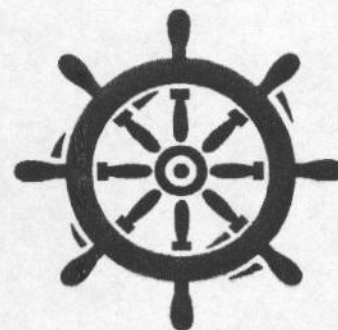


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I couldn't help but reflect during this cold and rainy April about what a tease this early ice-out has been. I don't know about anyone else, but I'm ready for Spring to arrive and get boating. The grapevine says Jeff Stebbins is first place contender for first boat in - April 22nd. Anyone with a challenge, let me know.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Chris Craft Symposium at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Virginia. The event was attended by approximately 175 members and was full of hospitality from the Tidewater Chapter. Audio tapes are available from the Mariner's Museum on each of the subjects. If you are interested in the racing runabouts, 21 or 18 foot Cobra production, how to draft, loft and take lines off boats, or a great talk on marine engines by Gordy Millar, contact the museum. Time well spent, great people, great museum. I highly recommend it.

By the time you read this, we will have already experienced the Toy Boat Show and our club-attendance at the Restoration Show.

The women-only Social Committee has been cooking up all kinds of fun for the group, including a kick-off dinner at Nye's Polonaise on May 19th.

Don't miss our tour to Paul Mikkelson's Falls Flyer Museum in Wilmar and, if that day won't be full enough, the same evening, the Minnehaha annual fundraising, Silent Auction Dinner will be held at the Lafayette Club. This was really fun last year. Our club has reserved a table for ten people. There are three openings left, so give a call.

About the time you receive this, I will be representing our chapter at the Quarterly Director's meeting in Skaneateles, New York. Further development on the dues structure, judging, etc. is on the agenda. A full report on this meeting will be in your next newsletter.

I want to thank the 40+ members who attended the shop tour and John Kinnard who proved the really great box lunches. I would love additional feedback on how we might expand on the shop experience from those who attended.

Wannabe Hydro Racers should contact me about planning a Saturday race day where I will provide a class "D" Pabst Race Boat. All we need is a proper race engine and we could take tuns learning the art of hydro driving.

Your club is proud to announce a membership of over 150 members who represent 215 people. We're growing and look for "new blood" in our activities. Welcome aboard one and all.

Yours nautically,
F. Todd Warner





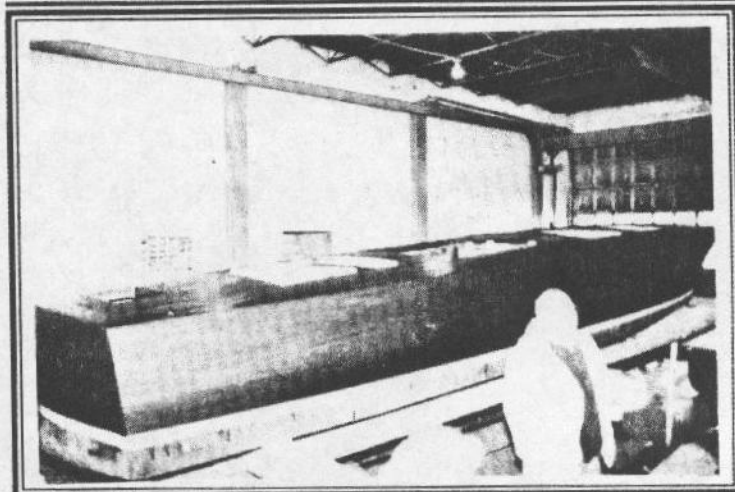
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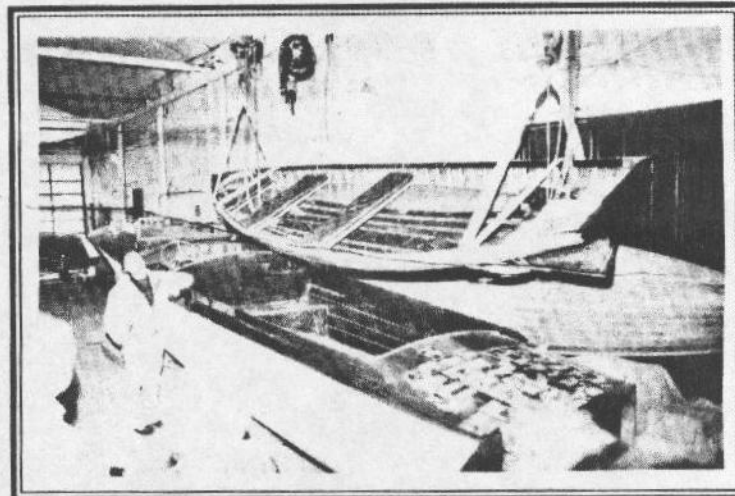


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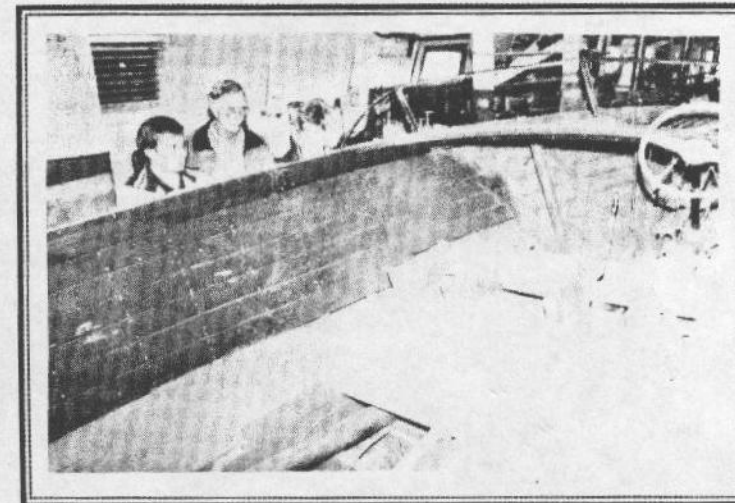
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1928 Dingle 30' Triple Cockpit



Todd Warner showing Truscott and Amundson



1955 Chris Craft 22' Holiday

Bristol Classics Shop Tour

by Stephen C. Merjian, Jr.

On Saturday, April 8th, 1995 about 40 members of the BSLOL visited Todd Warner's Bristol Classics Ltd. shop in Lester Prairie, MN for a tour of the facilities and an insightful discussion of the various projects in process. The photos accompanying this article will impart some feeling for the effort and expertise required to restore, reconstruct or re-finish a Bristol Classic to Bristol condition. (ed.: pun intended). Fred Goughnour, shop foreman and Todd Warner, chief guy, provided in-depth dissertations on the various boats in process.

The star of the show was Bristol Classics & Bill Hawk's sponsored 1929 Dingle 30' triple cockpit runabout which had just been stained to a near ebony color prior to receiving a plethora of varnish. This craft will also be re-powered with a vintage 1943, 1650ci Rolls Royce Merlin engine which has been de-tuned to 650 hp in its marinized form. The Dingle is a must see and hear display at our upcoming 20th Annual Rendezvous. Todd very proudly described his 1938 Chris Craft 19' sportsman 3-cockpit which has been in his family since being built. We all concurred with the preservation of this fine family heirloom. The 1937 Larson 19' Falls Flyer was reconstructed using a modern epoxy laminate finish in lieu of the traditional doped canvas. This approach will enhance the user value and also emblematic as an over-restoration, which seems to be in vogue these days. We also viewed a very unique pre-war 33' Goodhue laker launch, a 1955 Chris Craft 22' Holiday, a Jud & Lisa Dayton's beautiful 1918 Amundson wine glass stem lapstrake pulling boat, a Truscott stepped 14' 1930 Wonderboat racing outboard powered by original Johnson VR45 32hp racing outboard motor, two 3-point hydroplane outboards and a 1949 Chris Craft 17' Runabout which was being modified to include a stepped bottom.

The entire crew at Bristol Classics extended yeoman hospitality to the BSLOL members. Lunch boxes and refreshments were available. Our special thanks to Bristol Classics.

