



MARVEL Restoration Project

June 2022 Relaunch Update

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Happy Summer! After a frustrating year of delays, we finally have very encouraging news to report. If all goes according to plan, **MARVEL** will be relaunched this month. (!) We are currently targeting June 15th. Watch for email updates on this and other re-launch events over the next two weeks. Fingers crossed.

The most recent delay occurred when the designer of her new, space-age centerboard, master shipwright George Schuld, contracted Covid-19. As a result, the installation of the board and its winching hardware, scheduled for April, awaited George's recovery. Good news, he recovered in May, came in from New Jersey and, after an unexpected boatyard development, installed the board on the 31st. In order to insert the board from the bottom of the boat into the centerboard trunk we needed to have her raised by four feet. We met with Tripp's Boatyard a month ago to arrange this, provided them with weekly updates and were assured all would be ready for the lift. On the 31st we were told they could not do this, *if at all*, for another two weeks. Frustrated beyond belief George and I resolved the problem by excavating a four-foot-deep trench beneath the boat. This gave us the clearance needed to slip the board home. You can't make this stiff up.

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show how we accomplished this.



Fig. 1: Board & Trench



Fig. 2: Board in Trunk

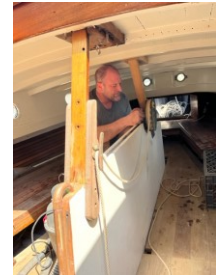


Fig. 3: George rigging the winch

Log into the following Youtube links to view videos of how the board is raised and lowered

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzExQMhXQaU>

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Ph8vaxaMpOQ>

So where do we go from here? As described in our Winter update, now that her board and winch are in, **MARVEL** will be reassembled, and her new electronics (radio, GPS and depth sounder) installed and tested. Her relaunch will follow a two-step process. The first step would involve launching and testing the boat without installing her mast, spars and sail. This will allow us to conduct tests to make certain she is watertight; her engine and systems are completely functional and that she is seaworthy. Once these tests are complete, we will install everything necessary that makes her a racing and sailing Class-D catboat. Rigged, we will be able to test her standing and running rigging and rigging hardware to assure they are correctly placed and sound. We will also be experimenting with and installing the appropriate amount of ballast to determine how best to make her handle under various points of sail.

We continue to hold out our hands for funding support. Google the **MARVEL, An Historic Boat Restoration Project** GoGetFunding site to donate. Or you can send checks directly to the P.O. Box listed above made out to J. Conway c/o **MARVEL**. Donations will be retroactively tax deductible with the launch of the pending **MARVEL Catboat Preservation Foundation** (a Non-Profit Organization) in July. As always, a donation of \$250 guarantees a lunch cruise for up to six (6) passengers.