

# Save This Cat

In this continuing column we identify one or more catboats that members of the Catboat Preservation Group consider well worth saving. To qualify as a prospective candidate, a boat needs to have a significant history i.e., she could be a one-of-a-kind prototype (fiberglass or wood), the last of a design or, for example, a boat raced or fished or chartered during the Golden Age of the catboat (1890-1929).

We welcome suggestions of catboats you know of that could qualify as prospects. Please send them our way by emailing us at [info@CBPGROUP.org](mailto:info@CBPGROUP.org). Parties interested in acquiring a boat, identified by the CBPG, are strongly encouraged to engage a qualified surveyor. In addition to and prior to taking on any boat, they should have a clear understanding of the expected costs of ownership. The CBPG does not warrant the condition of any boat identified. In short, *Buyer Beware*.

Since our founding in 2022 we have scoured the boating community in search of candidates. Presented below are two of the latest. For an expanded history and information regarding each boat contact us as above or at [www.CBPGroup.org](http://www.CBPGroup.org).

## MARMALADE

(A rare **Chappaquiddick 25**, Taiwan-built in 1974)



**MARMALADE** Circa 2012



**MARMALADE** 2023

In the 1970's, **One Design Marine, of Toms River, NJ**, had a **Chappaquiddick 25** built, in Taipei, Taiwan of mahogany with teak exterior trim. Information weaned from **CBA Bulletin No. 30** indicated that as of January 1, 1970, the price for a new 25'-3" X 24' X 12' X 3', gaff-rigged catboat, designed by Edward S. Brewer was \$18,000, FOB New York. Features included: 522 square feet of sail area, 5'-10" of headroom, Volvo diesel power, an enclosed head and hanging lockers.

About 3-years ago, in an unfortunate accident following many decades of active sailing, **MARMALADE** sank. It is believed that an electric bilge pump had reverse siphoned ocean water into this lovely catboat. **MARMALADE** was taken out of the water and has been stored ashore since then. The hull appears to be in remarkably good shape. The decks and cockpit sole will need replacement. What if any attempts to save her Yanmar 3GM are unknown. Please contact the CBPG ([info@CBPGroup.org](mailto:info@CBPGroup.org)) for her location, **volunteer opportunities** and additional particulars.

### **BREAKING NEWS!**

As we go to press, we are pleased to announce **MARMALADE** as the first successful CBPG rescue! Her new caretaker has already taken possession, and steps have been made to stabilize the old girl.

**TRADEWINDS**  
(A "Golden-Age" Cat-Ketch)



**TRADEWINDS** circa 2000

**TRADEWINDS** is a rare cat-ketch built in 1913 by an unknown shipwright. CBA member John C. Scott has endeavored to have her restored and moved North from the Carolina's to more suitable New England waters. He recently secured a replacement engine for the boat but seeks help with its installation and with the boat's continuing restoration in general. Parties interested in learning more, *especially volunteer opportunities*, can log onto John's **TRADEWINDS** website: <https://catboat1913.com/>



The **Catboat Preservation Group** ([www.CBPGroup.org](http://www.CBPGroup.org)) is on a mission to locate historic catboats and find ways to place them back under sail. This will provide individuals the opportunity to experience firsthand the thrill of serving as passengers or crew.

**Donations Needed:** *As presented at the 2023 CBA Annual Meeting, the restoration efforts and on-going maintenance of our historic flagship **SUSPECT** will continue to be supported by patron donations made directly to the organization (CBPG c/o P.O. Box 467 Westport Point, MA 02791) or through the **Go-Get-Funding** crowd-source site:*

***GoGetFunding.com/catboat-preservation-group/***



*Note: All donations made to the CBPG will be tax deductible.*

*Between restoration, ongoing maintenance, insurance and mooring/storage fees we need to raise \$5000 for this season. Please be as generous as possible to guarantee an exciting spring, summer and fall for this remarkable catboat to be enjoyed by all. Thank you.*

**Volunteers Needed:** *Moving forward, the CBPG will continue to remain a "work in progress." In that spirit we seek organizational guidance from our fellow CBA members and from their friend and family networks. Suggestions strongly encouraged. If you wish to learn more about volunteering or joining our Board or if you know of a catboat in need of rescue, please email us at [info@CBPG.org](mailto:info@CBPG.org). The success of this new venture clearly depends on the interest and support of all who love these remarkable, historic boats.*

**SUSPECT** will welcome as many crews and passengers as possible at CBA Rendezvous' throughout the 2023 season.

For dates, sign onto the RENDEZVOUS schedule at [www.catboats.org](http://www.catboats.org). To sign-aboard contact us at: [info@CBPGroup.org](mailto:info@CBPGroup.org)

-John E. Conway, President