

Carter Craft Registry

“Builders Of Fine Boats” 1951- 1969

“Hurricane Minnie”

A Family Tradition

Seems Like There Is Always A Great Story!



**CASEY HODGE
VENICE, FLORIDA**

**65th
Anniversary**

November-December 2016



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2008

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2016 Newsletters

Jan- Feb
Mar - Apr.
May - Jun
Jul - Aug.
Sep. – Oct.
Nov. – Dec.

Current Registry

Members – 38
Guest – 23

Past Editors

Bruce Danielson
Founder
2008-2015
Ed Dominiak
2015- 2016



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FROM THE EDITOR Rick Pressley

Greetings All:

The 2nd Annual Carter Craft & Carter Boat show is at Full throttle. Final planning is in progress at the Bay Historical Society Museum. Panama City Herald is advertising and covering the event. Boat motors are being tuned up and filled with fresh gas for the Sunday Brunch Cruise. Boat trailers are being packed with new grease for the trips from Tennessee, Georgia and South Florida. Boats are being polished and those sliding portholes cleaned. Ads are being placed, banners printed, awards complete. Displays in full planning.

Miller Marine from Lynn Haven and Bay Cars from Panama City are our key sponsors. Hagerty Classic Boat Insurance is providing goodie bags and trinkets for boat owners.

Harlan Wilson will be on hand with his jigs and fixtures that he has held onto. These jigs were used to build the Carter Boats. Harlan worked for Carter Craft, Carter Boats and even continued to build boats after James Carter retired. He loves to talk about these boats and is excited about seeing all the boats at the show. Come sit down with Harlan. He has some great stories.

Odeal Carter Gainer will be on site. Odeal, along with her husband Bob were the owners of Bob's Top Shop (Still in business in Panama City. They had the contract with Carter Craft for most all of the 50's into the 60's. She has great stories and if your boat has the original interior, she sewed it.



The former skier's from Cypress Garden's Ski Team will be on site as well. They were a hit last year and I am sure they have some great Carter Craft stories as well.



At this writing, we have 12 boats committed from South Florida and as far north as Tennessee. We are expecting that number to increase. As far as we know, this will be the largest gathering of Carter Craft boats since production ceased. A "BIG" thanks to all that are bringing their boats for this event and to Bruce Danielson for investing his time into creating the Registry in 2008. There is still time to support the Museum by bringing your boat to this show and being part of this historic event.

Sunday brunch cruise is planned to Uncle's Ernie's for arrival at 11am on Nov. 6th. This will be historic as well with multiple Carter Crafts and Carter Boats arriving at the dock for brunch.

I look forward to meeting you all at the show.

Member Spotlight

“HURRICANE MINNIE”

Casey Hodge

Venice, Florida

This boat has been in my family for generations. It was passed down to me from my grandfather. Generations of my family have learned to ski behind this boat. My grandfather was not the original owner.

He acquired the boat from the owner of Gadsden Sporting Goods in Alabama. The owner contacted my grandfather because he knew of his woodworking skills. Gadsden Sporting Goods received the boat wrecked. It had been t-boned by another boat on the port side just behind the driver's seat.

My grandfather didn't have a lot of money, so it was actually the perfect fit. His skills allowed him to make sound repairs to like new condition. You can still see where the wood is slightly different on the port side. His repair was strong and has held up for 50+ years.

“Hurricane Minnie” Decals are already made to adorn the transom.



Casey Hodge at the helm of “Hurricane Minnie” on scenic Myakka River, Florida

Original 40 hp Johnson Outboard

Member Spotlight

“HURRICANE MINNIE” The rest Of The Story

Casey Hodge

Venice, Florida

My mom and her sister’s water skied behind the boat growing up, followed by my brothers and I during the 80’s. As a kid, I used to love watching my 65+ year old grandfather do crazy moves on his trick skis. Most of the water skis we used were made by my grandfather.

The boat was kept in a basement garage in Gadsden, Alabama until about 6 years ago when it was passed down to me. I had it lightly restored in Mt Dora Florida about 4 years ago and everything on it is original. Even the canvas Bimini top and seat cushions are original. I added an electric starter to the '57 Johnson because the original metal pressurized gas cans because too corroded. The engine likes to smoke a lot but it still purrs like a champ.

I named the boat “Hurricane Minnie”. This is same moniker given to the WWII bomber that he flew on. He also painted the nose of the bomber with the text 'Hurricane Minnie' and pasted on some beautiful pin up ladies. :)



Frank Aderholdt & Hurricane Minnie”



Approximately 1980.

Original Owner: Frank Aderholdt (left)
Casey (Far Right) with two older brothers.



Casey, with family.

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January 2017 Cover Boat

“FLORENCE K”

Belinda Barney





Bay County

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Presents:
2nd Annual
Carter Craft
& Carter Boats
Show

Carter Craft



Builders of Fine Boats

*These Boats Were Built in Parker, Florida
Part OF Panhandle Boat History*

Saturday, November 5th From 9 -4pm

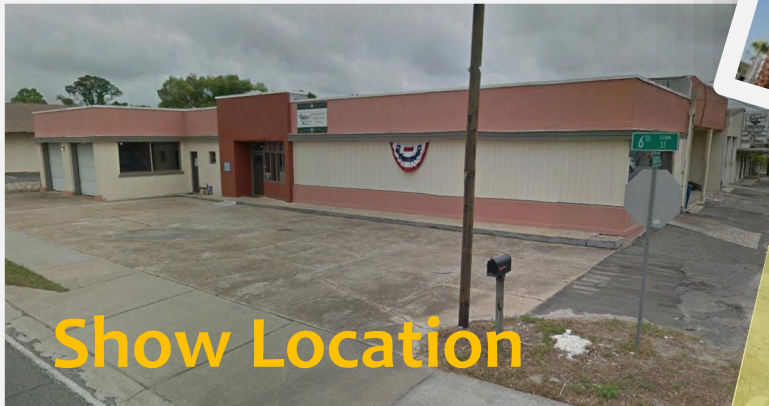
Join Us

Historical Society of Bay County
223 W. 6th. Street
Panama City, FL 32402

Carter Craft

65th Anniversary
Weekend
November 4-6th

Friday Nov 4th
Meet & Greet
Margaritaville
Panama City, FL
7pm Until.



Show Location

Saturday Nov 5th
Bay County
Historical Society
223 W 6th St
Panama City, FL.
10-4pm



Sunday Nov. 6th
Brunch Cruise
Put Carter Crafts In Water
Location TBD
Cruise To Uncle Ernie's For Brunch
Photo Opportunities At Dock.



Suggested
Hampton Inn & Suites Panama
City Beach
Pier Park

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65th Anniversary
Weekend
November 5th



Show Location

Activities During Show:

Awards:

Most Original – Carter Craft/Carter Boat
Museum Choice Award
Peoples Choice
Distance Award



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Retired Skiers From Cypress Gardens Ski Show

Harlan Wilson

Boat Builder for Carter Craft and Carter Boats on hand to talk and answer questions.
He will also have Carter Boat jigs on display.

Odeal Carter Gainer

She and her husband ran Bob's Top Shop. They had the contract to sew interiors and tops for the boats. Odeal sewed all the interiors.

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Acquired boat from Craigslist.
Trip home was eventful. Cooked
both bearings and lost two
wheel studs on the way.
This boat has a lot of history.
Story In future newsletter.

1958 Sea Hawk
Hull #5663 has a New Owner
Steve Worley
Ripley, Tennessee

Craigslist Find



Power Provide By
1966 Homelite 55



Appears To Be
Original Cushions



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*Boating is something I've always enjoyed, and it was my dream to have my own boat someday. My dad had one when I was little, but sold it when I was 5 or 6 years old. I vividly remember going out on the Ohio River as a child and they are some of the best memories.
JD Estes.*



1957 Sea Lark
Hull #6274

New Owner -JD Este
Louisville, Kentucky
Craigslist Find



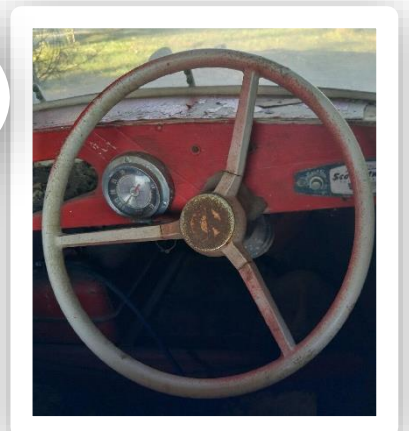
Before



Amazing What A Little Soap and Water Does



Power Provide By
Scott- Atwater



Back In Time

Carter Craft

1968

FOR SALE **18 Ft. Carter Craft.**

100 hp Mercury, new trailer, depth recorder. A real buy.

\$129.50 down - 36 mos. to pay. \$1195



MIRACLE STRIP BOAT SALES
5601 West Hwy. 98 - Ph. 785-2071

1969

19½ CARTERCRAFT Royalite Hull,
75 HP Evinrude, completely over-
hauled. Ee-Zy trailer. \$300, take
over payments. 763-0055.

These ads on Newspapers.com Panama City Herald.

Questions:

Is this a 68 Carter Craft shown? No port holes.

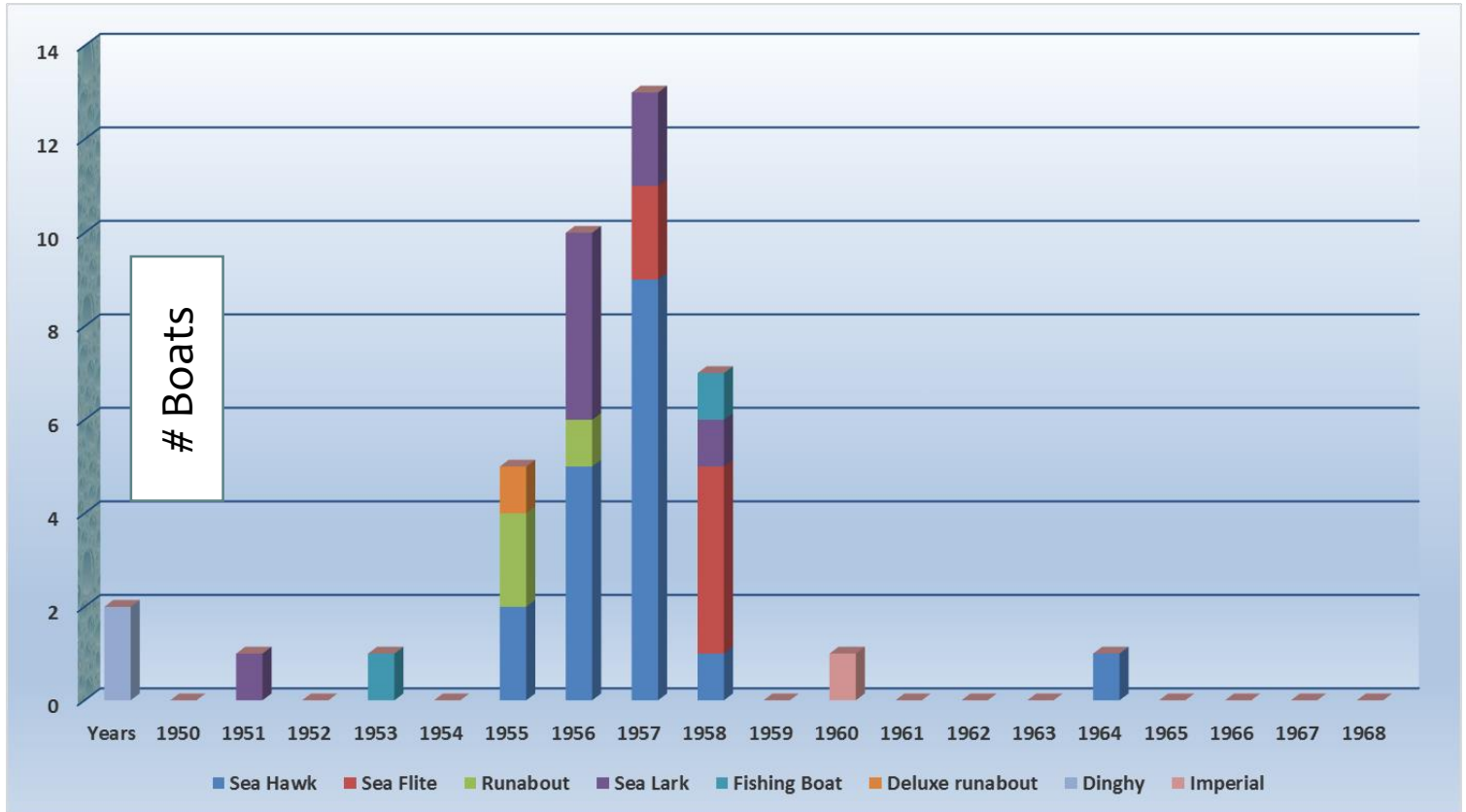
Miracle Strip Boat Sales? Anyone no anything about them?

Can you add anything to this ad.

First time I have seen an ad for late 60's boats.

2016 Snapshot Of Registry Boats This is look at our Registry As Of October 16

Would seem to indicate that either owners from the 50's took better care of equipment or these were the high production years. Welcome your comments!





Buffalo Maritime Festival
August 2016

Ed Dominiak As Popeye



Buffalo Maritime Festival
Canalside - August 27 & 28

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Builders of Fine Boats

Carter Craft Registry

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Phone: 561-346-9814

*Registration is free at this time.
Our mission is to educate and preserve the history of
these fine boats. We need you to achieve this goal.*

*Newsletters are published bi-monthly.
Please provide good quality digital photos of your boat.*

Name: _____ ACBS Member: Yes No

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Cell): _____

Make: Carter Craft Carter Boat

Model: Sea Lark Sea Hawk Sea Flite Imperial Fishing Boat

Year: Hull Number: Boat Name: _____
(Typically 4 Digits) (i.e.. "Carolina Girl")

How Acquired:

Purchased Gift/Inheritance Other

Year Acquired

Condition: Original Restored Your Rating

Use: Pleasure Show (1-10 being best)

Engine:

Make: _____ Hp: _____

Original Replacement

Interesting facts/information you may want to add

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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

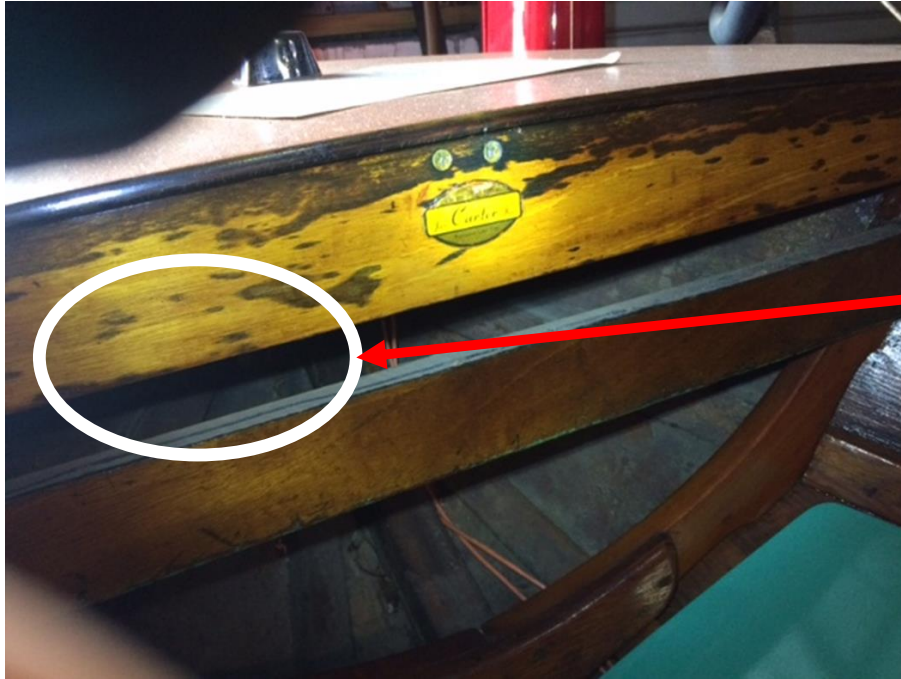
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Carter Boats

Where Is My Carter Boat Hull Number?

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.



Approx. ½ " Tall



Special Thanks to
Robert Moore For
the Photos

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For Sale



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 sine 1983

Contact Lewis White

713-249-1033 or

LewisWhite77@Hotmail.com



This boat needs a great home!

Still Available

Carter Craft

For Sale



1957 Carter Craft Sea Lark, wooden boat in fair condition asking \$600. Has a 40 hp Scott Atwater motor. Everything seems to be original with this boat. Would be a great restoration project for someone. Wind shield has a crack in one corner and there is some wood that needs to be replaced but the skeleton of the boat seems to be in good shape.

Jared Stephens
270-791-4750 or
Bucksnot868@yahoo.com
Pellville, Ky.

This boat has been stored in a barn for 35 years.

This boat needs a great home!

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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



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

T Shirt Order Info



**Thanks for a great response.
We ordered 81 shirts.**

We will set up for another order early next year if you missed the opportunity.

Thanks Again

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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.

- Carter Boat 
- Carter Craft Sea Lark 
- Carter Craft Sea Hawk 
- Carter Craft Sea Flite 
- Carter Craft Imperial 
- Fisherman 
- Rounabout 
- Dinghy 
- Guest 



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Next Newsletter Articles

Need Your Stories

Boat Show Coverage

Deadline for next publication 12/15/16

Looking Forward

Show Schedule

March 22-27th, 2017 Sunnyland ACBS Show

You will love this show. For the last two years, I have been the only Carter Craft boat in the show.

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Christmas.

Send Yours!!!

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

