

GRETA HISTORY

1956 Matthews 42 Convertible Sedan hull #74610WA History

The Gregory Boat Company, Detroit Michigan ordered a 1957 model year 42' Convertible Sedan in January 1956. (Gregory Boat Co. was founded in 1906 selling boats, marine equipment and operated a marina/storage facility until 2016.)

- Twin Chrysler V8 engines
- June 1956 changed hull #74610WA's interior plan to "Plan E"
- Completed boat delivered August 1956 to Gregory Boat Co.

Ownership records between 1957 and 1981 have not been found. Based on the USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) records, hull # 74610WA was not documented until 1981. The name "HEXE" is referenced prior to documentation.

August 1981 hull #74610WA is documented as "Gold Dust" in Seattle with USCG Documentation number 510994.

(At some point a fiberglass flybridge and upper helm station were added.)

74610WA is sold to new owners in Seattle in March 1983. Based on the date of the engine's manufacture, 74610WA is repowered with twin Crusader C454 C.I.D. engines and Borg Warner "Velvet Drive" reduction gears in the early 90's. November 1994 a loan is paid off and 74610WA is removed from documentation "per owner's request". The owner's move 74610WA to Ketchikan Alaska.

74610WA is sold to new owners in Ketchikan September 1995 and appears to have been returned to USCG documentation.

In August 2000 74610WA is sold to new owners, moved to Seattle, and renamed "Doc Freeman's".

In March of 2003, 74610WA, "Doc Freeman's" is sold to Bill Buck of Seattle and renamed "Greta". Bill initiates a significant repair/resto mod (modifications to interior only) project. Repair and restoration (to a more original look) work is performed in Seattle (by Jenson Motor Boat Co. and Bill Buck) and Port Townsend. The exterior is slightly modified by adding Wilcox Crittenden davits. The interior is opened up by modifying the bulkhead above the dinette. All surfaces are brought up to "as new" condition. A substantial rewiring and re-plumbing is completed. (Bill Buck's work is documented at www.vintagematthews.com)

In April 2023 "Greta" is purchased by Martin and Judy DeYoung and moved to Port Ludlow.