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On Wisconsin!

Launching Of First Burger 57 Is A Badger State Exclusive

Built and launched in Wisconsin; owned, skippered and crewed by Wisconsinites — SUITSUS III is a regal Badger beauty. Launched early this summer, SUITSUS III is the first in Burger's smart new class of 57 footers in aluminum.

Floyd J. Voight of Madison, Wisconsin rules as owner and serves as skipper of this trim yacht. His son, W. Craig Voight, handles the crew chores.

Great Lakes to Florida

With family and friend aboard, Mr. Voight checked out SUITSUS III in the familiar confines of the Great Lakes this summer. However, he will take her to her home port at Fort Lauderdale Yacht

Club in sunny Florida for the winter months.

Larger Than She Looks

Anyone that still doubts the advantages of aluminum for yachts would be shocked by the spaciousness, range and performance of this compact 57' aluminum hull.

SUITSUS III's integral built tanks hold 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel and 600 gallons of fresh water. The standard Burger 57 has a 700 gallon fuel capacity, but two extra 150 gallon tanks were incorporated into the design of the Voight yacht. Even the standard model has far greater capacity than normal yachts.

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A large party of Wisconsinites were on hand for the gala launching of SUITSUS III. Members of the owner's family included Craig Voight (2nd from left), Mr. Floyd J. Voight (5th from left), sponsor Nan C. Voight (with flowers), followed left to right by: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voight and Mrs. Floyd Voight. Other guests included Mr. Irving Maurer, Mr. Collins Ferris, Mr. Ivan Williamson, Dr. L. V. Sprague, Mrs. Sture Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Rendall, Mr. Milton Findorff, Mr. James B. Castle, Mr. Fred Morton, Mr. J. R. Yost, Mr. Austin H. Faulkner, Mr. Larry Fitzpatrick and Mr. Chuck Thompson.

Bull Market For Burgers 4 New Boats Ordered... New Owners For 2 Recent Burgers

There's been keen interest and lots of buying activity on Burger yachts the past few weeks. Henry E. Burger announced the drawing of contracts and plans for four new Burgers to be delivered next spring and summer. At the same time, word has been received that new owners have purchased two recently launched Burgers.

Sister Ships

Two of the boats involved in these transactions will be sister

ships. The custom 92' steel cruiser, GALLANT LADY VI, built just a year ago for the late J. Ross Castendyck was purchased from his estate by Mr. Dant of San Francisco, California. This happened just as work was starting on a new 92 footer in steel that will be a sister ship of GALLANT LADY VI. This new yacht will also be California based. To be christened BRODIE VI, she is

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Departing Manitowoc is BRATS FANCY, a Burger 63 in aluminum built for Mr. John Sherwin, Sr., President of Pickands Mather Co. and the Interlake Steamship Co. of Ohio.

On hand for the launching of BRATS FANCY were left to right: a Pickands Mather Co. pilot; Captain Wayland Sisson; Mr. John Sherwin, Jr.; Mrs. John Sherwin, Sr.; Mr. John Sherwin, Sr.; Mrs. John Sherwin, Jr.; Henry E. Burger and in front grandson, Tom.



BRATS FANCY

Sporty, Spacious Sister Joins The Fleet Of Burger 63's In Aluminum

In early August, another sister joined the celebrated sorority of Burger 63's in aluminum. She's BRATS FANCY built for Mr. and Mrs. John Sherwin of Waite Hill, Willoughby, Ohio, just outside Cleveland. The event marked the second launching this summer of a Burger 63 with a home port on the Great Lakes.

With Captain Wayland Sisson at the helm, BRATS FANCY will be seen in the most popular yachting lanes during the upcoming month. After a tour of the Great Lakes, the Sherwins will cruise the East Coast down to Florida and then off to the Bahamas.

Neither unfamiliar seas or soupy weather will hinder the Sherwins' progress on BRATS FANCY. Her installation of electronic gear and navigational aids is outstanding. Sharp-eyed sailors will spot her exterior antenna for a Model 1700 Raytheon radar. A Bendix ADF unit is installed along with a DI-5 depth indicator and a Model 14 auto-pilot

from the same supplier. Two Apelco ship-to-shore radios are hooked-up, one in the pilothouse, another in the deckhouse. Supplementary equipment includes a Sea Slave public address unit, an intercom and Hi-Fi system.

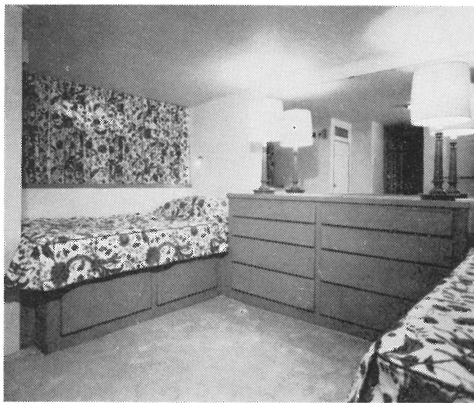
Fishing, quite obviously, finished high in the Sherwins' plans for BRATS FANCY. Her aft fishing cockpit is a sportsman's paradise. Two comfortable fishing chairs are installed along with Pompanette rod holders, bait box and storage racks.

The boat's sleek aluminum alloy hull possesses those same speed, maneuverability and range characteristics that have made the Burger 63's so popular. Her twin GM 8V-71 diesels develop 334 horsepower each to power her along at a top speed of 23 knots with cruise at a comfortable 17 knots.

The spacious living quarters pictured here show the freedom of arrangement and bonus space aluminum construction gives an owner.



Beam wide master stateroom has storage space galore. Chests, under-berth drawers and clothes lockers are evidence of Burger finishing crew's skill.



Comfortable 15' deckhouse has rich parchment mahogany finish. It features Luckner combination air conditioning and heating units which are also installed in all other living spaces.



Afterdeck with ladder to cockpit. Note teak decks and portion of built-in bar at forward end. Storm curtains have covers for plexiglass window sections allowing complete enclosure.

Shown right is a Burger custom 92' cruiser in steel. She is the former GALLANT LADY IV recently purchased by Mr. R. E. Dant from the estate of the late J. Ross Castendyck. A sister ship is now under construction at the Yard for Mr. Henry Haldeman of Los Angeles. This new 92 footer will be christened BRODIE VI.



NEW BOATS

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being built for Mr. Henry Haldeman of Los Angeles. The anticipated launching date is late August, 1963.

Mr. Haldeman has a rich yachting background. He's cruised the world over on his five previous yachts. During the War he was a partner in the Hodgron-Greene-Haldeman Company which built over 100 ships for the Government. Mr. Haldeman frankly states that after having his last two yachts built overseas, he's having this one built where he wanted the others built . . . at the Burger Yard . . . and he anticipates she'll be a fine boat.

Another 57 in Aluminum

Hard on the heels of the launching of the first Burger 57 in aluminum came word that work had started on another. As with SUITSUS III, the first 57, this new yacht will be designed and equipped for owner handled, family style cruising. The new owner-skipper is Mr. Robert Hewes III of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. When launched next spring, this 57 will be christened BOJAN. BOJAN will be Mr.

Hewes third yacht; his previous boat was a Burger 50 footer in steel.

This is the second boat now going through the Yard which will have her home port on the Chesapeake. The 64' aluminum sloop pictured in this issue is being built for Mr. Hewes brother-in-law, Mr. George F. Johnson of Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

Two More Midwestern 63's

Orders have been placed by two Midwestern owners for the very popular Burger 63 in aluminum. These new boats are the third and fourth 63's in succession built to the order of Midwest yachtsmen. The yet unannounced owners are from Illinois and Wisconsin.

The former MISS BUDWEISER, a beautiful Burger custom 65 in steel was recently purchased by the Jim Walter Corporation of Tampa, Florida. She has been renamed TICA and should be an ideal boat for Florida waters with her large fishing cockpit aft.

Henry Burger's Right-Hand Girl

"Well, there's never a dull moment!" That's Ann McKeivitt's accurate but extremely modest description of her duties as secretary to Henry E. Burger, President of Burger Boat Company, Inc.

Ann has been Henry E. Burger's right-hand girl since 1955. She also served as secretary to Mr. Burger's father, the late Henry C. Burger, former President of the Company. Ann started at the Yard in 1948.

Ann is no stranger to Burger owners and business associates. With the exception of Mr. Burger, she probably has more contact with customers than anyone else at the Yard. Answering inquiries, handling correspondence, setting up appointments and working on contracts are only a few of the tasks in her bailiwick of responsibility.

No matter what the assignment, Ann's cheerfulness and efficiency in carrying it out are always a pleasure to all concerned. Many owners rely on her for reservations and help when coming to Manitowoc for a check on the progress of their boat or to attend the exciting launching.

Greater owner interest and participation in the interior decoration of their yachts along with increases in boat sizes and the use of aluminum are the changes Ann has noted most during her years at the Yard. She recalls that in 1948, the biggest boat built was a 53-footer and all the boats were steel. "But now," she relates, "we have a few 80, 90 or even 100 footers every year, and more and more owners are switching to aluminum."

"Working under Mr. Burger is a real pleasure," says Ann. His constant coming and going on customer calls makes her's a job that's always exciting. "I wouldn't enjoy it so much if it were routine," she added.

Ann was deeply saddened by the recent death of her former boss, Henry C. Burger. "He was



Ann McKeivitt

a wonderful counselor," she said. "He always had a few minutes to talk about any problem I had when he was here at the Yard."

Ann lives in Manitowoc and is an avid gardener and music fan. She has a sizable stereo record collection which gives her many hours of pleasure.

Along with all her other duties, Ann somehow finds time to help in gathering the information, names, photos, etc. that go into making up the YARD NEWS. In fact, without her help we'd never get to press. She also supervises mailing the YARD NEWS to you and other interested yachtsmen.

Demonstrator In Florida Waters This Winter

A new Burger 63 in aluminum will stand the duty as a company owned demonstrator in Florida this winter. The yacht is expected to depart Manitowoc late in October for a cruise via the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to the Miami area.

Parties interested in Burger cruisers or auxiliaries are invited to view this fine yacht. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Burger Boat Co., Inc., in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.



Extensive electronic gear is evident in pilothouse. Yacht also carries 8-man raft, 12' aluminum tender on canopy roof and davits on stern for carrying Boston Whaler.



Completely equipped galley and dinette with built-in appliances. Special dinette table converts into extra bunk by simply lowering to level of seats and positioning extra cushion.

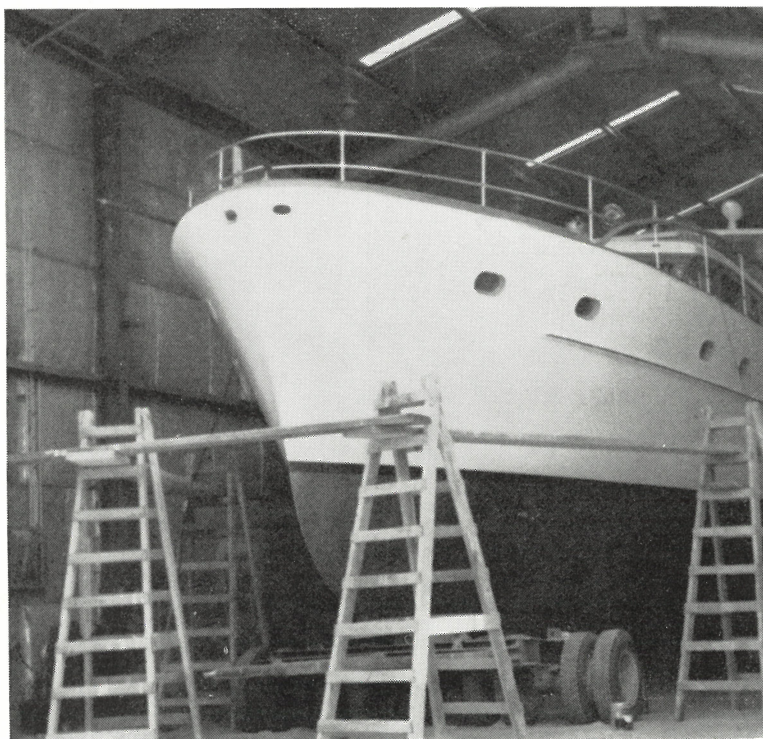
Burgers Come Home For Refinishing And Overhaul

With the size of the Burger fleet increasing every year, activity in the Yard's overhaul and repair shed has also been on the upswing. Many owners prefer coming back to the Yard for refurbishing and refinishing because of Burger's intimate knowledge of their boats. They also realize Burger has the best equipment and most experienced men for work on steel and aluminum hulls.

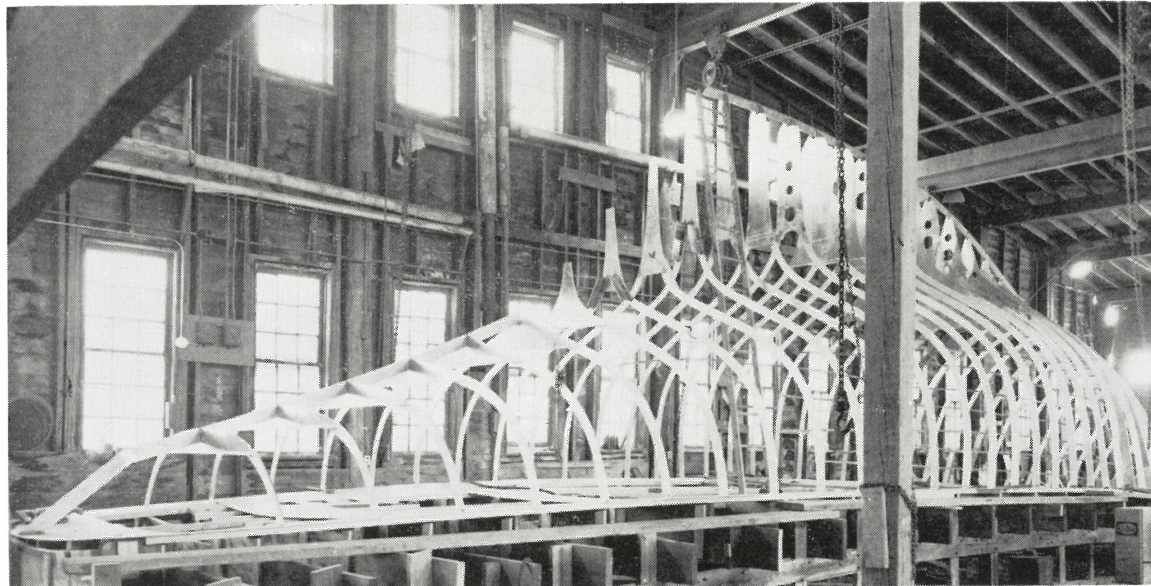
JEANNE K Spruced-Up

The JEANNE K was a recent visitor at the Yard's overhaul shed. She is a trim 54 footer in steel that was launched in 1957 as the EL BAR GOR. She has also cruised under the name HAZEL G and most recently TRISTAN.

A complete spruce-up of JEANNE K was completed in just 10 days out of the water. Her bottom was completely sandblasted then protected with applications of special undercoats. The final finish coat gave her a bright new look and a barrier against marine growth. Painters completely revarnished her topside and deckhouse. Engines, fuel tanks and water tanks were given a general overhaul. In addition, a 150 pound capacity Marvel freezer was neatly installed under the dinette table in the galley spaces.



Above: JEANNE K being refurbished in the repair and overhaul shed at the Yard. Boats can be easily moved from the water into these controlled working conditions in just 45 minutes.



Work is moving right along on the new aluminum sloop being built for Mr. George F. Johnson of Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Her aluminum framing has been completed and her strong but light aluminum alloy plate has gone on. After she was righted with her keel down, lead was poured into her keel. This fills the voids and increases her density. With an overall length of 64'4", she's the largest aluminum auxiliary built at the Yard.

Major Modification

Other boats in for work recently were the FIVE FINNS, which was Burger's 1959 demonstrator, and a fishing trawler belonging to the United States Bureau of Wild Life.

Major modifications were completed on the trawler which will serve as an experimental boat. Five feet were removed from her transom and a new two ton, steel stern section added. She'll operate out of Bayfield, Wisconsin up on Lake Superior.

SUITSUS III

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With a full load aboard, SUITSUS III cruises at 16 knots. She has a special power plant of twin Caterpillar D-333 diesels that develop 270 horsepower each at 2200 RPM. Cruising speed on the standard Burger 57 is in the 18 to 20 knot range.

Loads of Living

While range and performance are important, liveability was of prime interest to the Voights as with most yachtsmen. SUITSUS III's trim aluminum alloy hull measures 57'4" in length with a 15'9" beam and a 4' draft. Thanks to the space saving attribute of aluminum and Burger's experience with it, there's loads of liveability aboard.

Two twin berth staterooms and two baths make up the owner-guest quarters. Forward, are separate living spaces for a crew of two and a modern built-in galley and dinette. This is the first Burger to have a new Tappan electronic oven installed in the galley. A Marvel freezer is conveniently located just aft in the engine room. Topside, there's a warm comfortable deckhouse, enclosed bridge and stylish afterdeck with a special full length canopy.

Interiors throughout the boat are beautifully finished in natural korina. Teak was used for the decks, cap rail and hand rail. Rugs imported from Karachi, Pakistan are part of the interior decoration scheme created for the Voights by John Ullmann and Associates.

Fully Equipped

Included in the equipment on

Captain Comments

Following are excerpts from a letter written to Henry E. Burger by William Meilner, Captain of STILL ROVIN' IV. This 55 footer in steel was launched last fall. She is owned by Mr. Ralph Beeson of Birmingham, Alabama.

Here are Captain Meilner's comments on STILL ROVIN' IV: "We have had a minimum amount of trouble and the boat has received the maximum (number) of compliments.

"Her performance has been excellent under all kinds of conditions. A boat that I can well be proud of.

"At 1800 RPM in shallow water, I average 10.1 to 10.5 knots. In deep water, running 1900 RPM, I can average 11.1 to 11.8 knots." (power plant is twin Caterpillar D-333 diesels.)

"Many thanks to you, Mr. Burger, and all of the people that work for you for building such a fine boat. I say she's tops!"

the well laid-out bridge are a Bendix Captain 250 radio-telephone, DR-19 depth recorder and auto-pilot. A special cigar lighter was installed for the owner-skipper along with window washers and a Sea Slave public address system. Buell air horns are used with an electric compressor.

As with many Burgers of late, a shipwide Hi-Fi system is a feature of SUITSUS III. A three ton compressor powers air conditioning units in the staterooms, crews quarters and deckhouse.

A special bar and stern seats are built-in on the custom afterdeck. The bar features a stainless steel sink, hot and cold taps, ice bucket and stowage space.