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From Your Executive Committee

Chief Commander Message:

Ahoy there Captains and crew! What a great time of year this is. Launch day is either coming soon or just happened. If you are in a warm weather climate, your spring haul is hopefully going well. Regardless, it is time to do some Commander enjoying. Our boats were built for enjoyment and I urge you to get out there and do just that.

If you are looking for a huge dose of Commander enjoyment, why not attend this year's 25th anniversary national rendezvous. There will be more Commanders and Commander lovers in Huron, Ohio in August that any other place imaginable. Click on the link <https://www.commanderclub.com/national-rendezvous> and see all the fun activities that are planned. I can't think of a better way to spend a weekend.

Your club is doing well and moving forward to provide members with the most information and fellowship of all things Commander available. I want to thank all of you for your support of the Club and the Executive Committee members who give their time to provide you with the best overall experience.

I hope to see you out on the water or in Huron.

*Yours,
Sterling Shriber
Chief Commander.*

COMMANDER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Commander Club is a "virtual club," existing on the Internet. The club is a non-stock corporation dedicated to the preservation, study, and appreciation of the classic fiberglass Commander boats built by the Chris-Craft Corporation. Our goal is to inform and enlighten owners or enthusiasts about these classic fiberglass boats. Members shall be Commander owners, enthusiasts or other persons who support the mission of the club.

Archivist Update:

COMMANDER CLUB BY THE NUMBERS

January 2025
(1st Anniversary new website)

5,818 - legacy members
1,000 - site members
294 - new members in 2024

Website Sections:

Files – 96 items
Brochures – 63 items
Manuals – 320 items
Vault – 102 items
Vendors - 222 items

Classifieds:

6 boats sold, 6 accessory items sold. 58 boat ads, 18 accessory.

CCCC Archives Online
Resource Collection - 157 directories containing over 2830 files
Superdisc - 19,176 entries

2403 posts for 2024:

Of these there were:

- 120 different topics archived
- 168 archived posts
- 48 unique contributors

Website:

2024 Visits - 37,362,
Unique Devices - 14,564,
Page Views - 136,205

Cap Modification Kit Sales
for 2024: December 31, 2024
YTD Sold 4 kits to 2 members
10 kits in stock

Archives Sales:

Legacy subscribers – 57
2024 new subscribers - 28

Burgee Sales for 2024:

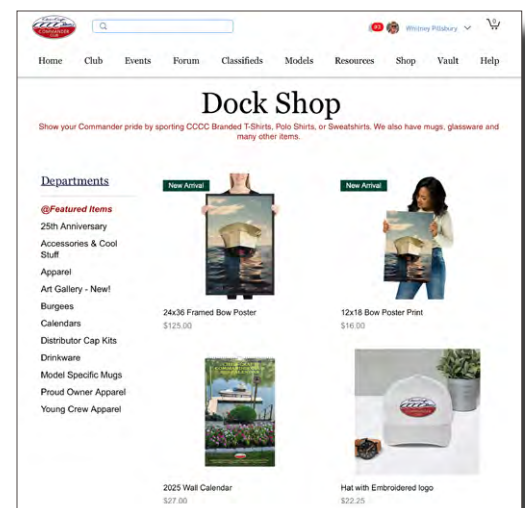
December 31, 2024 YTD sold:
11 raked; 11 straight; comp 2 raked; 1 straight Total 25

Calendar Sales 2024:

31 units of 2025 calendars

Dock Shop Profits 2024

\$1,493.20 New Dock Shop started in August 2024



2024 Archive Fun Facts:

Total Posts	2403
Archived Posts	168
Unique Posters	48

Top Archived Posters 2024

- Jeremy Goldstein
- Lee Dahlen
- Chris Orphal
- Warren Whitmore
- Scott Miller

Top Archived Poster for 2024 Jeremy Goldstein. This is the 7th time Jeremy has made the top posters list and the 5th time he has been the #1 poster.

TOP POSTERS LIST:

Includes:

- **Multiple yr listing**
- **How often top poster**

Dick Morland 17yr (3x top)
Lee Dahlen 14yr (5x top)
Tim Miller 12yr (1x top)
Jim Wick 11yr (2x top)
Clyde Caron 7yr
Jeremy Goldstein 7 yr (5x top)
Mike Hagler 6yr (4x top and highest ever 2015)
Ron Zick 6yr
Matt Cowles 5yr
Todd Heinrich 5yr (3x top)
Chris Orphal 5yr
Rick Traskos 5yr
Paul Pletcher 4yr (1x top)
Quentin 4yr (1x top and 2nd highest ever 2013)
Steve Fernandes 3yr
Jim Frens 3yr
Brian Barton 2yr
Mark Hunter 2yr
John Mario 2yr
Jim Rivas 2yr
Steve Valvasori 2yr
Tim Toth 2yr
Warren Whitmore 2yr
Scott Miller 2yr

Other top contributors over the last 25 years:

Curt Radford, Matt Gurnsey, Scott Anderson, Grant Eriksen, Tim Gressett, Bruce Harkness, Dwayne Jones, Bill Smith, Greg Gajcak, Dave Marzullo, Jack Bonczyk, Byron Smith, Charlene Pike, Kevin McKinnon, Jim Kenyon

- YahooGroups was used from February 14, 2000 to February 4, 2013.

- NING was used until January 14, 2024.

- Currently WIX is our website vendor.

- Our membership continues to grow adding 294 new members this year.

- Our member database includes over 6,000 Commander enthusiasts.

Hope you enjoyed a trip down memory lane.

*Char Pike
Archivist*

Membership Report:

*Ahoy from Jim Bell,
Membership Chair*

Here we are getting ready to start another season with one of our loves in life, our Chris-Crafts. I'm sure some of you in the membership up north are already in the water or are down to the last items on the spring commissioning list.

A little about my most recent

project. I'm a proud owner of a 1984, 333 Commander (which was once on the cover of this publication!) After 40+ years of reliable performance I thought it was time to do some heavy-duty preventative maintenance: replacement of the exhaust manifold and risers on both engines (GM 350 cubic Mercruiser inboards straight drives.)

My project started in Nov 2024 when I pulled the boat for the winter. I do have a slight advantage; my boat is stored in my own 22'x40' shelter in a neighboring marina just down the street from my dock.

I went right into work doing my normal winterization. That completed, I ordered all necessary parts - manifolds, elbows, hoses, gaskets... you get the picture. When everything arrived, I started working on the port engine dismantling all the hoses, brackets, belts, you name it.

I was only working on it on the weekends and some free days. See I'm a semi- retired master plumber. It went well during that time I got one manifold and riser off. I've removed spark plugs on that bank as to not break one off in the removal of the manifold and found #6 plug slightly loose and the electrode completely gone, either burned off or broken off.

That changed the whole plan. My next step was a compression check to make sure that the electrode had not done damage. All went well, checked all the cylinders and they were within 10% of one another, that was a relief.

By the time we neared Christmas the weather was getting cooler and even with the electric heater running the best I could get the temperature inside the boat was just above 30 degrees. Then, the holiday was upon us. The bad weather continued and work ground to a halt!

Determined, I unboxed the new manifold and risers and I waxed all the brand new shiny black pieces and cleaned all the remaining surfaces.

Fast forward, on this tale, my workload picked up and I have been hit and miss on this project. I hope with the good weather now and more daylight I will be able to complete this project. The other part that slowed progress, is that I'm too fanatical about the boat, everything has to look better than new!

I'll keep posting my progress and if anyone wants to comment good or bad I can be reached at bellplum@verizon.net.

The rest of you enjoy the season and keep the shiny side up!

Treasurer Report:

Spring is Springing! In this article I wanted to express my thanks to the team that helps me accomplish this great task.

Char Pike and others are always instrumental in helping me to insure that the books and final numbers are accurate. I'm happy to report the club is financially healthy and stable to

insure we will be sustainable in the future.

The monthly reports (and year-end) are easily accessed by registered members on the website under "Club Business." Please feel free to look it over and ask any questions by emailing me: Treasurer.CommanderClub.com@gmail.com

Year end data highlights:

2023 Net assets: \$14949.09
2024 Net assets: \$13178.82
Net difference: \$-1770.27

A. Printful replaced CafePress as our Dock Shop vendor
B. Archive sales resumed Jan 2024 with new website
C. Calendars now part of Dock Shop revenue/expenses with new vendor
D. More purchases via WIX than PayPal. WIX fees are less.
E. Includes calendar postage from last year & envelopes
F. 2024 Regional expenses & deposit for 2025 National
G. Contest prizes included in 2024 Printful expenses
H. New website vendor costs less. (In 2023 we were paying for 2 websites during development.)

So you see while we have had a deficit for the year 2024 it was due to major changes in the website, archives and Dock shop which were all done responsibly and efficiently and will have long term rewards to the club in the form of revenue to sustain the club.

Happy Spring and get out on the water!

*Lee Dahlen
Treasurer*

Webmaster Report:

Hello fellow members, Commanderclub.com remains a reliable tool as we have experienced a very high uptime percentage: near 100%. We have a treasure trove of content under the "Resources" menu, with new items added to the "Manuals & More" and "Files" sections all the time. New vendors are being added as well.

Are you new to the club? If you'd like to learn more about the club and past activities, Check out the "Vault" and past rendezvous sections. Speaking of club Rendezvous; are you going to this year's National Rendezvous? We're celebrating our 25th anniversary and it should be a great time. I can't wait to see all the beautiful boats and look forward to meeting you!

[More information on this year's rendezvous can be found here and registration is still open.](#)

Forum format Notification:

WIX is changing formats, to make the Forums more interactive for our members. We expect the change to occur mid-June so watch your email for notifications of the change and Tips and Tricks for using the new Forums. These changes will affect both the Discussion Forum and the Classifieds. All of the prior Discussions, Topics, and Classifieds will be brought over, to the new format, so nothing should be lost in the transition.

CCCC Store Receipts: When you purchase something, your receipt will reference “WIX,” along with CCCC. WIX is our site’s platform and the engine behind our Dock Shop, so don’t be concerned when you see “WIX” on your receipts.

And finally, we are always looking for ways to improve the site so if you have any suggestions, send your feedback to me at webmaster.commanderclub@gmail.com.

Pam Sorensen
CCCC Webmaster

Public Relations Report:

We’ve continued to grow our presence on Facebook by creating social buzz. Our followers number over 3k and our Facebook posts have been viewed 100k times this year already.

We created a press release to promote our 25th Anniversary and the National Rendezvous and received positive feedback from a number of publications.

We are creating a commemorative poster to celebrate our 25th anniversary which will be distributed at the Rendezvous. I’m thrilled to edit this Styled in Fiberglass as we enter our 24th year of publication.

On a personal note, I’ve been busy over the winter having my port engine rebuilt and I’m now hooking it back up!

Whitney Pillsbury
Membership Chair

2025 National Rendezvous



August 8-10, 2025
Huron Boat Basin, Huron,
Ohio, Located on Lake Erie

ALL CHRIS-CRAFTS ARE
WELCOME: BIG, LITTLE,
PRISTINE OR PATINAE

Hosts: T.J. Worsencroft, Sam
Lillard, Tim Toth

Website: <https://www.commanderclub.com/national-rendezvous>
Contact: rendezvous.commanderclub@gmail.com

The Commander Club returns to Huron, Ohio for what promises to be the largest National Rendezvous ever.

Help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The weekend will include boat tours, socializing, river tours, music, pizza, trailer boats and more. This could be the largest gathering of Commanders in the country! Huron, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie, is steeped in rich

maritime history, as well as claiming home to many vintage Chris-Craft Commanders. It seems only natural the Commander Club would find itself convening in Huron for our celebration.

While the event’s focus will be centered around the Commander line, owners of all other vintage Chris-Craft models, including Roamer, Lancer, Constellation, etc, are welcome!

Please note that it is not possible to register on site at Huron Yacht Club or the Huron Yacht Basin. Each registration will receive a Captain Bag, Chuck Siford art print and 25th Anniversary Chris-Craft Commander commemorative poster.

We look forward to seeing you in Huron!

CCCC Executive Committee

Rendezvous Sponsors:



The 60's Where are they all now?



*By Charlene Pike and Paul Ruh
March 2025*

The fascination, myths and stories surrounding the 60' Chris-Craft Commander have proliferated over the years.

We set out to find all we could by scouring the Commander Club archives and superdisc for any information; scouring the Commander Club membership lists for any viable 60' Commander owners and try to contact them, get the hull cards for all 9 of the 60' Commanders from the Mariner's Museum, and do an extensive internet search for information.

The Basics:

60' Chris-Craft Commander.
The Grande Dame. 60' of luxury

with an 18' beam. 3 staterooms plus crew quarters. Also came as a Motor Yacht which featured an enclosed aft deck with walk around side decks.

The list of standard options is too long to list but included an eight-track player and a garbage disposal.

- Sleeps 11.
- 4'7" draft.
- Command bridge optional.
- Est. 80k lbs.
- \$300k new.
- 9 hulls built 1969-70

Jim Martenhoff wrote a very extensive review of the 60' Commander and his session with Chris-Craft Engineering Co-ordinator Jim Poe. We have a copy in the CCCC Archives but

it does not show when it was written or what publication it appeared in.

From a 1969 Brochure:

As would be expected of a yacht this size and concept, every amenity for luxurious cruising is embodied in its design. Standard equipment includes air-conditioning, built-in stereo and color TV, dishwasher, two 15 KW light plants, to provide more than ample power for the yacht's extensive electrical equipment. Diesel powered. An alternate version provides an enclosed deck house. Interiors may be customized to suit the owner.



FAA 60-0001F:

According to the Hull Card it was shipped to American Marine Ind. 4363 Lincoln Blvd, Marina Del Ray, CA April 30, 1969.

In 2025 Scott B. Jones, a retired corporate Captain for CC Industries, sent us photos and the story of LA FEMME. He claims it's hull #1 and purchased by Javier Garza of Monterrey, Mexico.

He delivered LA FEMME to Acapulco, Mexico via the Panama Canal. American Marine industries was a company set up by Garza to lease the boat back to him as he wanted to keep it flagged US. Only US citizens can own a US documented vessel.

The address on Lincoln Blvd MDR was Chris-Craft Pacific dealership. We are now trying to find her current location.



FAA 60-0002F:

shipped to Rodi CC Sales of PB Inc, 1500 IV FWD Hwy, Pompano Beach, FL April 3, 1969. No confirmed or rumored information to date.

FAA 60-0003F:

Shipped to Chris-Craft SA Chemin DE, Primrose C35, Lausanna, Switzerland June 1969. We have a copy of a brochure provided by Herb Pocklington, an executive from Chris-Craft in charge of European operations at the time. When translated from French it says:
"There are only 2 people in Europe able to get this boat. The 1969 60' Commander (18 meters). Only two of them are marketed in Europe."

The dealer on the brochure is the same as the hull card. We have not found anything to indicate a second one in Europe. We have no other information regarding hull #3.



Il n'existe
que deux personnes
en Europe
qui puissent posséder
ce bateau.

FAA 60-0004F:

Shipped to Richmond Chris-Craft, 989 River Road, Rutherford, NJ, June 1969. May have been named QUARRY MASTER. The boat is currently named STARDUST and owned by Lawrence Quinn of NY for the last 12 years. Purchased from Mick Coles who docked her at Atlantic Yacht Basin, Chesapeake, VA. Coles purchased the boat from Tom & Wendy Giddings who were active members of the club (Dick Avery autographed the helm.) The Archive houses history of their stewardship. The website has more photos in [Events – 2004 Rendezvous](#).

According to Quinn, STARDUST was famously owned by Hoagy Carmichael's son who named her after his dad's hit song "Stardust." He still has the original sheet music in the main salon.



FAA 60-0005F:

Shipped to Ray's Chris-Craft, City Isl, Bronx, NY Oct. 1969; warranty repairs 1975. According to Wesley Heinmiller in 2025, he had it for 25 years in charter service in Newport Beach CA. She was a 1969 hull #5 and originally named SMALL WORLD when new and PLATINUM LADY when he bought her in Seattle in 2000. He named her WHITE LIGHT, restored with new 692 DDEC engines, gens, tankage and installed Naiad stabilizers She was a great boat for her service. Sold her in 2023. WHITE LIGHT is a charter in Newport Beach, CA. <https://www.whitelightcharters.com/>



FAA 60-2001F:

shipped to Queen City Marine Sales, 4609 Kellogg Ave, Cincinnati, OH March 20, 1970; American Computer Leasing; May have been named FAMILY PACK IV.

We are in confirming if this is SAVOY, a special vessel once owned by Jackie Gleason and refit at a cost of over 1 million dollars. It's currently for sale in New Port Beach, CA by Art Brooks Sea Co. The broker could not confirm a hull number. Heinmiller, former owner of WHITE LIGHT, is familiar with SAVOY as he restored it for a former owner who was a friend. He's looking thru his files for us.



FAA 60-2002F:

Shipped to Richmond Chris-Craft Inc, 989 River Road, Rutherford, NJ 1970; Patela Corp Currently named SOUTHERN DELITE and owned and operated by Paul Ruh since 2015. Located in Florence, AL on the Tennessee River. Originally called PATTELA. When Paul bought the boat it came with a Chris-Craft briefcase with 132 pages of blue prints.

Radar, Depth finder and both Radios work. Also, Paul believes she is one of the only ones to be delivered with a 13'Whaler.

Engines are naturals. Gen sets are 15 KW Kohler with Waukesha diesels. The generators are unique in that they motorize the generator for starting. The mains had roughly 5800 hours in 2017. For anyone needing information on these models, he has most of the blue prints, drawings and diagrams.

FMA 60-0001F:

Shipped to McDaniel Yacht Basin, North East MD, 1969; W. Henry DuPont. Currently named SABORD. This is one of two 60' Motor Yachts based on the hull number.

A June 2012 post on the Forum by Scott Andrew Johnson. Our efforts to contact him have not been successful.

"I own hull #1 1969 60' Chris Craft Commander once owned by the DuPont family, she is in BWI out of water and shrink wrapped, just the aft bedroom has been taken out. She is all there needing a refit but she is in solid shape. I have owned her for six years. The boat is berth at Long Cove marina in Chestertown MD. It has Detroit12v71n engines, I am putting two new diesel generators in it. It was water delivered new to Daniels Yacht Basin. The DuPont family bought it but were not happy with the performance & sued Chris-Craft, who took back the boat & it sat unsold for 5 years. At that time a new owner bought it virtually new - he owned a photo company, I believe.

I tried to buy the boat about eight years ago, but that did not happen which was a blessing, I was on yacht world at 3:30am & saw the boat listed I thought I would call the broker. Talked to wife, but by then a person from Cincinnati, OH went to buy boat on a Friday, but being rushed - had backed out, broker called me & said deal fell through. I could not have been happier; I immediately bought the boat! I bought the boat from the #3rd owner.

I kept the boat at Worton Creek Marina at that time. I moved the boat down stream due to the yard owner making room to restore a 106 ft Trumpy. I feel very blessed to own this boat, I am 58 now & always have loved boats! & always will! It is in the blood and only other boaters understand that! Command bridge was added in 1970.

According to Scott SABORD are the initials of the second owner's children. The third owner was Mike Wagner. I did not meet him; I bought the boat unseen.

In 2022 SABORD was offered for sale on E-bay by Mike Wright who was helping a friend who suddenly lost her husband to a stroke. Club member,

Ted Austin posted:

The current owner is not able to state when the boat was last in the water as it was purchased from two owners ago on land. The engines have only been hand cranked and there is almost nothing left of the original boat other than the hull. To top it off, the current owner's price of 35K on the boat is already selling it at a loss for which there is still a loan on the boat. Despite wanting to bring this important piece of history back to life, there must still be an element of common sense to the endeavor. Walking away from this one is what is best for now. The Archives have the photos from some of the sales listings.

2025: [There is a current internet ad](#) but the seller is not replying to inquiries.



FMA 60-0002F: shipped to Jefferson Beach Marina, 244000 Jefferson Ave, St. Clair Shores, MI August 1969. We have heard stories that Al Wagner, owner of Jefferson Beach Marina, may have been the second owner. It may have been docked at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at one time. Al Wagner passed away in 2021.

We have contacted Jefferson Beach Marina, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and some other local Chris-Craft history buffs but have not received any information to date.

MYSTERY BOAT:

There is a 60' Commander in British Columbia called WAVEMAKER. Wesley Heinmiller has seen this boat and will try to track down owner and information. May have been for sale in 2017 – Paul Ruh wondered if it was the one listed in 2016 that had electrical fire. – May have been on Craigslist.

Could it be LA FEMME? Could it be Hull #2? Could it be the second Motor Yacht that was delivered to Jefferson Beach?

Was there ever a 60 Commander Yacht Fisherman?

The short answer is yes! It was shipped on 7/16/75, so was likely a 1975 or 1976 model. Originally it was sent to Rodi Chris-Craft in Pompano, FL. We have the hull card FFA 60 0001. The last information we have is from 2009 documenting that it is in Venezuela. *See the next article in this issue!*

This has been quite an adventure. The phone and e-mail discussions have been rewarding. What could be better than talking Commanders and sharing stories and finding common bonds! If any reader has more information on any of the 60' Commanders please contact Char Pike, archivist.commanderclub@gmail.com.

More detailed information regarding each of these 60' Commanders can be accessed in the CCCC Archive, a subscription service. To Activate your subscription, there is a one-time fee of \$30. Once your subscription is active, you will have access to the CCCC Archive at any time, from any device. It is the most extensive and accurate collection of materials preserved over several decades. The original and premier source for anything Commander. [Click for more details and to subscribe.](#)

The Resource Collection

10.0 contents include CC Catalogs and Brochures. CC Service Bulletins, CC Price Lists. Engine & Transmission Manuals. Dick Avery sketches and drawings, a folder for every Commander model, and all kinds of technical and interesting stuff. Over 157 folders and 2,832 Files. It is updated at least annually. A true "Treasure Trove" for the Commander owner! There is also The Superdisc Archives (2000 – 2018) that contain 19,176 posts total.



Was there ever a 60' Yacht Fisherman?

Charlene Pike,
Archivist
March, 2025

Some History:

In January 2006 Todd Heinrich posted that there was a 60' Commander called MARU for sale in Venezuela. We did not archive the post but we do have information from Jim Rivas.

Jim Rivas wrote:

I wasn't aware of the price reduction. My feeling is that the owner is trying to dump the boat for whatever he can get for it because of the poor political conditions in Venezuela. I'm presuming that he must be afraid of it being confiscated. This particular 60' Commander was built as a Yacht Fisherman straight from the factory.

In April of 2007 there was a post asking if there was ever a 60' Yacht Fish. Jim Wick wrote:

Yes, in my book it lists the hull number as FFA -60-0001 ONLY. There were two 68' Roamer TF's and drawings for a 73' Roamer. One 55' Commander for sure. I won't go into my soapbox mode on this one CC president that believed all the world wanted a fish boat.



Jim Rivas also wrote:

This is the real story on this boat. When the 60' Commander fell out of favor around 1971, there were two hulls still left over on the production line. They did not sell and they were placed upside down behind the main office in Pompano Beach. I personally saw these hulls many times on my visits to the plant when I visited CC officials over warranty claims on our Roamers. Then during the summer of 1975, it was announced that these two hulls were being built as yacht fish models and were going to be presented at the 1975 Stamford Boat Show in Connecticut. Between then and the boat show one of them was sold and the other did make it to the show. At that time we were asked by the CC brass to show our Roamer also in

the CC exhibition. This was the very last show that CC ever had with such a large presence of their line. We were placed next to this one remaining 60' Commander Y/F.

It was a very beautiful boat both interior and exterior wise which prompted a quick sale to a Venezuelan client. Once the show was over, she was immediately brought back to FL for delivery. I did not see this boat again until a few years ago when she was put up for sale.

This is not a 55' Commander with an added cockpit. This is the real thing down to her 12V71TI engines. When I saw her at the show, she had very clean lines throughout. The one in the pic (we are not sure of the photo but see below for one from 2009) seems slightly modified. However, it is most definitely a 60'.

In May 2009 there was a post that showed the photo (above) and asked if it was an extended 55 Commander.

Jim Rivas answered:

That boat is not a 55' Commander. That model is a true 60' Commander that was factory built as a yacht fisherman. Most records show that there were 9-60 Commanders built

between 1969 and 1970/1. Those were completed hulls that were delivered to their respective owners. However, there were 2 additional empty hulls that were laying upside down between the corporate office and the factory. After laying like that for 3 years, with no takers, the order came down from management that they were to be built as spec boats to be presented at the upcoming in water show in Stamford, CT as yacht-fisherman. One of them, was sold before it left Pompano and the other was sent to CT.

I personally saw this boat, and on that same day it was announced that it had just been sold to a Venezuelan customer. It was immediately sent back to FL and eventually delivered to its new owner and has remained in Venezuela ever since.

This boat is the very last 60' Commander ever built as a 1975 model and the workmanship was excellent. I can only hope that she has been maintained well.

Editor Note: Listed for Sale in 2009. Name: TANGAROA. Photos from that listing:



2025: I contacted [Mariner's Museum Chris-Craft Collection](#). I ordered a digital copy of the hull card for \$10.

Rachel, Chris-Craft Services at the museum, was able to find drawings for the 60' Commander Yacht Fisherman.

Here is the list of available drawings from the museum:

- 10.00-17793** (\$35) - AC & DC panel lockers 60' Yacht Fisherman
- 10.00-17543** (\$35) - fuel fill alcove 60' cockpit
- 10.00-17823** (\$35) - fluorescent base board lighting 1974 yacht fisherman
- 10.00-40804** (\$45) - cockpit version 60' Commander Motor Yacht FMA-60 to FFA-60 cockpit model
- 10.00-41974** (\$45) - command bridge 60' yacht fisherman
- 10.00-42414** (\$45) - 52" bar 60' yacht fisherman
- 10.00-40904** (\$45) - aft sections, cockpit version 60' commander motor yacht FMA-60 to FFA-60 cockpit model
- 10.00-41984** (\$45) - deck layout 60' yacht fisherman
- 10.00-32534** (FAA & FMA -60-2000 accessory command bridge 60' commander & motor yacht 7/14/69 - \$45)
- 10.00-33164** (FAA & FMA-60-2000 accessory command bridge 60' Commander & 60' Motor yacht 7-11-69 - \$45).

The cost listed is for print copies. Digital copies are \$20 each. [Chris-Craft Services](#)

[The Mariners' Museum](#) & Park
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT:

Chris-Craft Collection at Mariners Museum



Charlene Pike

A big shout out to Rachel of [Chris-Craft Services](#) at the Mariner's Museum! She has been helping me research information about the 60' Commander and 60' Commander Yacht Fisherman. Some awesome finds!

What materials are available from the Chris-Craft Collection?

The collection covers all models produced by Chris-Craft from 1922 through 1980. Chris-Craft staff at The Mariners' search the company archives to prepare research packages tailored to a specific Chris-Craft boat. The research is based upon the Chris-Craft hull identification number and/or the original engine serial number. If you would like to

order a Chris-Craft research package, you must provide the hull number. Failure to do this will necessitate additional correspondence, delaying your research since the Chris-Craft Corporation filed the permanent record of each boat by this number.

Research Package consists of photocopies of the following types of primary documents, depending upon the quantity of archival information available for a specific boat:

- Boat equipment record "Hull Card"
- Plans and drawings
- Sales literature
- Original price sheet
- Black and white production photographs
- Original engine information

Examples of some pricing:

- A digital copy of a hull card is \$10.
- Drawings \$35 -\$45 each for print copies
- \$20 for digital copies.

[The Mariners' Museum](https://www.marinersmuseum.org/learn/research-services/chris-craft/) & Park
100 Museum Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

<https://www.marinersmuseum.org/learn/research-services/chris-craft/>

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chriscraft@MarinersMuseum.org

2025 Awards of Distinction Honorees

On behalf of the Chris-Craft Commander Club, we present Awards of Distinction to:



Jeremy Goldstein
in recognition of his continued support and dedication to the mission and goals of the Chris-Craft Commander Club for being the number one contributor in 2024 to the Club's Resource Collection 10.0. This is the 7th time Jeremy has made the top posters list and the 5th time he has been the number one poster.

Top contributors in 2024:



Lee Dahlen



Chris Orphal



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