

Welcome to Downeasteryachts.com

I actually had more spare time on my hands than I thought and got the site up and running with all the old data and information that I could find on the web. I started this when I found the old websites for the Downeaster yachts had disappeared. If you are a Downeaster owner and have any information not on here, I would love to have you submit it to me, or point me in its direction. I hope the website to be a comprehensive resource for owners of any of the Downeaster yachts. I have used the Internet Archive to recover some of the information from the old websites that people had submitted over the years and have posted here under "Old Website Information". If you are the owner of one of these old articles, and do not wish it to be listed here, let me know and I will remove it. Conversely, if you are the owner and wish to resubmit it in complete form with photos I would be very happy to have you do so.

I have included a forum on the site here. I know that there is another Downeaster forum at <http://downeasteryachts.yuku.com/directory>. However, it seems to be mostly unused anymore. I posted on there a few weeks ago, and I noticed someone else had posted a question recently. Neither post has been replied to as of this morning. It leads me to think that the site is mostly dead. I don't intend to step on anyone's toes that has been maintaining the forum. I thought that a forum integrated into the website where this information is being consolidated might generate more activity by other owners of these boats.

One of my goals here is to have this not be so much my website as a community website with many people contributing information, with the core of it being technical information. However, I would also like to see this used as a central social site for owners of Downeasters to meet and talk. The forum component is expressly designed for this. I am also thinking about letting other members have the ability to add pages and posts to the main website with me just maintaining an overall control on layout to keep information easy to find and topical for the area of the website where the information is posted.

As you will notice, the home page is a chronological list of posts. I envision keeping it like this as it will present an ever changing homepage that everyone will be able to visit easily. The content would be notices of changes to the website and articles by members of voyages they have made on their boats, or other Downeaster related material. Stuff, that is very technical that would be good reference for other owners, will be copied, or moved to one of the static web pages so that it is readily available to everyone without having to search through a long list of posts. I would like to create categories by boat name for all the members that post like this and when you create a post, set the category to your boat name. This way, people wanting to see a chronological listing of articles about your boat can do so.

Many owners have websites or blogs of your own. I would encourage you to cross post stories and such here as well as on your blog to help foster a new interactive community of owners and enthusiasts.

Welcome to the new Downeasteryachts.com website.

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