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BOAT OF THE MONTH

1929 20' Dodge Boat Works Split cockpit runabout



Asking price \$59,500.00

Professionally restored including replaced bottom. This is a rare surviving example with twin windshields and bright cutwater and trim. This boat is featured in *Dodge Boats* by Tony Mollica. Engine is a Chrysler 93 hp and comes on a trailer.

***Additional pictures below**

The above boat is in our showroom for your personal inspection

SUMMER ACTIVITIES/BOAT SHOWS

CLAYTON, NY – August 5th – 7th

41st Annual Antique Boat Show and Auction at the Antique Boat Museum.

BUCKEYE LAKE, OH - August 12th – 13TH

26TH Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

HESSEL, MI - August 13th

This is one of the best boat shows in the Midwest. Be sure to bring a boat, as it is a wonderful place to do some exploring. Room reservations are difficult in either Hessel or Cedarville. We would suggest St. Ignace or Mackinaw City.

SWELLING YOUR BOAT

We are frequently asked about how to swell one's boat—

There are several methods—some good and some not quite as good:

1. The best method is to have the boat left hanging in the water by its lifting rings for as long as necessary. This is the method used by many of the old marinas.
2. The next best method would be to get your boat onto a boatlift. This assumes that the distance between the launch ramp and your boatlift is not so great as to lose your boat.
3. If you have the time, take your boat to the launch ramp on a weekday and launch it keeping the trailer underneath or at least nearby.
4. Drape the boat with plastic from the water line down. Then, place a sprinkler hose underneath the bottom of the boat. If this is done over a shady, grassy area, it seems to help.

Note that all of the above systems apply water to the exterior of the boat, which puts pressure in an upward direction on all of the bottom planks. There are several systems that get moisture into the bottom by applying weight/pressure from the inside:

1. Put a garden hose into the boat and let it run. Note, drain plug should be in and battery disconnected from the bilge pump. You should not let the water accumulate more than 3-4 inches above the keel. If the boat is on a trailer when doing this, change the angle of the trailer by using the tongue jack.
2. Draping a lawn sprinkler hose around the inside of the boat at the chine. Let the water run until it accumulates 3-4 inches at the keel.

The best way to handle a “leaky bottom” is to have a new “no soak” bottom installed. Not only is boating more enjoyable, but the value of your boat will increase about the same amount as the cost to install the new bottom.



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