

**INTRODUCING GBYC'S SECOND NED MCINTOSH REGATTA ENTRANT -
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One lovely summer day, Sherry Lowe Cullimore invited me to go sailing on her MerryMac. We sailed up into Great Bay, landed on McIntosh Island for a picnic, explored the shore and had a wonderful day.

When my mother picked us up, I announced that sailing was the best and we just had to have a sailboat. My mother remembered what fun she had had in her small sailboat that she sailed around Casco Bay and recognized the sailing "bug". Shortly, #52 was ordered. I was 14 years old.

52 was named "Popeye II" (after Mom's "Popeye") and the green dingy was the "2nd Can" (of spinach). We raced every Sunday from Hilton Park. All the boats were tied to the dock in great long lines. I think that is when Wally learned that stepping in front of the mast was not a good idea!

We had lots of good fun. Of course, we would pack up our boats every summer to go to Marblehead for Race Week. The year it poured rain on our cotton sails was the year that we all came home and ordered Dacron sails.

On Labor Day, I remember a flotilla going to McIntosh Island to dig oysters, shuck them and cook the ones we didn't eat raw right on the beach. The best oysters ever!

Years later, my husband John, our four kids and I were sailing in Maine, which we did almost every summer. It had been pea-soup fog all day and we were very glad to pull into a harbor and drop anchor. While we were down below for dinner, the fog lifted. Upon going back on deck to scan our surroundings, we saw a wonderful sight. On anchor right next to us was "Starcrest" with Ned and Alice sitting on deck in their aluminum lawn chairs!

#52 "Popeye" is coming out of the barn for the first time since a "Wally" challenge about 25 years ago to , hopefully, have a successful repeat performance! My advice to all who participate in this Gala **Ned McIntosh 50th Anniversary Regatta** is to relax, have fun and find the lightest crew possible!

Fair Winds and Good Luck to all.

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(Photos below)



Wally helping Viki Moss Guy launch the refit of hull # 52, May 18, 2008