

FOR SALE

LUCKY MARU 幸運丸

1972 GRAND BANKS 32-247





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ABOUT ME AND WOOD BOATS

My name is Lance Como, a graphic artist by trade and boat restorer by passion. Back in the mid 80's I became rather obsessed with wood boats, especially those I could spend summers on. My first boat was a 1960 Owens 30 foot Sea Skiff Express... as you can see it wasn't in the best of condition.



My next boat was a 1961 Chris-Craft Constellation Flush Deck 50... I lived aboard that one year round on the Mississippi River just south of St. Paul MN - and yes, the river freezes over and yes I used an aerator system I build to keep it ice free.

The years of experience in restoring told me taking on the 1972 Grand Banks 32 would be a major undertaking... the difference is I am going to bring back a classic.



new aluminum American Tanks by Vince Skandunas



the previous owner in a inland lock



the single Ford-Lehman is efficient and powerful



an absolute dream to cruise on



THE 2X LOOPER WAS ROUGH

The Lucky Maru was in storage for 6 years before I took ownership. Being under shrinkwrap caused the coatings to breakdown and it was decided to remove them to bare wood and start over. A couple of planks were replaced and the seams redone...

The Grand Banks comes with a full flying bridge enclosure tho it is now in Minnesota as is the V-berth insert. Wasn't needed for the Loop so the next person can just pay shipping to add them to the boat.

The engine was tested and all the hoses, belts, coolers were replaced and spares ordered just in case anything breaks. Also included are a spare heat exchanger, water pumps, and a set of thermostats.

Everything needed to continue the Loop is ready to go.

A SIX YEAR PROJECT

The Lucky Maru had been neglected for a number of years after the previous owner had a stroke. To get her back in to cruising condition we stripped all the exterior coating and applied Smth-Brothers CPES prior to a priming, fairing, and a final top coat of Interlux Brightside polyurethane. A great coating which allows for easy touch-ups.

All trim was removed and received a minimum of 10 coats of Epifanes High Gloss prior to rebedding. Sliding windows were removed and a new stainless channel installed, the port/ starboard windshields were replaced.



exterior stripped to bare, CPES coated



any soft wood replaced



windows received new weep hole drains expoxied in place



all sliding windows removed and new channel installed



port and starboard windshield replaced



hull faired, primed, and 4 coats Brightside gloss



transom stripped, 8 coats Awlwood and 4 Epifanes



exterior trim removed and 10 coats Epifanes High Gloss



bottom received 3 coats Interlux Micron CSC



bulwarks received 3 coats Brightside Beige satin



a beautiful boat



cutlass replaced and prop balanced



hoses, belts, coolers, heat exchanger replaced & serviced



hatch removed and 10 coats of Epifanes



dual Racors and dripless serviced



all thru-hulls removed, lapped, and greased



mast and boom stripped , primed and 4 coats Brighside



trim able to be removed stripped and 10 Coats Epifanes



hand rails removed, stripped, and 10 coats Epifanes



upper helm instrument panel rebuilt.



THE GREAT LOOP BEGINS

The Lucky Maru was as prepared as it could be to begin the Loop... that is not as prepared as it could have been if the journey began the following year. Besides a lot of the work can be done "on the way." We've had some minor issues and in actually still have a few gremlins... none of which affect the cruising ability of her.



Overall the performance has been great... by reducing RPM which cut the speed a bit we are consistently seeing 5+ MPG and are getting to our destinations quite comfortably.

As far as a Looper this boat has proven itself. The previous owners did two Loops with her and if not for a stroke they would have become Gold Loopers.



it was a last minute rush to leave Duluth mid Sep



days before starting the Loop hand rails were installed



a week before still in need of the upper bridge rails



Jolly Boat (Ridgid) was reconditioned- available



teflon bottom paint and Grand Banks beige



Garmin Chartplotters and Standard-Horizon VHF/AIS



warm LED interior lighting



blue night lights



all mechanicals serviced and spare parts kit included



preparations included reinstalling curtain & cushions



a few spare parts just in case



test run and the Lucky Maru is running perfectly



along the Loop compliments were in abundance



cruising the inland waterway was a great experience



AIS is a necessity when cruising the river system



THE LOOP EXPERIENCE

The perfect boat for cruising the Loop is the Grand Banks 32, efficient, enough room, and marina fees are as low as they can get. The idea is to cruise and that means early morning rising and a early to bed to get moving along... this boat has enough creature comforts.



the day before Weaver mounts were added for the dinghy



runs like a Swiss watch

ACCOMODATIONS ARE GREAT

The foward cabin has a v-berth, I left the insert behind as it wasn't needed. The cushions throughout the boat are super comfortable and virtually new. What I didn't install was the full canvas enclosure for the bridge - just didn't have time to get it set up so along with the insert was left in Minnesota.



new cushions but the insert left in Minnesota, available



there a ventilation fans everywhere including the closet



a very comfortable cabin

\$56,000

Full canvas enclosure available - as shown.

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