



PATROL TORPEDO FAST 3

Restoration Project

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PROGRESS

PTF – 3 is sitting a little bit higher than usual, two weeks ago the hull was raised 12 inches to provide additional work space for those working under the hull. Tom Youngblood & Sons building movers and the Restoration Crew made short work of the lift, starting around 8am, we started digging holes under the keel to allow room for the hydraulic jacks. Cribbing was placed around the jacks and C-channel steel was placed under the keel, on top of the jacks for support. Additional steel was placed under the chine on each side to provide balance for the hull.

Each jack was pressurized and adjusted, then they were connected in zones, one for the keel and one for each side, once everything was set, the boat was raised one inch. Minor adjustments were made to line up all the jacks under the keel, then the boat was raised 6 more inches. Cribbing was repositioned under the boat to check any settling, then the boat was raised 5 more inches for a total height of 12 inches, a final round of cribbing was used to block up the boat. The boat was lowered half an inch to settle it on the new cribbing and jacks were bled down, and the pickup began, we were done, all told it took about 4 hours.

We had not been able to tackle work on sections of the keel and part of the bottom due to the interference of the steel sub frame. Now we will be able to remove the remaining bottom coating, one of the issues has been the amount dust created and fogging out other crew members. We have very few grinders that will work and we have found a shroud to cover the tool and vacuum out the dust. Work has moved inside as new wood is sealed with epoxy and the old planking is being sanded then sealed, all will receive a fresh coat of white paint. Several of the section bulkheads have been sanded of all paint as well as planking side walls and bottom boards, this is tedious and dirty work and doesn't show from the outside.

We mentioned last month that we are planning to travel to Chesapeake, Virginia to remove hardware from the one remaining PTF Nasty Class Boat. It has been sold to an individual in California to be converted as a yacht. The boat is complete and was in running condition up until a few of years ago, as with all of the surviving boats there seems to be an issue of the hull number. The new owner said he sanded down some paint on the bridge and found the identification of PTF 10, we have understood that the boat is PTF 18. We will know for sure when we crawl through the boat, most of the fuel tanks and other hardware that was serviced at The Subic Repair Facility have metal tags that identify the repair shop at SRF, the tags will bear the boat's hull number.

We have worked out a donation of gun mounts, ammo boxes and other equipment from the new owner, Neal Kaplan will get a head start on the recovery project with the rest of the team arriving on site 14th through the 17th of November. We will have access to virtually everything from the engineers space forward, the plan is to recover as much

as possible, six members of our crew are traveling to Virginia with 2 trucks, a van, and 2 trailers along with the required tools. This is the last PTF Boat at Chesapeake Yachts, once this moves to California, that's it. This is our last chance to retrieve original hardware from the Nasty Class series of PTF Boats, so we have to make the most of it. Anyone near Chesapeake, Virginia and wants to help, can call me at 800/ 694-7161 or at my cell phone 386/ 747-8275 when we are in Virginia.

We located gun mounts pintles and receivers for the M60 Machine Guns that are to be mounted on the bridge and M23 cradles for M2HB Browning .50 cal. One dummy M60 Machine Gun is in house and the second one that we need is in the mail, all of the goodies are scheduled for Friday, hopefully we can have them on the bridge for the Veterans Day Parade. M23 cradles can be modified to accept 20mm or be used as designed, 20mm and .50cal were swapped out as missions required.

SCROUNGE DEPT-

Aerial Gun Sights for the 40mm BOFORS Anti-Aircraft and 20mm Orlikean deck guns are the subject of our latest scrounge effort, the sights have the appearance of a giant fly swatter that are usually seen on the World War 2 Memorial Ships. Our 40mm has optical sights with a range calculator, we are concerned that they will not hold up to the constant outdoor use, and the open aerial sights would be historically correct for the boat. We are still looking for 20mm Orlikeans and their deck mounts, they will be positioned on each side of the bridge. If you locate any of these items or anything that might be of use for the PT Boat, please let us know.

LOOKING AHEAD

VETERANS DAY PARADE – DeLand, FL. 8 Nov 2008, the all day celebration will begin at 8am and run to 3pm with a parade starting at 11am. Hosted by the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum and DeLand Mainstreet Association, the all day event and the 10th Annual Parade honors Veterans of all Wars, each branch will have Headquarters at different locations on Mainstreet. We are searching for military vehicles, static displays and re-enactors representing all of U.S. history, all will be located on the historic brick streets of DeLand.

Presently, we have Charlie Price WW2, Korea and SF VietNam, former head of The Florida Dept of Veterans Affairs; Bill Adams PTF Director of Operations OPLAN 34A; Master Chief Bill Moreo PTF 3; Gunners Mate Blas Mojica PTF 3; Gunners Mate John Rapp PTF 3; Gunners Mate Don Groenewald PTF 3; EN-2 Charles R. Sheppard and EN Robert Mandt PTF – Little Creek; are planning to ride the Bridge and 40mm BOFORS. The Restoration Crew and supporters will be on the float just before the Bridge and Robert CB Weeks is bringing his M60 equipped M151 'MUTT' to pull the 40mm in the parade. On completion of the parade the equipment will be displayed downtown till 3pm.

One of the big areas of future concern is our need for a Marine Electrical Engineer to set up the wiring and a Marine Pipe Fitter to plumb the boat. We have to locate new potable water and waste water tanks then fit in the associated piping. Even though the historical aspect of the boat is being retained we still have to be concerned with environmental rules regarding waste water. While we have many skilled crew members working on the boat, everyone is beginning to be spread too thin and we are close to the point of having to work in parallel.

HISTORICAL

We are in the process of building of the historic record of PTF 3 and are seeking photos and history of the boat and / or the early series of Nasty Class Boats # 3 – 8 that have the early below deck configuration. This will assist greatly in recreating features of the boat that will be as historically accurate as possible. Much of this material will be housed with the boat and copies will be on permanent file with The Florida Bureau of Historic Preservation. A photographic record of the restoration is an ongoing effort that will document the process of restoring the PT Boat as well as building up a library of historical photos, architectural drawings and interviews with veteran crewmembers all of which will become part of the continuing history of PTF 3.

MONEY TREE

The Project can be reached at Phone No. 800/ 694-7161 and at our E-Mail: ptf3restore@embarqmail.com , Jack Waples, our fund Coordinator can be reached at E-Mail: rjwaples@cfl.rr.com .

DONATION CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO THE PTF 3 FUND AND MAILED TO

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IF ANYONE HAS A LINE ON A GRANT PROGRAM, WE FALL UNDER MUSEUMS, YOUTH PROGRAM AND YOUTH EDUCATION. WE NEED PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS.

FOR ANY PARTY WISHING TO DONATE, PTF 3 RESTORATION PROJECT IS A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT 501 C3 ORGANIZATION, DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE.

ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND CURRENT PHOTOS OF RECENT EFFORTS CAN BE FOUND AT www.ptfnasty.com

FEEDBACK - PLEASE SEND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS TO BOB MCCRAY AT ptf3restore@embarqmail.com .

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