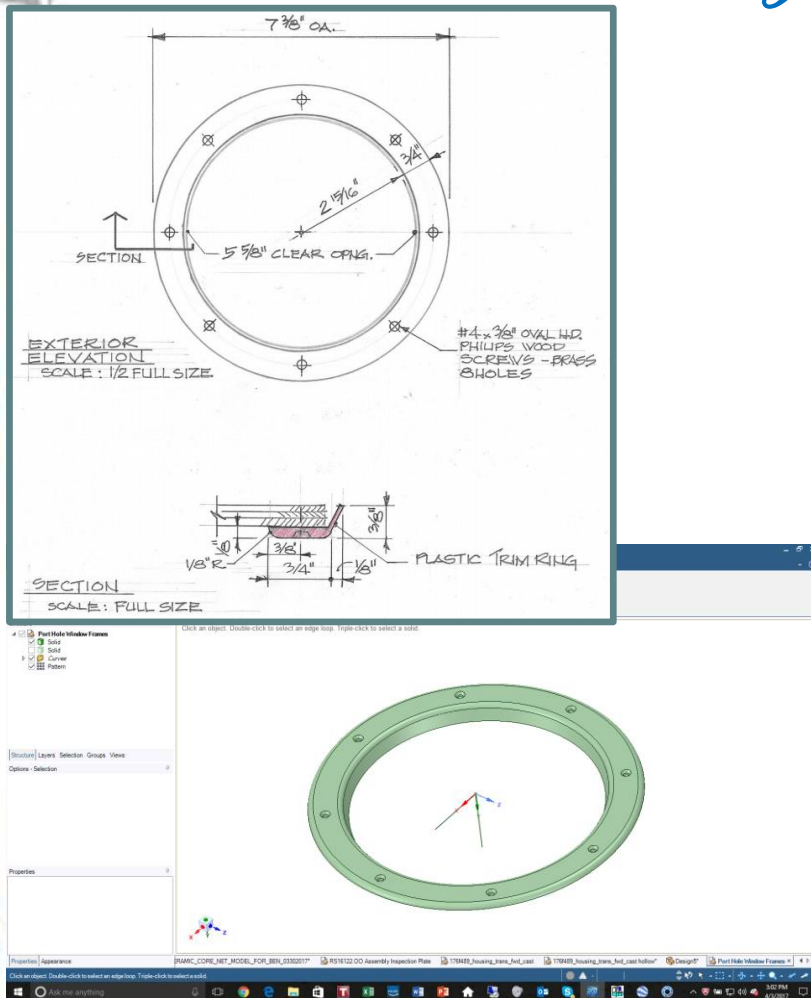


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Shirts and Hat Available – For Sale
If interested contact me and I will provide
information

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First Reverse Engineered Parts



Are your porthole frames cracked or are you using West Marine hatch access frames like me?

Jim Hickey provided a dimensional drawing of Original Carter Craft Porthole Frames. I took those dimensions and created a 3D CAD model to be used for printing a mold. A shaded image was generated and we have received the first quotes for producing parts. This will be a one run and parts will be built on for those purchasing. No extras will be made.



We have quotes that put this at \$37.50 to \$50.00 each depending on quantity. We need 120 to hit the 37.50. We are making these available at cost. If you are interested, please email me with the qty you desire. I would suggest buying sets, as these will not likely match older plastics that have yellowed. If this is well received, we will consider other parts in the future.

T Shirt Order Info



I have the following shirts left over:

- 1 Large Yellow – Men's***
- 1 Medium Green – Ladies***
- 2 Small White – Men's***

First Come First Served

If you would like one of these shirts, please send selection to email and payment to:

Valerie Pressley
16300 SW Pinto Street
Indiantown, Florida 34956

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Looking Forward



The screenshot shows the website for Rabun 1915. At the top left is a pennant logo with a tree and the text "RABUN 1915". To the right is a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: WELCOME, EVENTS, ABOUT US, LRA FOUNDATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, PAVILION AT LAKE RABUN, and CONTACT US. The main content area features a sunset over a lake with the following text: "37th Annual Wooden Boat Parade", "7/1 BBQ – 6pm", "7/2 10:30am Till 12:00", "Fire Works at dusk (Over \$50,000 worth)", and "Rick & Valerie are Planning On Attending".

Check Out The ACBS website for shows near you. We need active participation to cover boat shows. Let's put Carter Craft on everyone's the map!!!!



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Looking Forward



From Ed Dominiak
Features Parade
with classic boats
Strawberry Festival
June 9th and 10th
in Albion NY

THUNDER
AT THE **OUTER HARBOR**

VINTAGE RACE BOATS
HOT RODS | CLASSIC CARS
FOOD & BEVERAGES

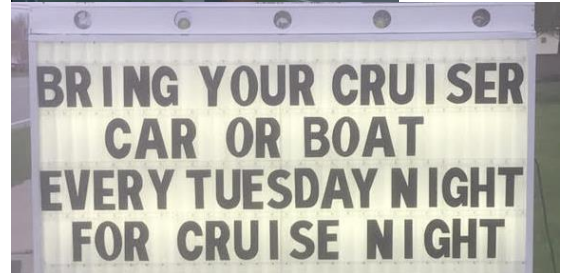
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the outer harbor
325 fuhrmann blvd.

JULY 22-23

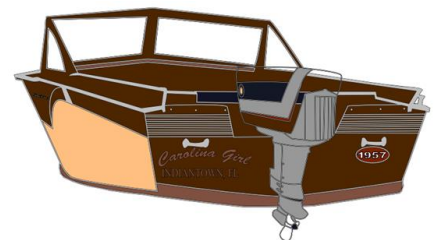
10-4 EACH DAY

FREE ADMISSION!

www.outerharborbuffalo.com



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News



Left To Right: Rick Pressley, Donovan Pressley & Donald L. Rhyner
(US Army- Retired)

Dedicated to the Memory Of My Step Dad (Don Rhyner)

9/11/46 – 4/7/2017

Popa Don will be greatly missed by his step-sons, his brother & Sister. His 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He was looking forward to riding to Blairsville, Georgia to pick up my latest Carter Craft Purchase.

It's the time of year for reflections ...
with gratefulness in our hearts
and promises for the future.



Submitted By Ed Dominiak



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Where Is My Carter Craft Hull Number?



On my Sea Hawk, it is located to the right of the steering wheel.

Information I was provided says they were on left side of dash, but had to be visible from seat.



Approx. ½ " Tall



Where Is My Carter Boat Hull Number? Carter Boats



It is located to the Left Side of Boat

Information I was provided says they were on left side of dash, but had to be visible from seat.



1/2 " Tall



Special Thanks to
Robert Moore For
the Photos





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Historical Business Records



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Florida Profit Corporation
CARTER CRAFT CORPORATION

Filing Information

Document Number	165760
FEI/EIN Number	00-0000000
Date Filed	07/12/1951
State	FL
Status	INACTIVE
Last Event	DISSOLVED BY PROCLAMATION
Event Date Filed	05/13/1969
Event Effective Date	NONE

Great information found in public records. Confirms that 2016 was the 65th anniversary of Carter Craft.

I found this confirmation on Florida Business Records Website.

Carter Craft – Tom Bingham



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Event Date Filed	05/22/1970
Event Effective Date	NONE

Carter Boat – James Carter Name Change

Events

CARTER BOATS INC

Document Number	246038
Date Filed	03/29/1961
Effective Date	None
Status	Inactive

Event Type	Filed Date	Effective Date	Description
NAME CHANGE AMENDMENT	10/24/1963		OLD NAME WAS : CARTER -JAS- INC