

LIST OF YACHTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1941

1 Annual No.	2 Yacht's Name. Build. Former Names.		3 Hull-Type. Rig. Sailmaker. Sails made. Sail area.		4 Register. Official No. Signal and Radio Call Letters.		5 Dimensions. in feet and inches. Length. O. A. W. L. Ex- treme Breadth. Depth.			6 Design and Build. Designer. Place and Date of Build.		7 Machinery. Description. Dimensions. Build.	8 Owner.	9 Home Port. Port of Registry.	10 Classification. Character. Port of Survey. * for Special Survey. Date of Last Survey.
772	Blue Bill Oriole II Blue Bill II Roulette VI	Wood	K RD Ratsey-Ortengren	Slp 37	210582 KLPE	—	42-2 7-1 27-8	—	5-0	Knud H. Reimers Kungsors Batvarv Kungsor, Sweden	1937	Skerry Cruiser	George H. Mackay	Nantucket, Mass.	
773	Blue Bird Parthenia Houqua	Wood	K TC Twn	Pwr	210582 KLPE	24	72-0 12-0 66-11	6-9	3-6	Matthews Company Matthews Company Port Clinton, Ohio	1911	2 Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 6 Cyl. 6½×8½ Lathrop	Henry B. Pancoast, Jr.	Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pa.	
774	Blue Bird Maudina II	Wood	K RD	Pwr	—	—	40-0 9-8 38-0	6-6	3-9	Elco Company Elco Company Bayonne, N. J.	1912 1923	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. 5½×6½ Standard	John C. Wallace, Jr.	Mantoloking, N. J.	
775	Blue Boy Dorothy M	Wood	K RD	Pwr	227825	9	35-0 9-1 34-0	4-1	3-0	N. J. Blanchard Boat Co. N. J. Blanchard Boat Co. Seattle, Wash.	1928	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 6 Cyl. Red Wing	T. G. McClanahan	Seattle Seattle, Wash.	
776	Blue Chip	Wood	K TC	Pwr	—	—	25-0 7-9 24-9	—	1-9	Chris-Craft Corp. Chris-Craft Corp. Algonac, Mich.	1935	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 6 Cyl. 3½×4½ Chrysler	William W. Klauberger	Huntington, N. Y.	
777	Blue Cock Flutterby	Wood	K RD Twn	Pwr	232280	11 17	47-0 10-6 46-3	5-3	3-0	Consolidated Ship Bldg. Corp. Consolidated Ship Bldg. Corp. Morris Heights, N. Y.	1933	2 Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 6 Cyl. 4½×6 Speedway	Walter P. Chrysler, Jr.	New York New York	
778	Blue Dolphin	Wood	K FD C&P	Aux Sch	152577	68 91	99-8 21-11 77-0	11-2	12-0	W. J. Roué Shelburne S. B. Ltd. Shelburne, N. S.	1926	Oil Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. 8½×12 Bessemer	Amory Coolidge	Gloucester Gloucester, Mass.	
779	Bluefin	Wood	K TC Paine	Aux Slp	—	—	26-6 9-2 23-5	—	5-0	Winthrop L. Warner F. S. Nock, Inc. East Greenwich, R. I.	1937	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. 2½×3½ Gray 1939	Paul C. Nicholson, Jr.	Bristol, R. I.	
780	Blue Fin II	Wood	K TC RDF Twn	Pwr	—	—	36-0 10-6 35-0	—	2-10	Consolidated Ship Bldg. Corp. Consolidated Ship Bldg. Corp. Morris Heights, N. Y.	1940	2 Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 8 Cyl. 3½×4½ Chrysler	F. W. Roebbling, III	Brielle, N. J.	
781	Bluefish	Wood	K FD Fuller	Pwr Keh	228633 WCFU	29 35	60-2 13-8 55-0	8-8	5-6	William H. Hand, Jr. William H. Hand, Jr. Fairhaven, Mass.	1929	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 6 Cyl. 6×7 Hall-Scott	Walter Clark Tilden, M. D.	Mamaroneck, N. Y. New York	
782	Blue Goddess Nachvak Esquila	Wood	K FD RDF Ratsey	Aux Cut	—	—	58-10 10-6 36-0	—	7-6	Burgess, Rigg & Morgan, Ltd. Abeking & Rasmussen Lemwerder, Germany	1927 4 mo.	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. Gray 1938 Built to Int. Rating Class 10 metres	Thomas A. Sharp 10 & 12 yrs. Mat.	Rochester, N. Y. A. S. Bos. 11.36 H.T. N.Yk. 6.34	
783	Blue Goose	Wood	K FD Griffin	Aux Sch	223724 WGFF	19 31	70-0 16-0 52-0	7-7	9-8	William H. Hand, Jr. Hodgdon Bros. East Boothbay, Me.	1924	Oil Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. 4½×6 Cummins 1939	Edward W. Freeman	Boothbay Har- bor, Me. New York	
784	Blue Goose	Wood	K RD Twn	Pwr	225550 WOQP	15 22	50-0 10-10 49-4	5-5	2-9	Fellows & Stewart, Inc. Fellows & Stewart, Inc. Wilmington, Calif.	1927	2 Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 8 Cyl. 3½×5 Chrysler	Joseph N. Carson	Wilmington Los Angeles, Calif.	
785	Blue Goose Wild Goose Catomas	Wood	K TC Beckman	Aux Cat	—	—	28-4 11-4 26-0	—	3-4	E. H. Brown E. H. Brown Taunton, Mass.	1926	Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 4 Cyl. 4½×5 Red Wing	F. Spaulding Dunbar	Chatham, Mass.	
786	Blue Heaven II	Wood	K RD Twn	Pwr	228845	23 35	55-0 13-6 54-0	5-4	3-6	Frank V. Borick Salisbury Ship Building Co. Salisbury, Md.	1929 1935	2 Gas Eng. 4 Cyc. 8 Cyl. 3½×5 Chrysler	Mrs. M. A. Wachstein	West Orange, N. J. New York	

BLUE DOLPHIN

IX65

Unclassified

528-2 Vol. 4 (3-24-42)

NAME

NO

CLASSIFICATION

NAME ASSIGNED

BUILT BY

ACQUIRED FROM

(Ex-Blue Dolphin)

ITEM	DATA	SOURCE	ITEM	DATA	SOURCE
1. Length over all			Quarters -		
Length, W. L. at			27. Junior Officers		
2. Stand. Displ.			Quarters - Warrant		
Extreme Beam, W. L.			28. Officers		
3. Stand. Displ.			29. Quarters - C P.O.		
4. Mean Draft at Stand. Displ.			Quarters - Other		
5. Standard Displacement.			30. enlisted men		
6.			Contract Price		
7. Trial Displacement.			31. (Hull & Mach.)		
8.			32. Date of Act		
9. Designed Speed.			33. Contract Signed		
Tons per inch immer-			34. Date Acquired		
10. sion Service conditions.			35. Keel laid		
Maximum Draft			36. Launched		
11. Service conditions.			37. Sponsor		
12. Smoke Pipes, No. of			Contract Date of		
13. Masts, No. of			38. Completion		
14. Propellers, No. of			39. Preliminary Acceptance		
15. Engines, Type of			40. First Commission		
16. Boilers, No. of			41. Date of Completion		
17. Boilers, Type			42. Date over age		
Turbogenerator Sets			43.		
18. No. of			44. Assigned IND - In Service in IND		
19. Type			45. Decomm. 6-28-45		
Turbogenerator Sets			46. Stricken 7-11-45		
20. D.C. or A.C.			47. Delivered WSA 9-14-45		
21. Armament			48.		
22.			49.		
23.			50.		
24.			51.		
25. Quarters - Cabin			52.		
26. Quarters - Wardroom					

Ships' Information

STATISTICS DIVISION

Name assigned 3-21-42
5282

SHEET No. _____

IX65

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

U.S.S. BLUE DOLPHIN

(ex-Blue Dolphin).

OWNER:

AMORY COOLIDGE, 160 State St., Boston, Mass

PRICE

\$1.00

Acquired

March 17, 1942

Prog Rep 4-1-42 also QSI/L4-3

Commission Lawley's Boat Yd, Neponset, Mass.

Arrived at Geo Lawley & Son Corp, Neponset, Mass - Mar 26, 1942.

~~In service Feb. 26, 1942~~ Prog Rep 4-1-42 (Error in report)

Conversion Completion - Apr 5, 1942 C-IX65

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NOTE.—IN ENTERING INFORMATION ON THIS CARD, OFFICIAL SOURCE WITH FILE NUMBERS AND DATES MUST BE GIVEN, AND FILE NUMBERS ENTERED IN RED INK.

EMB216s

offl. No. ~~#~~ 152577

Built by Shelburne SB Corp., Shelburne, N.S. in 1926

LOA 99'8", Beam 22'2", Draft 13.6 Gross 91, net 68, ^{Max} Speed 8

Hull - Wood

Main engines - Cooper-Bessemer - 4 cycle - 4 cylinder - 1 generator driven by
2 masts - Foremast 75' hard pine belt from main engine

Mainmast 104' Oregon fir

Accommodations

Owner or passenger — 2 stateroom double bunks

2 " single

1 bathroom complete

1 toilet + wash basin

Officer + Crew — 1 stateroom double bunk

1 " single

4 pipe bunks in fore castle

1 toilet

Jt. Mer. Ves. Bd. inspection Feb, 27, 1942

Q 517/L4-3
Serial 1312432

NAME (ex-Blue Dolphin) Blue Dolphin		TYPE IX-65		S. P. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N. S. P. <input type="checkbox"/>
LENGTH.	99'8	ASSIGNED TO: First ND for duty as station ves-			
BEAM.	22'5	sel Casco Bay, 3/25/42.			
DRAFT.	12'				
DISPLACEMENT.	91 T. 8 K 110 HP				
Diesel.					
WHEN AND WHERE BUILT.					
CAPACITY IN TONS.					
TO BE REPLACED.					
REMARKS: In service 6 April 1942.					
Out of Service 28 Jun. 45					

NAME (ex-Blue Dolphin) BLUE DOLPHIN		TYPE IX-65	S. P. <input type="checkbox"/>	N. S. P. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LENGTH. 99'8	ASSIGNED TO: First ND for duty as station vessel Casco Bay, 3/25/42.			
BEAM. 22'5				
DRAFT. 12'	Place out of service (CNO Ser 0244923 of 2 Jun 45) Placed out of service 28 Jun 45 at U.S. Naval Drydock, Boston, Mass. Awaiting delivery to WSA for disposal. (C-3517 spdltr 6/28/45)			
DISPLACEMENT. 91T. 8K 110HP Diesel	Stricken from Navy Register (CNO Ser 278423 of 11 July 45)			
WHEN AND WHERE BUILT.				
CAPACITY IN TONS.				
TO BE REPLACED.				
REMARKS.				
6/28/45 Placed out of service In service April 6, 1942				

(Dupe)

1776-11-20

Blue Dolphin

(IX-65: dp. 91; l. 99'8"; b. 22'5"; dr. 12'; s. 8 k.; cpl. 12)

Blue Dolphin--an auxiliary schooner built in 1926 at Shelburn, Nova Scotia, by the Shelburn Shipbuilding Corp.--was acquired by the Navy on 17 March 1942 from Mr. Amory Coolidge of Boston, Mass., for the nominal fee of \$1.00; designated IX-65; and placed in service at the Section Base, Boston, Mass., on 6 April 1942.

Blue Dolphin spent the next 38 months serving as station vessel at Casco Bay, Maine. She was placed out of service at Boston on 28 June 1945. Her name was struck from the Navy list on 11 July 1945, and she was delivered to the Maritime Commission's War Shipping Administration for disposal on 14 September 1945.

Blue Dolphin was apparently sold to a Mr. David C. Nutt who was involved in oceanographic research in conjunction with various universities, civilian research organizations, and the Office of Naval Research. Mr. Nutt was also a naval reserve commander. On 3 April 1949, she was designated as "suitable for use as a naval auxiliary in time of war" by the Chief of Naval Operations. She was also authorized to fly the Naval Reserve Yacht pennant. The last information available on her indicates that she continued to conduct oceanographic and hydrobiological research into the summer of 1954 out of Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships (draft).

Schooner Blue Dolphin
Boothbay Harbor, Maine
14 June 1952

From: Commander David C. Nutt (D) USNR 99262
To: The Chief of Naval Operations
Via: The Commandant First Naval District
Subject: Annual Report on status of Schooner Blue Dolphin
Reference: (a) CNO ltr. op 42F-JU, Ser. Qs19-657-P421, dated 4/3/49

1. In accordance with reference (a) the schooner BLUE DOLPHIN, having been designated as suitable for use as a naval auxiliary in time of war, was issued Warrant Register No. 1, dated 31 March 1949 and authorized to fly the Naval Reserve Yacht Pennant. Reference (a) also requires an annual report as to the vessel's status, which report is the subject of this letter.

2. During the summers of 1949, 1950, and 1951 the BLUE DOLPHIN has carried out a program of oceanographic and biological studies in the coastal waters of Labrador under the auspices of the Arctic Institute of North America in cooperation with the Office of Naval Research, the Hydrographic Office, Dartmouth College, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the Smithsonian Institution.

3. During the fall of 1951 from September to December the BLUE DOLPHIN operated out of New York carrying out certain aspects of undersea warfare research on "Project Michael" in cooperation with Columbia University and the Office of Naval Research. Since then she has been berthed in Boothbay Harbor, Maine where machinery maintenance work has been undertaken. During early June the vessel was hauled for hull inspection and maintenance. The Blue Dolphin is in excellent material condition, and as now fitted is in all respects ready for duty in connection with oceanographic operations. She will sail 22 June to continue these operations in the coastal waters of Labrador.

4. The BLUE DOLPHIN has been assigned a temporary Navy Radio Call Sign (NUTT) for use in communication with military stations and units while on the 1952 operation.

5. I remain as owner and master of the BLUE DOLPHIN which is registered under the laws of the United States, and am a naval reserve officer, assigned to Volunteer Composite Unit 1-27 in Hanover, N.H.

Respectfully Submitted

David C. Nutt
David C. Nutt

cc: Chief of Naval Research
ONR, Code 416
BuPers, jacket
CO VCU 1-27
Arctic Institute of North America

Topics File - yacht
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Schooner BLUE DOLPHIN
Boothbay Harbor, Maine
19 June 1954

From: Commander David C. NUTT USNR 99262
To: The Chief of Naval Operations
Via: Commandant First Naval District
Subject: Annual Report on Status of BLUE DOLPHIN
Reference: (a) CNO ltr.op 42F-JU, Ser. Qsl9-657-P421,
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2. During the summer of 1953 the BLUE DOLPHIN was engaged in carrying out undersea warfare research with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution under contract with the U. S. Navy Bureau of Ships.

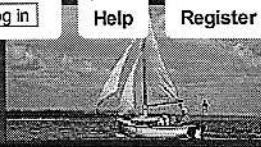
3. During the winter of 1953-54 the vessel has been in Boothbay Harbor, Maine where progressive maintenance and repairs have been undertaken to fit the vessel for sea. Final preparations are being now made for an expedition to Labrador which will depart on June 21st. This expedition will conduct oceanographic and hydrobiological studies in the coastal waters of Labrador, and will be carried out under the Arctic Institute of North America in collaboration with the Office of Naval Research and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

4. The BLUE DOLPHIN is in good material condition and in all respects ready for sea and duty in connection with the oceanographic operations. I remain as owner and Master of the BLUE DOLPHIN which is registered under the laws of the United States, and am a Naval Reserve officer in the Ready Reserve.

David C. Nutt
David C. Nutt

cc: ONR Code 416
BuPers Jacket

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01-19-2008

#1



rbgarr ◊
43.8488 N, 69.643 W

Join Date: May 1999
Location: West Boothbay Harbor, Maine
Posts: 16,297

David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.
David C. Nutt

of Etna, N.H., died Thursday, January 10, in Hanover, N.H., age 88.
Born in Cleveland, Ohio on June 21, 1919, he was the son of Joseph Randolph Nutt and Elizabeth Hasbrouck Nutt. He graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Botany in 1941. In 1943 he married Babs Wright and they moved to Etna, N.H. in 1946.

From 1935 until 1940 he accompanied Captain "Bob" Bartlett to Greenland on the schooner **Morrissey** serving as a seaman, a navigator and a curator for the Smithsonian Museum. Upon graduating from Dartmouth College he served until 1943 as Executive Officer on the schooner **USS Bowdoin** in Greenland under Captain Donald MacMillan. He then served as Exec. and Commanding Officer on the **USS Sumner**, a Navy survey ship, and was involved in operations at Ulithi, Guam, Iwo Jima, Leyte, Okinawa, Korea, China, and Bikini. On Mt. Suribachi he dropped into a foxhole and landed alongside his old college roommate, Marine Captain Robert White, "while Hell's kitchen was flying overhead."

After the war he pursued a career in the Arctic. In 1948 he acquired the 100-ft schooner **Blue Dolphin**, which he based in Boothbay Harbor. She was refitted for Arctic oceanographic research and from 1949 to 1954 surveyed the fjords and estuaries of Labrador. This research resulted in a vital baseline for the thermal and compositional history of subarctic estuaries which contained cold Arctic bottom waters. Nutt and his crews also used dog teams and small boats. He later did research on the Greenland icecap and developed methods to determine the atmospheric conditions at the time the ice was formed.

He was an Officer and later Chairman of the Arctic Institute of North America, was on the Board of Governors of the American Polar Society, the Board of Directors of the New England Grenfell Association, the Board of Directors and President of the Early Sites Foundation, the Board of Directors and President of the Aviation Association of New Hampshire and was an Honorary member of the American Polar Society and earned the Elisha Kent Kane Medal for Arctic Service.

He was a long-time member of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club and served as Commodore. David also was a Selectman in Hanover, N.H. and served several terms in the New Hampshire State Legislature. He retired from the United States Naval Reserve with the rank of Captain.

He and his wife, Babs, both experienced pilots, owned and operated the Post Mills Airport in Post Mills, Vermont for many years.

01-19-2008

#2

Oldsalt 
Continental NavyJoin Date: Nov 2007
Location: The Bay State
Posts: 34 **Re: David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.**

Rbgarr, was he the well known boatbuilder up your way?

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01-19-2008

#3

**rbgarr** 
43.8488 N, 69.643 WJoin Date: May 1999
Location: West Boothbay
Harbor, Maine
Posts: 16,297 **Re: David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.**

No, his father.

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01-19-2008

#4

**Flying Orca** 
BonehunterJoin Date: Jan 2007
Location: Winnipeg MB
Posts: 3,964 **Re: David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.***Blue Dolphin?* As in the Stan Rogers song "Man With Blue Dolphin"?

It was just like him - he had to pick
 A boat gone from dowdy to derelict
 In half a dozen years
 Of searching for an owner
 She may have lost her heart in the harbour mud
 But she really caught his at the flood
 And he wonders how she knew
 That she was waiting for a loner

Blue Dolphin, built by the Rhuland men
 She's lying on the bottom again
 With only him to care
 That Bluenose had a sister

He lost the house and he sold the car
 His wife walked out, so he hit the bars
 And hit up every friend
 To raise the Blue Dolphin

And even afloat she's a hole in the water where his money goes
 Every dollar goes
 And it's driving him crazy
 He pounds his fists white on the dock in the night and cries, "I'm gonna win!"
 And licks the blood away
 And he's gonna raise the Dolphin

Blue Dolphin's lying like a wounded whale
 She's hungry for a scrap of a sail
 To get her underway
 Back to salt water
 Now there's a man lying spent in the winter sun
 He wonders what the hell he has done
 And who would ever pay

To save his schooner daughter

For even afloat she's a hole in the water where his money goes
 Every dollar goes
 And it's driving him crazy
 He pounds his fists white on the dock in the night and cries, "I'm gonna win!"
 And licks the blood away
 And he's gonna raise the Dolphin.

Building Phil Swift's Shilling:
<http://shilling.blogspot.com>

*There's a crack in my memory
 As if something has gone
 And split the foundation
 Of shadow, of song
 And rattled the windows
 And the tiny regrets
 And the tiny glass houses that I try to forget*

(Amelia Curran, "Tiny Glass Houses")

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04-02-2008

#5

Simon G
 Junior Member

Join Date: Feb 2008
 Posts: 1

 **Re: David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.**

It is the same Blue Dolphin. I sing the song from time to time and got interested in what happened to the boat.

Built in 1926-27 for a grandson of John Deere for hunting around Newfoundland. 2 books were published about trips to the Galapagos Islands on it, the trips are in the early 1930s; the second book written by a 95 year old in the 2003.

After submarine hunting in WWII it was bought by David Huff Sr. In 1953 it took measurements of the gulf stream for Wookey Hole - I am pretty sure these were the first; when you see charts of gulf stream temperature etc - quite common in the global warming debates - they start in 1953.

After 1954 facts are thin on the ground. By the late 70s - early 80s a supermarket owner from Detroit had the wreck of the Blue Dolphin moored in Sarnia, it sunk at least twice here and a Canadian sailing magazine wrote about his attempts to refurbish the boat. This is when Stan Roger's heard about and wrote the song.

At some point he managed to move it to Detroit, and it was there in the early 90's on its side in a dock near the Goatyrd. I have one unconfirmed report of it still being there around 2003, but can't confirm this. Looking on google maps aerial photos it doesn't appear to be there now.

I wonder if anyone in Detroit remembers this wreck of what must have been a magnificent boat. A boat with a song plus at least 2 books (also features in a book on research in Labrador) - not many boats can claim that.

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07-21-2009

#6

nathan fancy
 Junior Member

Join Date: Jul 2009
 Posts: 1

 **Re: David Nutt Sr., schoonerman, slips his cable. A good man.**

as it happens i sail in detroit and know exactly where the blue dolphin is...she has been at this location for many years has sunk and been raised a number of times and currently rests on the bottom with parts of the deck still out of the water .. her sails and rigging are intact and in storage anyone interested in further details feel free to e-mail me and i'll tell you what i can... n8fancy@gmail.com the link below is a google map of the location.
http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=&ie=UTF8&ll=42.357262,-