

Restoration of *Eleanor*



Eleanor sailing in the Catskill Creek in the 1970s. She will still be a 1903 Clinton Crane gaff rigged sloop with great sail power and her Raceabout style. Cabinetry details, color of the deck and a slight change in sail sizes along with the addition of an electric motor will be different. If you believe that loved boats have souls, then you will understand that *Eleanor* is still *Eleanor* down in her soul.

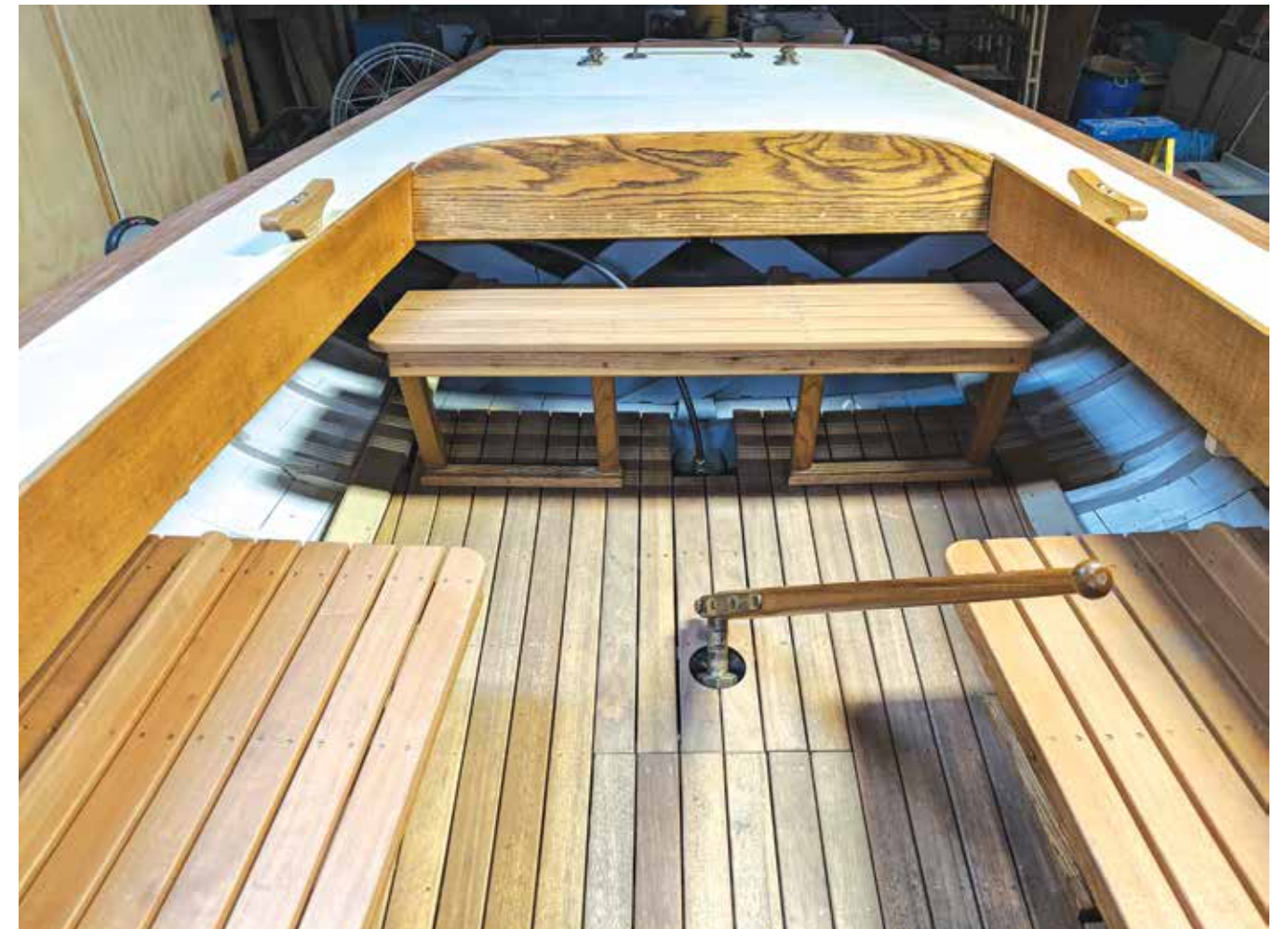
Thursday, June 11, 2020 *Eleanor* was moved from her perfect space at 99 South Third Street, in the Antique Warehouse that she has occupied for the past nine years. Thank you to the management team and friends at the warehouse that have watched with interest and patience the restoration project.

Eleanor was moved out into the 'waiting area' in the warehouse where she was picked up on Monday morning by Alcove Marina and hauled to Mike's Riverview Marina in Catskill to prepare for her launch and rigging during the week of June 15, 2020. Her sails, being made by Bier Sails in Pennsylvania will arrive during the first part of July. The restoration of *Eleanor* has been the most ambitious restoration project of a national and state registered historic vessel of a 1903 Clinton Crane gaff rigged sloop of the Raceabout Class. I can make this claim because she, *Eleanor*, is the last remaining one of her fast and romantic turn of the century style.

Since March 2011 a family of volunteers from communities in Greene and Columbia County have dedicated every Thursday evening to this momentous project. This coming week will be a very exciting one as each step in the launch and rigging process is completed. Our rigger, Becca Buckler will be with us to expedite the rigging as Mike Aguilar, Proprietor of Mike's River View Marine oversees each step as he did from 1952 until 2001. He is the expert for handling wooden boats and wooden spars. Mike is on our board and is so excited at the prospect of seeing *Eleanor* sail again past his marina on the Catskill Creek and out into the Hudson River.

The last few weeks have been very challenging as we have worked in two and threes, wearing masks and distancing ourselves, but not dismayed. I will keep you apprised of our progress this coming week. I am attaching some fine photographs that show some of her restored beauty.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this project.



The Big Push

She did not cry, moan or sigh. A good girl for sure. She showed her new strength and perfect restoration. Again thanks to the master minds. And thanks to Mike and the guys from the metal shop and other friends who came by to help.



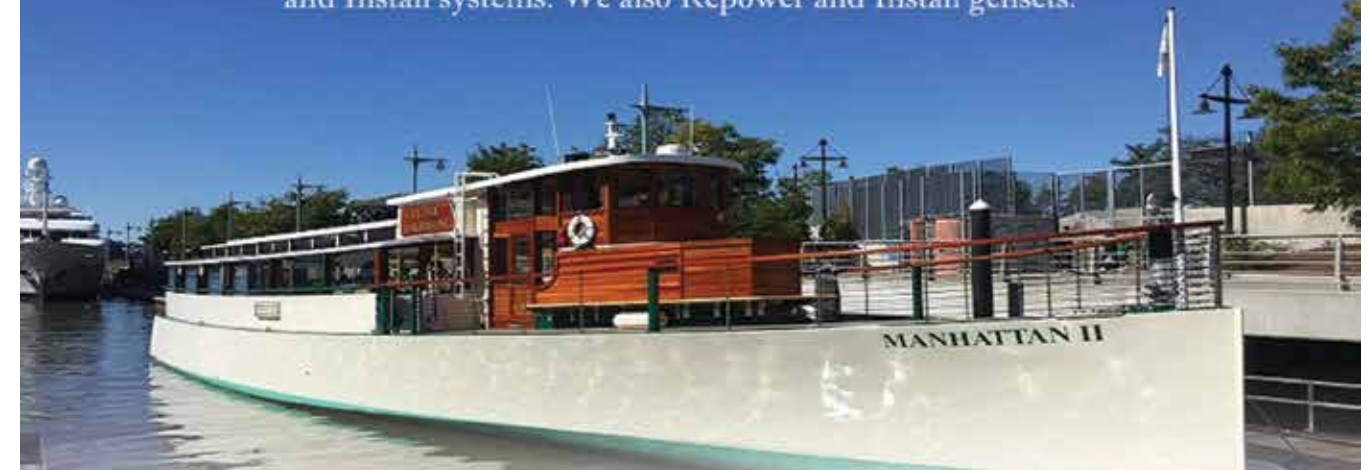
Eleanor Returns to Riverview Marine and the Catskill Creek.
Eleanor, after 19 long years is back in her element: the water where she thrives and feels new life and freedom,



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