

"Now I Know this is the Boat to Have"

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Dear Pacific Seacraft,

Enclosed are slides taken of “Rainbow” in front of Chatterbox Falls, Princes Lousia Inlet, Canada. If you want to use one in an advertisement, please do, we would be honored.

Now some details of our latest trip. Quita and I started by trailering to San Carlos, Mexico in early February. We launched and sailed across the Sea of Cortez leaving late afternoon and arriving in San Juanico on the Baja mid-morning the next day to encounter a very unusual, but satisfying event; we anchored between two Pacific Seacraft cousins, a Flicka and an Orion! After three months in Mexico and moving on to Southern California, we were not again to find ourselves between two Pacific Seacraft boats until the rendezvous on Catalina Island where the Pacific Seacraft fleet invaded and successfully conquered Catalina Harbor.

The boat is perfect; two of us on board for not quite 7 months, but never feeling crowded. We meet many people on other boats and often invite dinner guests from much larger boats. We always receive positive comments about the spaciousness of our Dana. Many adding that if they had seen this boat before buying, they would have purchased a Dana! Many, many compliments are received on the excellent workmanship of our craft. The ultimate surprise to our visitors came in discussing our agenda for the trip, February, March and April cruising the waters of the Sea of Cortez from San Carlos to LaPaz, June and July in Southern California, then August and part of September in Canadian waters north of Vancouver.

As we started in Mexico, other cruising sailors heading north did not look forward to their trip. Upon telling those facing months of hard sailing to weather that our plan was to sail Mexico and California for several weeks, then trailer for the 1000 mile trip to Canada, a common response was, “Now I know this is the boat to have not only is it spacious, soundly built to take any conditions, easy to handle but also trailerable. I can’t believe this boat is trailerable. What freedom you have, we’re envious.”



Jim and Quita McGrath on “rainbow,” Pacific Seacraft Dana 24, #18, in front of Chatterbox Falls. One of the highpoints of their 3500 mile trip from Baja to Canada.

As for pride of ownership, it’s hard not to have. Not only do we feel very safe and comfortable knowing our Dana, but the comments of recognition we hear about “Rainbow” being a Pacific Seacraft boat are received everywhere we go. From the gentleman helping tie up at Newport Harbor Yacht Club to the owners of a beautiful new 41 foot cutter, we encountered sailing up Jarvis Inlet on our way to Princess Lousia Inlet, the admiration of fellow sailors was ever present.

Looking out after dinner one evening while anchored off one of the San Juan Islands, we discovered a Canadian gentleman circling “Rainbow” in his dinghy. After saying hello, he asked if our boat was a Dana and was very excited when invited aboard for coffee and a look at the boat. He had been reading and dreaming about a Dana for some time and was even more convinced after having seen “Rainbow”, needless to say our pride continues to swell.

Our one and only complaint was the 40 gallon water tank. It was insufficient for our time in Mexican waters. We never ran out by carrying extra water on deck, but felt more tankage capacity would put us at ease. While in California, I learned of the new optional tank for the Lazarette and want to thank you, Mike and Stan, for disrupting your

busy work schedule to install this tank before we headed for Canada. The installation is as neat and clean as if it had been installed during the building process again I commend you for the excellent service given us, we have always received extraordinary treatment even in this case three years after purchase.

I will also never forget being introduced by Mike to the men who worked on our boat when we picked “Rainbow” up at the factory in August of 1985 and the friendly, courteous help given us. Being a building contractor, I know how difficult it is to get proper treatment toward owners from the men working on the job. I commend you and Mike, if I, as a builder, could get my men to respond to owners half as well as your employees do, I couldn’t handle all the work which would be referred to me.

Thanks to you and your crew for the wonderful vessel and the great worry free trips it has given us.

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