

# THE NORDIC TUG OWNERS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2012



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## Rendezvous Around the Country

**Southeast Area:** The 2012 SENTOA Rendezvous was held April 17-20, in St. Augustine, Florida. Check the SENTOA web site for post 'vous information [www.sentoa.org](http://www.sentoa.org)

**Northeast Area:** The 12th annual NENTOA rendezvous is scheduled for **July 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at **Essex Island Marina** on the beautiful Connecticut River. Following the Rendezvous will be a cruise to many great Northeast ports. This rendezvous is a jam-packed 3 days of camaraderie, learning and fun. For more information, contact **Dick Seymour**, NENTOA Commodore, at [reelmagic@optimum.net](mailto:reelmagic@optimum.net) Check their web site [www.nentoa.org](http://www.nentoa.org) for the schedule of events and cruise float plans

**Great Lakes Area:** The 2013 GLANTOA Rendezvous will be held in **St. Ignace, Michigan** on **June 21-23, 2012** For more information, contact Dave Jones, 269-760-8869 or [senojev@aol.com](mailto:senojev@aol.com) Check the group's website: [www.glantoa.com/](http://www.glantoa.com/) for more details.

**Southern California Area:** The 2012 Southern California Nordic Tugs rendezvous is planned for September 14 – 15, 2012, beginning in Dana Point and cruising on to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. For further information or to be added to the emailing list for the event, contact Frank Johns at: [sdjohnsfam@gmail.com](mailto:sdjohnsfam@gmail.com)

**San Francisco Bay Area:** The 2012 SFBANTA Rendezvous will be held at the Pittsburg Marina May 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be interesting programs, good food, great dock time socializing and more...For more information, go to [www.sfbanta.org/2012\\_rendezvous/2012\\_rendevo\\_us\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.sfbanta.org/2012_rendezvous/2012_rendevo_us_flyer.pdf)

**Mid Atlantic Area:** The Mid Atlantic Nordic Tug Rendezvous will be June 3-6, 2012 at Baltimore's Inner Harbor West Marina (think Rusty Scupper). We have a GREAT itinerary planned and good times await! Email Cary Lukens at [cary@sailyard.com](mailto:cary@sailyard.com) for more info or click on this link:

<http://www.sailyard.com/images/pdf/nordic%20tug.pdf>

**Northwest Area:** The **Pacific Northwest Nordic Tug Owners Association Rendezvous** (PaNNTOA) will be held at the Point Hudson Marina in Port Townsend, WA June 14-17, 2012. For a registration form and schedule of events contact Charlie Billings, [ceb@oz.net](mailto:ceb@oz.net)

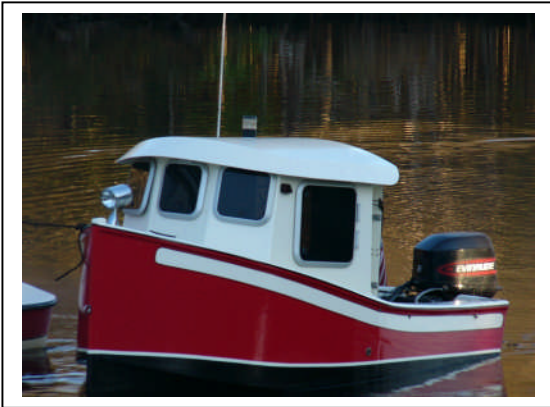
## Important notice

This will be my last Newsletter as editor. As you all may know, it takes time to put these things together. I find I have less free time than I'd like to have, what with other obligations. Since the last Newsletter publication, I have received only one contribution for inclusion in this issue (the 59<sup>th</sup> issue, by the way). The rest of the content has been gleaned from sources that are readily available on the web or via the Sentoa Listserv. Most areas of the country are represented by area owners' associations which have their own newsletters and member information on their specific area web sites. In addition to the area web sites, there is the "Nordic Tug Owners' Web Site" at [www.nordictugowners.com](http://www.nordictugowners.com) that has links to all area sites, the Nordic Tug Newsletter archives dating back to 1981, a partially completed photo album of all of the various sizes of Nordic Tugs, as well as the Nordic Tug Fleet List (which I will continue to update as I receive owner updates). If there is someone who would like to continue with the publication of this Newsletter, please let me know ([ceb@oz.net](mailto:ceb@oz.net)), and I'll help you get started. Happy tuggin',  
Charlie Billings

## IDEAS, ODDS & ENDS, & FOR SALE

### Mini-Tugs

For those of you who would like to have a mini-tug as a tender for your Nordic Tug, check out the following web site - <http://www.berkeley-engineering.com/Perfect10.html> **Bill Keltner, TUGNACIOUS, 37-022** has a “mini-10 Tug” which he calls his “chick magnet” (don’t tell his wife). The tug has a VHF radio and full instrumentation. The inside is quit roomy and will hold 2 adults and 2 kids. With a half empty tank of fuel, the little tug will do almost 30 knots. Bill reports the mini-tug tows very well, as he experienced on a trip to the Keys (a distance of about 300 miles) with no problems at all...even in some “rough water”.



Mini-tug with 35 hp outboard for power....perhaps a bit of overkill, but lots of fun.



How about that! Santa makes “tug calls”.

## Items for sale, trade, free, or whatever

The following items were removed from **TOOT SWEET, 32-021**, a 1988 Nordic Tug.

- Complete Cruisair air conditioning system. Told it works, but never tried it. \$200 obo
- Furuno LS6000 sounder and transom mount transducer. \$25 obo
- Morse MT2 single engine control. You want it, it’s yours!
- 2 Racor 2010 filter elements. Free to good home.
- Deep original galley sink. Free or will trade for Mercedes.
- Super heavy stainless bow roller/pulpit assembly. \$25 obo
- Complete oval aluminum cockpit hatch assembly with frame. Free if you can fit through it.
- Noland N18341 serial multiplexer. \$20 or whatever.

The above items are located in Republic, WA but can be transported by us to Everett, WA. Or we can ship them anywhere. Contact [Norm.Lehmer@gmail](mailto:Norm.Lehmer@gmail.com) if interested in any of them.

### Interior Teak Maintenance

Bob Shamek from the NT Factory reports:  
For a new part I would apply 3 coats of teak oil. We use Dalys Seafin teak oil. West Marine sells it. Wet sand teak with 320 grit and teak oil let stand for 5 to ten minutes wipe off excess teak oil then let dry. Repeat using 500 grit then 800 or 1000 grit wipe clean after each sanding. If you do not wipe excess oil off completely you will need to sand it out another time. After the oil dries you can buff the finish for higher gloss. Drying time will vary with temperature and humidity. Just make sure you let it dry between coats. New teak will never look like your original teak until it fades out if it is darker. If it is lighter it will always be lighter as teak lightens in sun light. If anyone has further question drop me a note at: [bobs@nordictugs.com](mailto:bobs@nordictugs.com)

### WINTER TUG COVER FOR SALE

I recently bought 32-157 in Annapolis and moved her south to Florida. She came with a winter cover which I won't need. It is nicely bundled and appears to be in very good condition. It was new in 2007, so it was only used for 3 or 4 years. My 32 has a radar dome and rails around the deck over the saloon. The original invoice shows a price of \$2700. It needs a ridge frame which is not included. I don't know what it is worth, but if anyone is interested, let's talk.

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 727-385-8100

### Impromptu NT Gathering

We're looking for other Nordic Tug Owners interested in a FUN get together on the Illinois River at Heritage Harbor on the Starved Rock Pool. Heritage Harbor is a new resort community with its own Harbor with great grounds, food, fuel, single well slips, with water electric and pump-out! Heritage Harbor was just listed as Illinois' best with great people and amenities.

Best of all they love NORDIC TUGS! Depending on number of responses I will speak to them about discounts. Date is still open 'till I hear from more people. Nothing fancy just fun for tug owners!  
**Fred & Marilyn Ferber, LADY M, 32-075**  
[fjf307@aol.com](mailto:fjf307@aol.com)

### DC ELECTRICAL PARTS

**Peter Shaughnessy, Invictus 32-101**, reports good mail-order service and good prices for electrical parts from a company in Georgia:  
<http://shop.genuinedealz.com/>

**Herb Nickles, Snorri, 32-225** notes that while most OEM DC electrical parts (panels, breakers, terminal blocks, etc) are from Blue Seas, tuggers can purchase similar products from Radio Shack. The parts from Radio Shack are rated for lower voltage loads than the Blue Sea Systems, but are fine for 12 volt circuits not exceeding 15 amps.  
<http://www.radioshack.com/product/index.jsp?productId=2103229>

**Bob Shamek** at the factory reports, "The black plastic multiple pin connectors used in Nordic Tugs are made by Delphi. We have a large stock at (cont.)

Nordic Tugs if you can't locate any in your area. The pins and plugs require a special crimp tool."

Editor's note – Small D-Sub connectors crimp tool may be available from Radio Shack P/N 276-1595 – be sure to double check the pin size.

### Prop Wanted

**Mac Lindsay, Lily B, 26-120** is looking for a 18x17 (right hand) prop. If you have one for sale, contact Mac at [maclindsay@telus.net](mailto:maclindsay@telus.net)

### PARTNER WANTED

If you're in the Pacific Northwest, and would like to have a partnership in a 26' Nordic Tug, contact **Chuck Leavitt, SEAHORSE, 26-112** at [cleavitt@whidbey.com](mailto:cleavitt@whidbey.com) Chuck's eyesight has deteriorated to the point that he is now legally blind, but does not wish to give up boating. He is looking for a 50% partnership. Experience is not necessary as he is willing to share 60 years of boating experience and 31 years of active participation in the USCG Auxiliary and his Senior Grade membership in the US Power Squadron.

### Storage Solutions

**Linda Vanaman, MERCY, 37-057** has a suggestion if you are one of those types who store supplies under the cockpit, or even aft of the transom on the 37/39's:

Rubbermaid Commercial Products makes a "Heavy Duty Bus Box" (as in clearing restaurant tables) that are heavy duty gray plastic containers that measure approx. 21" x 17" x 7" at the top, slightly less on the bottom. They fit PERFECTLY between the stringers! I keep bleach, soap products, engine oil, lines, and misc spare parts stored under the deck, prevented from shifting or spilling by these containers. I bought mine in 2-pks from Sam's Wholesale Club in their restaurant items department, though I'm sure you can find them from multiple vendors.