

Restoration of Makoto by Scott Andrews

Some of you may be familiar with CYA Commodore Larry Benson's 34' Stephens, Woodrow. Scott Andrews and Susan Takami purchased her from Larry in 2009 and shipped her from the Seattle area back to the bay area.

She has been undergoing a major refit and repower at



Rutherford's Boat Shop in Richmond, CA. The relaunch is planned for February and at the renaming ceremony, her previous name Woodrow will be retired. She will be officially rechristened Makoto following this latest

refit. Makoto means sincerity in Japanese. Makoto was built at the Stephens yard in Stockton in 1929. She is one of seven built. We believe that only four of the seven remain: Killara (berthed next to Makoto in Petaluma), Skal (last seen being repowered at the Napa Valley Marina), and Unde Roy (residing in Maine). It is unclear exactly when she found her way to the Seat-

tle area, but a plaque that has apparently always been onboard memorializes her participation in the flotilla celebrating the opening day of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in 1936, so she was here at least until that time.

Restoring the interior we found lots of mint green paint under the many layers, which apparently was applied by the Navy during the war. We have photos



of her from the 80's where she was painted white all over. The photos below show the painful process of recovering the real look of her beams. The center photo shows the millions of small flecks of green Navy paint in the grain of the beams. We carefully scoured this all out, and then refinished all of the beams. We also completely refinished the overhead, and stripped and refin-

ished the cabin bright work.

of the old engine. We are also replacing the transom



When we purchased her, the survey noted some important structural issues with the keel and horn timber. We also knew that the engine was much too

and completely rewiring her. This should see her through the next 80 years! We look forward to having her back in the water and participating in many of this year's CYA events.

For a detailed account of the project Google

large for the boat, causing her to sit low at the back, and off her lines. In addition to this major structural work, we are repowering her with a Yanmar diesel that is half the weight

"Woodenboat Forum 1929 Stephens Cruiser".

