

## Boats in the Life of Jon Bell



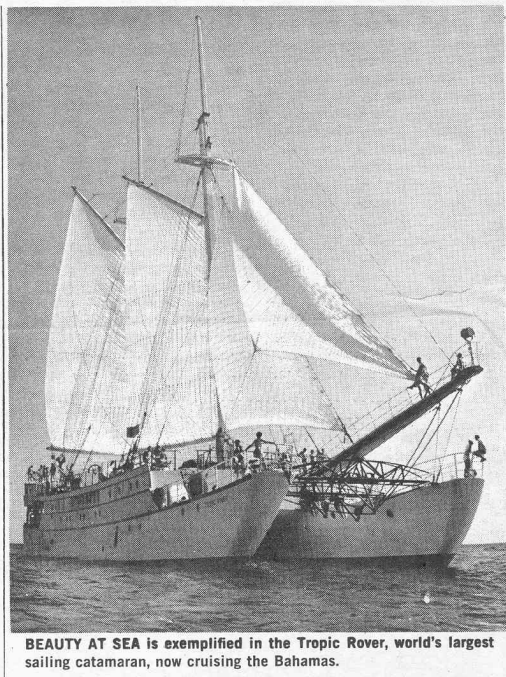
This is the Bell Buoy, my parent's boat they owned before I was born. I think they sold it within a year or three after I was born. They cruised on it on Coeur d'Alene Lake, upper Idaho panhandle, since we lived in Spokane, Washington.



My parents had another boat while we lived in Washington State and boated on Coeur d'Alene. It was named Bell's Alibi. This is the only surviving photo with the boat in it (as a 1951 Christmas card ).



We moved to the Gold Coast of Florida in 1958, and I grew up on this boat in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami. It was named the Minx II, and was a 43' 1936 Stevens. It was sold by my mother when I went away to the university. The boat next to it was my no-name runabout. A previous runabout I accidentally sank.



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**While still in high school I crewed on this boat, the Tropic Rover, one summer in the Bahamas. In Bimini I rode out a severe hurricane on her, but a few years later she went down in another hurricane. She was featured in one of the James Bond movies, Thunderball, but I wasn't crewing on her at the time.**



**This is the only picture I have of the 72 foot sloop Lynda and I got married on in Long Beach harbor, California. We went for a sail to have the ceremony, but it was a pretty windless day in June. We wanted to have the wedding party have a different experience by getting married on a sail boat.**



**This was Jon and Lynda's first boat, La Briut, which we bought in Texas in our second year of marriage. We sailed it on Galveston Bay, and various Texas lakes (Conroe, Sommerville, and Travis). When we moved to Buffalo, we brought her with us and day sailed her on Lake Ontario.**



**This is Sloop Jon B, our boat that we had for over 22 years. She is a Tanzer 26. We sailed her to and from Toronto (where we bought her) and other Canadian ports when we lived in western New York. We brought her down to Maryland with us and docked her on the Magathy River, just above Annapolis, and close to the Chesapeake Bay.**



**This is AfterMath. She is a Nordic Tug 32, built in Washington State. We purchased her in Traverse City, Michigan, in 2009, and she was docked on Bodkin Creek, Pasadena, Maryland. She was our home away from home in the boating season.**



**This is our new boat as of July, 2013, which we have also named AfterMath. She is a “grown up” version of AfterMath above, that is, it is a Nordic Tug 42. While only 10 feet or so longer, she is a very sophisticated machine, a true live-aboard, long-distance cruising boat. She has been up and down the east coast and into the Caribbean with the previous owner, and we expect to do the same with her.**