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## ny-30 #9

### "A Life History"

- 1905 - Christened ADELAIDE II by original owner George and Philip Adee  
1905- 9/2 **Winner** of the Oneida Cup, the Indian Harbor Yacht Club Tournament, first for NY-30's. *"P.H. Adee teaches young skippers new tricks in yacht racing"*
- 1906 - **Winner** NYYC Spring Regatta Cup over five NY-30 opponents. June 7  
1906 - **Winner** NYYC Annual Cruise – Kings Cup Day, over nine NY-30's. July 8
- 1907- **Winner** NYYC Spring Regatta Cup over six opponents. June 14  
**Winner** NYYC Glen Cove Cup Regatta over six opponents. June 6.
- 1910- Renamed AMORITA when purchased by F.B. Bragdon.  
1911 **Second** – Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Stratford Shoals Regatta  
1923- Purchased by A.G. Payne III in 1923.  
1923- Purchased mid-season by E.B. Hall Jr.  
1924- Purchased by Hendon and Percy Chubb -- (Founders of Chubb Insurance and **future Commodore of NYYC**). *Amorita* still continued to race in NYYC events.
- 1924- Competed in the "Bayside to Block Island Race" and finished 5th.  
1930- Purchased by Mr. Howard Brokaw and raced in LI Sound / NYYC.  
1934-1936 Competed in the 1934 NYYC Annual Regatta on June 28, placing second.
- 1934 **Winner:** "First Overall" Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Stratford Shoals Regatta
- 1937-1939 Purchased in Manhasset Bay by John Odenbeck and taken up the Hudson River to the Great Lakes area. She did not have an engine, but was fitted with an outboard bracket to be powered off the stern with a 22hp motor to make the trip. Home port in Rochester NY. While in the Odenbeck's care, *Amorita* sailed out of the Rochester Yacht Club, was at one time, the flagship, and maintained a race record second to none in the area.
- 1939- One of four NY30's that class records and "Lloyds" had lost track of.
- 1942-1945 Sailed out of Toronto by Mr. Herb Wahl, still maintaining the original cabin and rig layout. Then taken care of by the Sea Scouts in Rochester New York as the owner had gone off to war. Phil Rizzo, [filriz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:filriz@sbcglobal.net) was one of the sea scouts and had contacted Amorita's owners in 5/2008.
- 1946-1950 Purchased by Mr. C. Mills, and sailed in Lake Ontario and with a home port in Rochester NY. - Still maintaining her original cabin and rig layout.
- 1950-1954 Owned by Mr. John Ruffner who had fiberglassed her from the waterline down, installed a powerful Red Wing engine, taken to Lake Erie with new owner in '54.

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- 1954-1955 Purchased by Mr. Jay White and was sailed on Lake Erie with original gaff rig and cabin intact.
- Fall 1955 She was dismasted, over the bow, with only the jib flying in a 30+ gale while returning from a race at Toledo Yacht Club to home port in Vermilion Ohio.
- 1955-1956 Re-rigged as a marconi and had keelson replaced by Jay White and Bob Kromer.
- 1959 **Winner:** "First to finish", winner of the Falcon Cup, in the Mentor Harbor Yacht club annual race from Cleveland Ohio. (168 boats)
- 1959-1960 Received new taller doghouse / cabin. Placed well in the 1960 Port Huron - Mackinaw Island race, (unconfirmed) 1<sup>st</sup> in class.
- 1961-1968 Purchased by Dr. Ken Thomas of Lakewood Ohio and sailed with new cabin and rig in Mentor / Cleveland Ohio. During the 60's she had fallen into disrepair.
- 1968-1975 Abandoned by the Thomas family in the back of the Mentor Harbor Yacht club. For many years in the 70's, she was hauled at Mentor Harbor YC in Mentor Ohio, close to Grand River. The vessel was very deteriorated at this point.
- The yard considered salvaging the lead and using the hull for a Fourth of July bonfire on the beach. Tartan Marine used scrap lead for their keels and was contemplating using it for new Tartan keels. However, their keel foundry did not have a truck capable of hauling the keel in one piece, nor a crane to load the keel into a melting pot. Cutting the keel with a chain saw would have been a time consuming job and made the lead salvage not viable. The idea was scrapped.
- 1975 Was scheduled to be broken up for the lead to pay for the storage. Mr. Gordon Group of the Great Lakes Marine Service was hired to conduct a value survey of the derelict vessel before she was to be scuttled. Mr. Gordon Group, recognizing the significance of the vessel, reluctantly became personally involved and was instrumental in blocking her destruction.
- 12/20, 1975 *Amorita* was scheduled for destruction. Power saws, dumpsters, and additional labor had been arranged to perform the task at hand. At approximately 9 AM, 30 minutes before the labor was to arrive, a willing financier called with the means to perform a restoration worthy of saving the boat.
- 1975-1979 Mr. Gordon Group and Mr. Anthony Musca (friend and financier) contracted Nick Frankovich of Encounter Yachts in Grand River, Ohio to restore *Amorita* to sailing condition (with tall cabin and marconi rig). The restoration work included wooding the hull and repairing (not replacing) what existed. The boat was then immediately put up for sale.

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- 1979-1981 Donated to David Kiremijian, Full Sea Foundation in 1979 and trucked to Northport Long Island for storage at Brewers yard.
- May 1981 Purchased by Adrian and Jed Pearsall. Trucked to a warehouse in Wilkes- Barre Pennsylvania.
- July 1982 After receiving a complete restoration to original specifications, including re-framing and sistering, some new planks, new deck, cabin, cockpit, engine, interior and gaff-rig, she was transported to Ithaca New York to sail on Lake Cayuga.
- July 1983 Transported to Newport RI to spectate during the America's Cup races.
- 1983-1993 *Amorita* was owner maintained and sailed by Jed and Adrian Pearsall, and crew, Bill Doyle, out of Groton Long Point, Conn. and Newport RI. Over this period of time the boat successfully competed in numerous classic yacht races in New England and was frequently the oldest boat in attendance.
- 1986 Her mooring lines were cut / chaffed over-night by her mushroom and she went adrift, South-easterly, from Groton Long Point. She miraculously navigated across Fisher's Island Sound and gently touched bottom off of Hungry Point, Fisher's Island -- approx. 3 miles from her starting point. She was found the next morning, without a scratch, 15 feet from a rock wall, just touching bottom enough to secure her. Her lone voyage was one even alert sailors have failed to make without incident.
- 1993-1994 Received extensive restoration by Giblin, Philbrick, and McClave. This work included new deck canvas, stripping and refinishing bright work, new mast step and bronze mast support, new frames, engine rebuild, and a new cockpit.
- 1994 Restoration Achievements include:  
**Best in Show** - Mystic Seaport Antique Boat Show  
**Best in Show** - Thomas Benson Award - Classic Yacht Regatta --- Newport  
One of the **100 Greatest Yachts in America** - *Sail Magazine*- Jan 1994.  
Cover Photo of 1994-95 **West Marine** Catalog.  
Featured in coffee table book, "**Yacht Style**"
- 1995 *Amorita* was (and still is) currently owned and sailed out of Newport RI by Jed Pearsall and Bill Doyle, and is being maintained by MPG of Mystic. The Pearsall family, now after 15 years, had owned *Amorita* longer than any other owner in its (then) 90 year history.  
Along with two first and two second place finishes in New England regattas for classic yachts,  
**Winner: PHRF Around Jamestown Regatta (160 competing boats) --- Overall**  
(Also: Oldest yacht to compete)  
Featured in coffee table book, "**The Wooden Boat**"

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- 1996 **Winner:** 141st annual New York Yacht Club Regatta -- NYYC Cruising Class  
(This was the first time in 60 years an original NY-30 was back competing with her original Yacht Club.)
- 1997 Competed successfully in several classic events in New England.  
**Winner:** 143rd annual New York Yacht Club Regatta -- NYYC Cruising Class  
**Winner:** 144th annual New York Yacht Club Cruise -- NYYC Cruising Class  
**7 out of 7 races --- 1st Place overall.**  
**Winner:** Queens Cup, Royal Perth Trophy, & Cruising Cup  
**Winner:** Race Committee's Trophy for the yacht that best exemplifies the spirit and tradition of American yachting.  
Classic Yacht Regatta -- Newport -- 2nd in Class  
**Winner:** 1st Annual Classic Regatta -- Greenport, NY
- 1998 Cover Photo of 1998 **Cruising World** wall calendar.  
**Winner:** PHRF Around Jamestown Regatta (179 competing boats) --- Overall  
(Also: Oldest yacht to compete)  
Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
**Winner:** NY-30 Class  
Race Rock Regatta, Stonington Conn. -- Race Committee Trophy for yacht that best represents the spirit of the event.
- 1999 Cover Photo of 1999 **Classic Herreshoff Yachts** wall calendar by noted marine photographer Daniel Forster.  
**Winner:** 145<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Regatta -- 1st in Class  
146<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Cruise -- 1st in Class day 1 / 2nd in Class day 2  
**Winner:** Race Rock Regatta -- 1st in Class
- 2000 146<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Regatta -- 2nd in Class  
**Winner:** 147<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Cruise  
Five 1st's in Class / Two third place finishes  
**Winner:** Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta:  
1st in class  
1st in overall fleet / corrected time – Sappho Trophy  
**Winner** of the Herreshoff trophy (First Herreshoff)  
**Winner** of the Leiter Cup (First Gaff-rig boat)  
**Winner** of the NY-30 Class  
**Winner:** Herreshoff Marine Museum Regatta -- 1st in Class  
**Winner:** Race Rock Regatta -- 1st in Class

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- 2001 147<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Regatta -- 2nd in Class  
146<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Cruise -- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class  
**Winner:** Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta:  
1st in class  
1st in overall fleet / corrected time – Sappho Trophy  
1st in overall fleet / elapsed time – Atlantic Trophy  
**Winner** of the Herreshoff trophy (First Herreshoff)  
**Winner** of the Leiter Cup (First Gaff-rig boat)  
**Winner** of the NY-30 Class  
**Winner:** Black Duck Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> overall  
Greenport Classic Yacht Regatta -- 3rd  
Featured in **Onne van der Wal's Desk Calendar** of Sailing, and extensively in his award winning Marine Photography / Studios.
- 2002 **Winner:** Black Duck Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> overall  
148<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Regatta -- 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class  
Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta -- 4<sup>th</sup> in class  
Cover of "**World of Boating**" desk calendar -- Onne van der Wal  
Cover of "**Classic Yachts**" wall calendar -- Daniel Forster
- 2003 Amorita celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> year since being restored and returned to racing in New England waters and her 23<sup>rd</sup> year owned and raced by the Pearsall Family  
**Winner:** Black Duck Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> in class  
**Winner:** 149<sup>TH</sup> NYYC Annual Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class  
  
Cover of "**Spinnaker Magazine**" and Poster for Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta -- 3<sup>rd</sup> in class
- 2004 Replaced engine with new Beta-Marine diesel.  
Performed major restoration on all finishes and brightwork.  
Complete deck, interior, and cockpit restoration and partial rebuild.  
Systems upgrades including wiring and plumbing.  
Upgraded interior work, including classic pump sink and raised panel bulkheads  
**Winner:** Black Duck Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> in class  
**Winner:** 150<sup>th</sup> annual NYYC Regatta -- 1st in Class  
NYYC Race Week -- Classics -- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class  
Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta -- 2<sup>nd</sup> in class  
**Winner:** NY-30 Class  
  
**Winner:** 148<sup>th</sup> NYYC Annual Cruise - 1<sup>st</sup> in Class  
**Winner:** First ever 2-time winner of the NYYC Cruising Rule Cup,  
presented by the Race Committee to the yacht that best  
exemplifies excellence in her care and condition and performs  
admirably on the annual cruise.  
**Winner:** First annual NYYC series for Classic and Vintage yachts  
Featured picture in two issues of "**Sailing**" magazine.

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- 2005 Celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday along with 6 other NY- Thirties in a special weekend in Newport sponsored by the New York Yacht Club.
- Cover photo and story, **Soundings** Magazine – July 2005  
Cover photo and story, **WoodenBoat** Magazine – June 2005  
**Winner:** 151<sup>st</sup> NYYC Annual Regatta – 1<sup>st</sup> in Class
- Featured boat on all materials representing the **Newport International Boat Show** (through 2007)
- First choice** yacht to be selected as “the perfect classic”, and requested by the producers to be **James Bond’s** private yacht in the feature film, **Casino Royale**. (*Shipping schedules prevented Amorita from appearing, thus was unable to fulfill the request.*)
- 2006 **Winner:** Black Duck Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class  
**Winner:** 152<sup>nd</sup> NYYC Annual Regatta -- 1<sup>st</sup> in Class  
**Winner:** Museum of Yachting Classic Yacht Regatta – 1<sup>st</sup> in Class  
**Winner** of the Leiter Cup (First Gaff-rig boat)  
**Winner** of the NY-30 Class
- 150<sup>th</sup> NYYC Annual Cruise - **1<sup>st</sup> in class** Squadron Runs 2 and 5.
- 2007 Installed all new set of sails.  
Underwent extensive upgrading to interior, rigging, and finish work.
- June, 2007: **Winner:** 152<sup>nd</sup> NYYC Annual Regatta -- Around the Island Race,  
3<sup>rd</sup> overall in class for regatta.
- July 7, 2007: Hit and sunk off of Beavertail, RI by 94' Fife Ketch, *Sumurun* while participating in the Robert H. Tiedemann Classic Yachting Weekend.
- July 10, 2007: Raised from the bottom, 50' deep, and floated with the help of specially installed air-bags, around the N. end of Jamestown, and hauled out safely at Conanicut Boat Yard's railway.
- July 2007– 2009:  
Awaiting the results of insurance claims and legal battles
- Dec. 2009- present:  
Undergoing an extensive rebuild as a result of *Sumurun's* incident.  
Work being completed by MPG in Mystic Connecticut  
Expected re-launch date, 2011 season.