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**FREE 1968 VIKING SPORTFISHER.** Back in May of 2009, Len P. alerted Bone Yard Boats to the dire situation with the 1951 Chris Craft 54' submerged at the dock at the Murgale Marina in Glen Burnie, MD. Initially listed as a 1950 50-footer, that Chris Craft was pictured on the back of the Summer '09 issue, complete with scuba diver on her cabin roof. By the time the Fall '09 issue went to print, I was able to report that a Bone Yard Boats subscriber had determined that this vessel was, in fact, the boat that belonged to his grandfather in the 1950's and 60's. This BYB subscriber is now in the process of rescuing his family's long lost Chris Craft.

Well, Len P. brings another vessel to the attention of the Bone Yard Boats crew – a 1968 Viking Sportfisher: "This is the marina that you helped out over Hull #1, 1950 Chris Craft Sea Queen. They are ready to raise and restore her, thanks to you! Now I have something a lil newer – a 1968 Viking Sport Fish, free for one of your readers. Her hull is sound, and in need of power. Her paint's peeled, and it would be a shame for her to end up in the chipper."

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"The power was removed, 318 Chrys with 1:91 gears; the props and shafts are awaiting their new mates for power. The worst spot is the cabin corner port side. It would truly be a crime to have to dispose of her. The former owner has left the country, and I will provide MD title DNR paperwork per 8-722 for the person who takes possession from us. It would make someone a very nice classic vessel. I did have the chance to run her back in '02 and she rode well... She was truly a joy to run back in her day." The boat is at the Murgale Marina, 864 Nabbs Creek Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (xxx-xxx-xxxx). Contact Len at xxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx (email is best). Asking: **FREE TO A GOOD HOME.** Check out the color photo on the BYB website.

## 1916 SEA BIRD YAWL 26' – LADY GWENDOLINE



**1916 SEA BIRD YAWL 26'.** Owner says, "LADY was built in the beginning of the 1900's and launched in 1916 off the mud flats of Los Angeles Harbor, California. Her builder was Robert Lee, member of the LA Yacht Club with membership #17. I found her in the late 1950's dying in an old boat yard named Hanchets, later on changed to Cabrillo Boat Yard & Storage. I was in middle school... (Continued on Page 8.)"

## 1955 CHRIS CRAFT COMMANDER 37' – HULL #1



**1955 CHRIS CRAFT COMMANDER 37'.** Hull Number 1. Owner says, "We bought the Commander with the intention of restoring her. Life changed those circumstances, so we would like to sell her to someone who would enjoy her. She is 37 feet in length and has a beam of 11 feet. The interior was removed because of the poor condition and to make it easier to restore the hull. We removed most of the caulking below the water line and were just going to begin the process of replacing boards on the hull. We have all the interior trim pieces with hull number one stamped on the back, the bell, all the gauges, and stainless exterior trim. We also have the... (Continued on Page 8.)"