

1. **"Harp n Atom"** Owned by Don Brown with crew Dave Heald.  
A 1963 17' Chris Craft mahogany speed boat.



2. **"Judy H" 19'6"** Mahogany Runabout owned by Shawn & Cathy Vennell.  
Replica of a Dodge Watercar.  
Built 2005 by Bernie @ Joe Dale Boatbuilders



3. **"Queridal"** Owned by Brendan and Maree Kelly.  
Designed and built 1962 by Don Norton, a 5.7 metre wooden runabout.



4. **"Dayz"** Owned by Nick and Sharon Wilcox of Taupo.  
Designed by Jack Savage and built by Sea Nymph Boats 1976. She is still powered by her original Chrysler 120 hp outboard motor. Has spent most of her life at Taupo. Fibreglass No Photo

5. **"Resurrection"** Owned by David and Janette Grace. Length 6 metres, a Pelin designed hull, home built then rebuilt by David Grace.

She is called Resurrection as we saved her from going to the tip. She was built approx 1973 the date taken from the engine number of the Volvo. We believe the original design was a Pelin but we can't find any matching plans. Purchased in April 2016 in very poor health, lots of rot in the frames and the deck, with the intention of replicating a Riva stile runabout. We cut off all the cabin, deck and topsides from 300mm above the Chine then fabricated new ring frames, laid up edge glued cedar strips each individually glued, then sanding, epoxy, sand again, two layers of special fibreglass, more sanding, and then 6 layers of clear lacquer.



The engine is the original VolvoAQ170c/280 inboard/outboard from 1973 when we believe the boat was first launched. We rebuilt the outdrive, retired the engine, new steering but original engine controls.

The design features of Riva boats are the sunbathing pads on the rear deck, clear finish timber, long foredeck and lots of chrome fittings.

These boats were the toys of the rich and famous, including Prince Rainier of Monaco, Bridget Bardot and George Clooney.

Previous owners of our boat included a young man trying to fix the pretty bits but leaving the seriously rotten frames. He bought it from a gentleman in Raumati who retired from boating but kept the VHF radio in his home to listen to Coast Guard. No other history is known.

6. **“Moody Blue”** Owned by Colin Prouse and Barb Sundgren. Unknown designer and builder, built in Rotorua around 1946, a 16’6” wooden speedboat. She has just undergone a complete rebuild and is powered by a Ford V8 Flathead motor through an Escelsior Motor Company gearbox.



7. **“Cool Change”** Owned by Stu and Sandy Fordyce, She is a 1973 14’6” Pelin that Stu repainted in 2018.



8. **“Annabell”** Owned by John McIntyre. My 17’6” Marlin, built by Sutton Mason boat builders in Mt Roskill in 1965, is constructed using double diagonal narrow kauri planks and is powered by an OMC 88hp V4 with a stern drive. The original owners, Milton & Angela Annabell, lived in Auckland and had a holiday home for many years in Te Akau Rd. The Annabell’s were old family friends of my Grandparents, Norman and Nydia Henley and my parents, Peter & Pam McIntyre and used to regularly visit us our bach in the Okere arm. The Annabell’s were both avid skiers and as very young teenagers my sisters and I spend many happy days on the lake learning to ski behind this boat. The Marlin was acquired by me as its second owner in 1990 and underwent a partial restoration at this time, but for the past 20yrs it has been stored and unused. In July last year I decided it was way over time to resurrect this wooden classic lake boat and Alan Craig kindly agreed to complete the restoration - re-varnishing, all the chrome fittings were re-plated, upholstery renewed and issues plaguing the old OMC engine repaired, all back to their original condition when the boat was produced in 1965! My Marlin has been named ‘Annabell’ referencing the original owners and in respect of Milton & Angela as old family friends who loved Lake Rotoiti.



9. **“Jasper”** Owned by Arthur Fulton. “Jasper” is a 5.5metre Mason Marlin, built of Kauri in 1968, and purchased by current owner 2010 at Stillwater inlet, Auckland in 2010. Jasper is powered by a Volvo Penta stern leg, and now lives at Kuratau on the shores of Lake Taupo. This is Jaspers second outing at the Rotoiti Parade, the last one was prior to her 2018 repaint and redeck job to celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> year.



10. **“Something Different”** Owned by Richard and Joy Malthus. Unknown designer or builder from the 60’s a 14 foot plywood runabout.



11. **“Halcion Daze”** Owned by Ross & Tricia Ogle. A 1972 17’6” fibreglass runabout designed by Haines and built by Vistacraft.



12. **“Thistle-do”** Owned by Phil and Kim Dykzeul. A 15’ wooden runabout originally built in Dunedin in the 1950's Phil has been told. She has had a Ford 10, and a Vauxhall Velox engine in the past. Has recently had a restoration, and new cedar deck after being discovered as a wreck lying in a garage for many years. Now powered with a Subaru boxer engine.



13. **“Miss Belair”** Owned by Tim & Pam Aurisch. Built in 2005 by Kelly Hanson from Dargaville. Built from a 1950’s Popular Mechanics plan using meranti ply and mahogany, 4.7 metres long.



14. **"Mickey Mouse"** 12'9" Aluminium Albatross Sports Runabout Mk III.

1956 Owned by Richard Stevens.

This is a NewZealand new, 2 owner boat and has been on Rotoiti all its life. Privately imported by the Steele family (Moose Lodge Bay), purchased by the Stevens family in 1967 (\$750.00) and used extensively on the Lake as teenagers' transport.



Underwent an engine rebuild and repaint (original colour) in 1980 and remained unused until the engine was started December 2010. This boat is otherwise unmolested and all original, including the comprehensive owners maintenance manual and has an alloy luggage rack and rubber buffers on each transom corner which were factory options.

#### **Albatross local history (1950s-60s) as recalled by Richard Stevens.**

Campbell Motors (Queen St Auckland) were the NZ agents.

The Beamish-White family at Okataina Lodge had a fleet as "Drive U-Self"

hire boats, including a 4-seater with Coventry Climax version of the engine and one of the two seaters had a factory alloy-framed full height 4-pane glass windscreen.

They also had a set of hull jigs and did all their own maintenance on site including re-skinning.

These boats took a hammering and were eventually replaced by outboard-powered craft.

Les Warner ran a small hire fleet from his home at Hinehopu. (I recall as a kid seeing one as a crumpled mess after crashing into the jetty at speed.)

There was also a hire fleet on the Rotorua lakefront. These were painted red. One allegedly sank and was never recovered.

There was also a fleet at Queenstown. These may have been the remnants of the Rotorua hire fleet.

The boat in these fleets may be doubleups. I do not know how many boat there actually were in total.

In addition to the Stevensons and ours there were two more on the Lake during the '60s. One was the Annabel family, the other the McDonalds. (I saw their boat in Auckland a few years ago, complete and painted black)

These boats are the MG Midget of the water. They don't have excessive power in their standard format, but they are fast, nimble, well designed and beautifully built with excellent handling. They are simple, cheap to run, easy to maintain and, above all, great fun.

These boats have held classic status worldwide for many years now and are highly collectible.

It is pleasing to see that they are finally acknowledged on Rotoiti.

15. **"Suzy Q"** Owned by Ryan Castles. A 1958 Mason Marlin 20ft hull that they bought as a bit of a wreck. The cabin was completely rotten and the hull had a lot of delamination and rot. The interesting thing was that it was a shaft drive and it is 20ft. Most of the Marlins have out drives and are smaller. Unfortunately they could not get any history on the original boat. After repairing the hull and beefing up the engine bearers etc they hand scraped the hull back to bare timber, painted the inside and glassed and faired the hull. They did all the engineering etc themselves and fitted a Lexus engine. They made the steering column up and used the original column shift for the gear change. The decks are all Mahogany with yellow Cedar inlay. The restoration was completed in 2012.



16. **"Andiamo"** Owned by Mary Fuller. 1949 20' Kauri runabout. Designed by P Bloomfield and built by Richard Law.



17. **“Seconda Mano”** Owned by Mark Dunphy. Designed and built by Carlo Riva, an 18 foot 1957 ski boat.



18. **“La Perla”** Owned by Rosie Dunphy, a 15’3” Albatross Climax Continental built by Albatross Marine 1961.



19. **“Blondie”** Owned by Adam Brown. 20’ Chris Craft Custom built in 1948. Chris Craft runabouts were all the rage after World War II. The queen of the fleet was the 20’ Custom produced from 1946 to 1949. Blondie spent most of her life in the state of Vermont USA and was restored around 2008. She was imported to New Zealand in 2011. Top speed 45mph.



20. **“Pablo”** Owner: Geoff Chater. Designed by Frank Pelin and built in 1968 by Gerald Coombes of Karapiro who used the boat with his family for a few years. He then sold it to the Karapiro ski club with whom he was involved. The club used the boat for some years and then she was sold twice before the motor blew up. The then owner sold the boat to his brother who pulled the motor out and then put it into a hay barn where it sat for 18 months at Rerewhakitau as a home for chickens. The present owner advertised for a boat to do up, purchased it and repowered it with a Leyland P76 4.4 V8 alloy motor and got it going for owner's 21st. Used for 7 years and then further restored. Flooring is of nickma ply, routed and filled with seka filler and marine oiled. Dash is hand sanded with 8 coats of polyurethane.



21. **“Moorea”** Owned by Fred and Elizabeth Hoogveld. An 18 foot runabout built in 1969.



22. **"Skinny Boat"** Owned by Ross Birchell  
This 12'6" Albatross Sports Mk3 was built in England in **1953** for Sir William Stevenson who owned her until 1990. The boat has lived on Lake Rotoiti all its life and is powered by a Ford 100E engine with a top speed of 33 mph. Although built from aluminium this boat's age and history on Rotoiti makes it something special.



23. **"Pomme Waka"** Owned by Ross Birchell  
This 15'9" Albatross Continental was built in England in **1964**, imported to New Zealand 2012 and restored here. Powered with a pre cross flow 1500 Ford, she is one of the last five boats built by Albatross Marine.



24. **"Fifty Shades"** Owned by Greg and Trudy Dutton, designed by Tony Mason and built by Mason Marine, a Mason Clipper 26 foot Benedictine SR26 built in 1980.



