

Classy lady looking for a good home...

Time to time we run across a boat that we believe worthy of investing in for a future restoration. We've purchased some runabouts over the years, and more recently a few utilities which are becoming more and more popular due to their user-friendliness.

We ran across this 1947 22' Chris-Craft Sportsman (U-22) a while back and tucked her into our storage building with the idea of bringing her out for a complete makeover 'down the road'. As we move boats in and out of our storage weekly we always see this sad and lonely gal sitting on her trailer like a puppy behind a cage with those big brown eyes pleading, 'hey...why not take me?' The guys said we should either restore her or sell her to someone who will. So, that's where I am with this 'Golden Pond' classic. It will be a few more years before we get to her and for that reason I've decided to let her go.

We're putting her up for sale at a bargain price with hopes that someone will bring her back to the 'beautiful lady' status she so rightfully deserves. If you've been considering a popular post-war utility perhaps this one will fit your bill.

She's a complete boat with the exception of a few important, but available items. She has no engine, but there are several sources for the Chrysler and M-series Hercules engines. If it were me I would go with the M-series. The gauges are also missing, but I have a source for those as well. That's it. Everything else is there including a new correct-looking aluminum fuel tank from Rayco. Most of the bottom structure has already been replaced...keel, chines, gripe, stem, and framework. So that work is already done. She needs new bottom planks, decks, sides, transom, chrome, flooring, and upholstery.

We're selling her for \$3,500, which includes an older yet roadworthy tandem trailer. A pretty good deal by any standard. These U-22s are one of the most popular classic models ever produced and make great all-around boats. You can restore her yourself or work with us on her restoration; either way is fine with us...we just want to see her brought back to life.

Give me a call or shoot me an email if you think she's something you'd be interested in. Thanks for checking her out...I'm sure she appreciates it.

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