



Fully Restored Boats Are Much Less Expensive Than You Think

1. A turn-key restored wooden inboard with new varnish, refinished chrome, new interior, rebuilt motor and a tight new “5200” bottom can be had for as little as \$15,000.

A restored classic fiberglass boat can be had for even less. And unless you want to do the work yourself, fully restored is the way to go.

2. Well Maintained Vintage Motors Are Reliable and Simple to repair.

3. The original flathead 6-cylinder and V-8 motors from makers like Chris Craft, Gray Marine and Chrysler are robust and simple while parts are generally widely available.

Repowering with a modern V-6, V-8 or outboard is another option.

4. Kept covered and (ideally) on a lift a Woody can go 4-5 years before the varnish needs to be freshened.

5. A few new coats of varnish is not intensive or very expensive. Painted “lapstrakes” last even longer, and fiberglass longer yet.

6. Unlike New Boats, Classic Boats Hold Their Value.

7. A new boat loses significant value the first day you use it.

8. Classic Boats are meant to be used, not babied.

9. They may look like works of art, but they’re built to be used all Summer long.

10. You’re Joining a Community That’s There For You.

Your local chapter of the ACBS provides a network of welcoming friends who can offer advice, help you locate boats, parts and reputable restorers.



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