



FROM THE MASTHEAD

Sailing News from Sailboats Northwest – December / 1990

OFFSHORE WITH THE HUNTER 35.5!!



On June 15, 1990, Jim Bankson and Gary Baillargeon set sail for Hawaii from the gas dock at Shilshole Marina. The trip was to take them down the coast to San Francisco and from there on July 3, to Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club, on Oahu. The weather ranged from 50 knot winds and 20' seas to light 10k winds and calm seas. Gary and Jim were doublehanding in the West Marine Pacific Cup.

How did the boat perform?

According to Jim the boat handled beautifully in "all conditions," in particular the heavy weather leg through the straits of San Juan de Fuca and down the coast. The fractional rig with single line reefing was "very easy to work with" and handled the 30+ knots of true wind they experienced out the straits with a triple reef and #3 genoa.

Incidentally, the boat was essentially stock with a Hood L.D. roller furler and stock fittings throughout. The winches

were upgraded and Navtec rod rigging used for the shrouds (at a cost of \$250). Although the Navtec was originally thought not to be needed, Jim decided to go with it for the added aerodynamics and less weight aloft it presented. Several times during the trip down huge breaking seas bore down on them from astern. The 35.5 would lift her stern and take off down the wave staying high and dry while maintaining perfect control.

In the 50 knot wind conditions they experienced at no time did the duo feel threatened or out of control. Twice while in the midst of this storm they broached on a huge breaking sea. These broaches happened at night when they weren't able to see the onrushing coamers. The boat fell right off the next wave and continued on down the coast.

The race to Hawaii was an anticlimax for them both. After the start they were plagued by light winds for three days and then the sleigh ride began.

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GREAT HUNTER FINANCING PACKAGES

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NEW MOORINGS

The Annapolis 1990 International Sailboat Show saw the debut of the new Moorings 433. She was a great hit at the show and a triumph for Hunter Marine. The new 433 will be marketed by Hunter as the Legend 43, distributed via their international network of dealers. The first yachts of the 50 boat order will be in service by November at various Moorings charter locations. To arrange for a great charter experience, contact The Moorings at 1-800-633-7348.

BE A PART OF THE BOAT SHOW!

Sailboats Northwest is looking for volunteers to help staff the Kingdome Boat Show. Show dates are January 18 through the 27th. The benefits are great – free boat show tickets, sore feet, sore throat, and the smell of sox. Last year over 10,000 people visited the Hunter display prompting us to ask for help. We just need three hours of your time – remember the benefits *are* great and it's a good time. Please call to volunteer, 285-1100.

HUNTER OWNERS CLUB FOUNDED

It's a soft summer evening and all the folks are gathering around the front porch sippin' lemonade and talkin' to passers-by. And where are the youngin's? Well, they're all wrapped around Bubba's newly refurbished Ford pickem-up truck, hood in the air, hands jabbin' gestures of *ooh* and *aah* at all the double chrome dipped venturi dip sticks and waterskis mackskis nuts. Nice if you gotta truck, but what do you do if you have a tupperware tub with a stick on it. Or better yet a brand new or brandly new Hunter, Vision, or Legend?

First off, you scrub her from stem to stern, polish her up, varnish the teak, and join the new Pacific Northwest Hunter Owners and Sailing Association. We will listen to your stories, we will *ooh* and *aah* and rapture you with a few yarns of our own. The PNHOSA (an interim name for sure) was formally organized at the Sailboats and Chris Craft Yachts Northwest sponsored 1990 Hunter Rendezvous at Port Ludlow last August.

We have a Board of Directors with John Bange serving as Commodore and Gary Kilgore as Vice Commodore .

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Sailboats Northwest will be our sponsoring Hunter dealer providing a lot of moral and some financial support. Down the line we will have to establish formal procedures for funding our association.

Our immediate plans are to complete a list of interested Hunter owners, have informative potluck dinner meetings, get better organized, and schedule two Hunter rendezvous for 1991. If you are interested,

want more information, or just want to hang around and look at lifted engine room hatches, write:

G.A. Kilgore
P.O. Box 95712
Seattle, WA 98145

or leave a message with Sailboats Northwest at 285-1100.

ANOTHER CHILD CONTINUED

Although initially they took the spinaker down at night, they quickly revised that scheme when the competition started catching up. The chute went up and stayed up 24 hours a day. The 35.5 maintained her lead. Jim and Gary had lead the doublehanded division the entire race and had also managed to defeat 27 fully crewed boats to correct out 17th overall and first in class.

How fast is “Another Child”?

Her fastest run was 22 miles in 1 hour 40 minutes and a 210 mile day. The boat would reach at 8.9 knots consistently and surf up to 15 knots. Of course these speeds came with a race prepared bottom. All the through hulls were faired in. Over 160 hours of labor went into sanding and smoothing the bottom for racing. A Martec folding prop was installed and navigation gear placed aboard. A third reef was put in the Main. All the turning blocks, travellers, genoa tracks, forestay, backstay, etc. were box stock from Hunter Marine.

There were *no* failures on stock items. The after market boom vang failed in the dead of night somewhere around Crescent City, California and several screws loosened in the gooseneck, and the spreader boots which weren't taped securely went away. That was it!! Tons of wind, lots of ocean, a first place trophy and the experience of a lifetime.

Would they do it again?

Suffice to say: Plans are already being made for 1992.

Another Child Sold

Lloyd Mathison of Tacoma will campaign her on Puget Sound.

COCKPIT ENCLOSURE SALE



SBNW has negotiated a great price on cockpit enclosures—a great place to be on a cold winter's day passage. Mike Straub of Freestyle Canvas has given us a \$200 discount to pass on to all Hunter owners; the special price is \$1,395. Call Mike at 789-4513 or SBNW to arrange an installation time.