

## Part 8 - Finally...spring!!!

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Our time at BMC is up in March and we are anxious to get back “home” to Edwards Boat Yard in Middle River. March 22nd looks like a good day to move Seven Tenths back up the Bay. We call our friends, John and Kathie, to join us for the run north. Cindy signs on as crew and we head out about 11AM. It is a good run and three hours later we are snug in our old slip. It is good to be “home”. The water is already turned on at the dock here so we do not have to worry about that and pump out facilities will be open in another week so life is good.



Our spring plan is for Edwards to haul the boat to have her bottom and running gear cleaned, scraped and painted. They will also replace the zincs, the disposable metal plates that absorb the stray currents that are in the water, saving the non-disposable metals that our props (among other things) are made of. On Friday, May 8th, Seven Tenths is hauled out. The travel lift groans and the tires flatten out as we are very heavy. They barely pull her onto the land, block her and drop the slings. We are dirt-dwellers again!



Henry gets busy on the many projects we have planned to do while we can use a ladder. Once again Edwards has been very accommodating pulling us on a Friday so that we can work on her all weekend...and work we do! We repair, wash, wax and put our Seven Tenths lettering on either side of our bow (the pointy end). Whew! We had two full days but in the end we were not able to complete everything that we had on our list. She does look much better though. We did find a plastic bag in the A/C water pick up. This is good news because last fall the A/C was not operating and pulling a plastic bag out is a VERY inexpensive fix! Edwards paints and finds nothing else wrong so Tuesday we are back in the water. Henry says he doesn't like being a dirt-dweller...too much work!

We continue to work on boat projects and doing general maintenance that was not done as well as we would have done it in the past. We brought our Tiffany style light from our house. Henry, my son and grandson took all of the ceiling panels down and ran electric and voila...we have light! There is always a “to do” list. Henry is working hard on installing cameras for a rear view mirror needed especially when backing into a slip. Right now he depends on me to tell him which way to move the stern (square end) and how far he is from hitting the dock because from the helm he cannot see behind the boat. He does a great job but I know he will be happy to really be able to see vs. having that little doubt that I might be wrong.



## Part 8—Spring...finally!!!

Memorial Day weekend is looking just a little iffy weather wise but our boat friends are gathering in Eagle Cove off of the Magothy River and we are ready to be a boat again. Henry's folks are going to join us as well as Cindy. They all come on Friday night so we can get a relatively early start on Saturday morning. We leave the dock at 8:30AM before the wind picks up. It is sunny and warm and everyone enjoys the ride down the Bay. The engines are running good and the Bay is just a little choppy. In the cove we find our friends, John and Kathie, with their old "little" boat and the new "big" Sea Ray too! Their friend, Steve, is using "little" Liberty Call (old boat ) as his own guest quarters! "Big" Liberty Call 2 is really nice but "little" Liberty Call still lines up with our swim platform perfectly so we tie it to us first. It is less than half the length of Seven Tenths so we draw lots of looks from other boaters. Food and drink flow freely and other than some wind the weather is great and the company is better! Over the three days we have eight boats rafted together, coming and going as their other obligations call. Finally, it is spring and the start of the boating season!



On Sunday we get ready to have the renaming ceremony for Seven Tenths and Liberty Call 2. John has donned his pirate attire to perform the ritual that will make Neptune smile upon us as we officially change the names from Alonzo's Sea (Seven Tenths) and Neon Moon (Liberty Call 2). Everyone has gathered on the bow of Seven Tenths and the champagne is ready. John recites the "pirate's version" of the ceremony and splashes the champagne first on both hulls and then on the water for Neptune's own libation. An 1985 bottle of Dom Perignon is opened

for the seafarers. The old names are purged and the new names are appointed and the champagne is drunk. I am quite sure that Neptune will be happy with Seven Tenths and Liberty Call 2 as they cruise the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. John did a great job officiating and we appreciate him including Seven Tenths along with their new Liberty Call 2 in the renaming ceremony. Thanks, John.



Just like that it is Monday and time to break up the raft and head home. We have been holding all weekend on our anchor and one other boat, Jamie Dee. As Jim and Dave get ready to leave they find their anchor is under Seven Tenths and out the other side! John and Ed hop in the dinghy and go to free it. Mission accomplished and Jamie Dee is underway. Nothing like a little adventure to end the weekend. The rest of the raft breaks up with promises to do it again soon.



*Remember, the world is seven tenths water, we should spend seven tenths of our time on it.*

