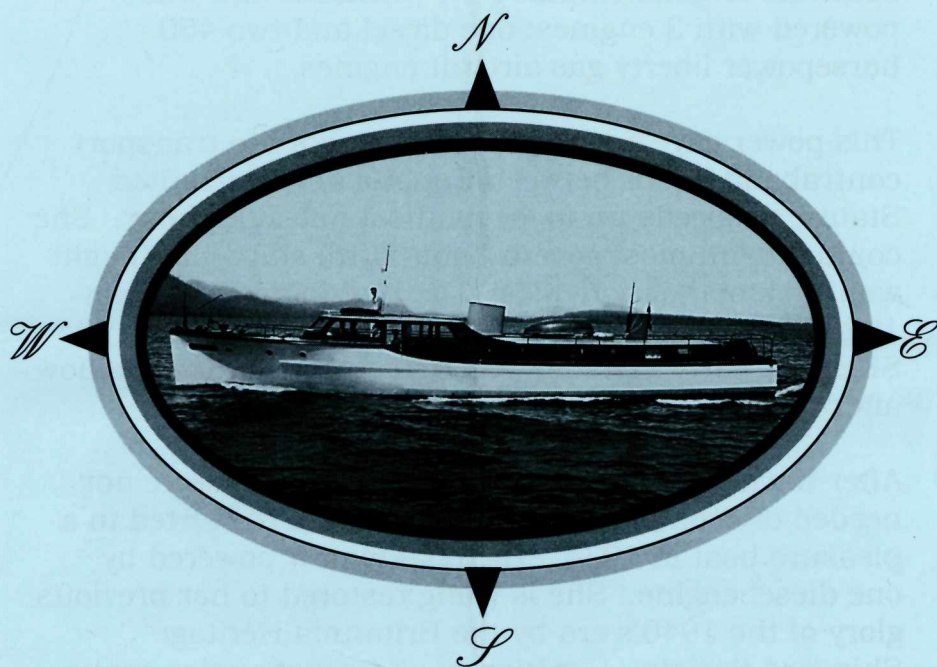


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The M.V. FLEETWOOD was built in 1930 at Vancouver Shipyards Ltd., specifically as a "rum runner". The boat was originally named the SKEEZIX and was powered with 3 engines: one diesel and two 450 horsepower liberty gas aircraft engines.

This power gave her the speed necessary to transport contraband liquor between Canada and the United States, at speeds up to 40 nautical miles per hour. She could outrun most government patrol ships that might want to stop her activities! The Prohibition Era from 1920 to 1933 was an exciting and dangerous time and SKEEZIX early in its life received a gunshot into its bow after it came across a government patrol ship.

After the end of Prohibition the high speeds were not needed or economical and the boat was converted to a pleasure boat in 1934. The boat is now powered by one diesel engine. She is being restored to her previous glory of the 1940's era by the Britannia Heritage Shipyard Society. Her history and construction make her one of a kind on our coast.

Volunteers, new members and donations of time and money are always needed and gratefully received.

SPECIFICATIONS

The SKEEZIX was built in 1930 and is structured of cedar, oak and mahogany throughout. Her overall length is 60 feet and width is 12 feet.

Frames and beams are oak with inner & outer strakes of cedar planking. The inner strakes are diagonally laid while the outer strakes are in the conventional longitudinal manner. The stern transom is square. The deck is flush with a 16 inch forecastle strip at the forward. The cabin coaming runs from the wheelhouse almost to the stern and supports the cabin structure, which has a least height of 23 inches above the weatherdeck. The accommodation space aft is accessed by a starboard side entrance through the top hatch. The deck perimeter is outlined with bronze pipe stanchions that are fitted with teak or mahogany cap rails.

Below deck there are six compartments: forespeak, galley, wheelhouse & lounge, engine room, accommodation space and lazarette. An alleyway on the starboard side leads the full length of the vessel.

