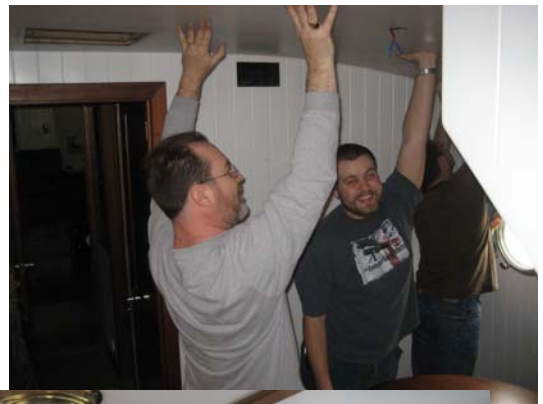


## Part 9—The Project Log

This log will help all of you who wonder what we do on a boat all of the time understand that there are always things to do and those “things” ALWAYS turn into projects!

Two of the projects mentioned in the last log got us started this year. My son and grandson helped Henry take down all of the ceiling panels to install the Tiffany style hanging lamp that we brought to the boat from the house. Henry ran electric to a new switch but because the wire would not come down the preferred wall he moved it to a different wall. When he went to connect the wire it was six inches too short. So he had to buy more wire and make the run again. Get it? Project!

The first back-up camera is installed and working. Henry enlisted some of our boating friends on Memorial Day weekend to run wire for it. Our friends LOVE putting holes in someone else’s boat! He tried wireless a couple of times but just couldn’t get it working so hard wiring won. They ran wire from our radar mast on the stern (back) of the boat, through the watch cabin, to the helm station at the bow (pointy end). He will use the camera as a rear view mirror and that should be especially



helpful when backing into a slip.



The first time we tried to attach our ladder to our swim platform we discovered that whoever installed the bracket put it too far under the rub rail so that we could not drop the ladder into the bracket. When Seven Tenths was pulled for maintenance this spring, Henry fixed the bracket. Now what do we do with the ladder when we aren’t using it? We don’t have a lot of logical choices so we finally decide on the ceiling in the cockpit (back porch). Henry installed the brackets and voila...the ladder is inconspicuously mounted on the ceiling.

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Last year at the Annapolis boat show we bought a new grill for the boat. It uses small bottles of propane for fuel. We wanted to mount it on our swim platform but it cannot stay there when we travel. Also, when we are tied to a fixed dock and the tide changes our lines become looser or tighter and could possibly pull against the grill bending it or breaking it off. So Henry “McGiver” Dennig attaches a couple pieces of Velcro to the wall in the cockpit. Now he can unscrew the grill from the plate on the swim platform, stand it in the cockpit, put the straps around it and we have an instant safe storage spot.

Up until now, the projects have been small....relatively speaking. Our dining area was made up of four parson’s chairs and a 40 inch round mahogany table. The table is beautiful but what a waste of space! We sold the chairs. Henry built two benches that also serve as huge storage areas. Then we tried to take the table top off thinking we could still use the base and put a rectangle top on it. Oh no.....project time! That table top was glued and screwed onto the base. So we take the screws out of the base but it will not break lose from the floor either! Our slip neighbor came by and suggested a jack. He had one on his boat! So they slowly jack up the table with a one and a half ton bottle jack. You could hear the glue breaking loose from the floor. Soon it was free. It had silicon spread under the base before it was screwed down. So I spend a lot of time and elbow grease getting the glue off of the maple wood floor. We ordered the cushions and put a piece of 40x60 plywood on the existing table top to give us a visual for the area. Wow, what a huge difference. We can now seat 6-8 people instead of 4 or 5. I can’t wait to get a new mahogany table top!



Our davit motor that picks the dinghy up and puts it on top of the boat when we are not using it, as well as the dinghy engine have “issues”. Two more projects!!! The davit motor would work going down but not up. So Henry would have to hand crank it back up. Not fun. This is an ongoing project.



The dinghy engine, a 25HP Mercury, will run fast but not idle. This is after Henry figured out how to take the carburetor apart, cleaned it and put it back in. Before that it wouldn’t run fast at all. Again, an ongoing project.

As we stand now we have a list of 42 items that need attention. Some are more critical than others so they come to the top of the list quickly. Finishing the heating system is getting closer to the top now since September is just around the corner. That bad six letter word, WINTER, will be here before you know it. Ugh! We are not going to think about that yet. That will bring on a whole new project list!

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