

## MARVEL Restoration Project: Launch Update

The pending launch of **MARVEL** (more on this name below) has us all excited but Murphy has worked overtime to once again delay this event.

The latest problems concern scheduling the Tripp's Boatyard crane and in securing transport for the boat's massive wooden mast.

**Regarding Tripp's:** As we understand it, their crane experienced a mechanical failure that required ordering replacement parts and then installing same. This created a launching backlog that continues. As a result, our tentative launch date has slipped to Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from June 15<sup>th</sup> as previously reported. Fingers crossed.

**Regarding Mast Transport:** The transport we had hoped to use may not be available as planned. As a result we now seek a volunteer with a 26 foot or larger motor boat trailer to help move the boat's mast the one mile or so from Westport Point to the boatyard. If you or anyone you know is willing to step up please call or txt me at 617-821-7890. Thank you.

**Regarding MARVEL:** Those following our **MARVEL** story know that several catboat historians have researched the provenance of the boat for several years. Recent discoveries from sources as diverse as turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Quincy Yacht Club records to Connecticut DMV 1962 registration files have narrowed the boat to three Crosby-built possibilities: **MARVEL** (built 1892); **ELAINE** (Built 1890) or a third, Herb F Crosby catboat (nameless thus far) built in 1905. All apparently qualify as D-Class racers. Due to the uncertainty of her pedigree, the officers of the newly formed **Catboat Preservation Foundation** (boat owners) have decided to temporarily rechristen her **SUSPECT**... We *suspect* she is one of the above D-Cats but will continue to sail her under her new name until research confirms her pedigree. The practically new sail that we plan to use this season, branded with an enormous letter "**S**", was fabricated in the 1990's when the boat was known as **SUNNYSIDE**. For this reason alone, **SUSPECT** seemed appropriate. I hope you agree.

Thank you all again for your continuing support and patience. We hope to see this old girl proudly cutting through the waves in Westport and South Coast waters late June into the Fall. Stay tuned.

Again, please share our restoration adventure with those in your network. As before donations welcomed via our GoGetFunding web site:

<https://gogetfunding.com/marvel-an-historic-boat-restoration-project>

... or directly by check to Conway c/o MARVEL to Box 46, Westpoint Point, MA 02791

-John Conway

P.S. Apologies for the inability to play YouTube videos in the previous Update. We are working to fix the problem that keeps turning them into private content. We suspect that the word MARVEL in their titles is triggering a DISNEY-MARVEL STUDIOS copyright infringement prompt. -jc