

Your name: Al McKegg

Boat's name: Mucho Bondo

Boats location:Finney Creek, Onancock, Virginia

Boat's date of manufacture (from your registration):May 1980, Shorewood, Minnesota

Number of windows (per side):4

Rudder (fixed or pivoting):pivot

Anchor locker (shallow with molded inset for anchor)Yes, no locker cover

Mast make (Kenyon or...?)Kenyon

Swept back spreaders? (yes or no) yes

Chain plates (Two sets of flat style chain plates or ...?) two sets of U bolts with turnbuckles

I've had my RL24 since 1990. She was bought wrecked; a prior owner had trailered her with the keel up, which ripped the keel trunk loose from the hull. That was my first fix, requiring much fiberglass and some body putty. Hence her name.

She's been substantially modified from her original configuration, converted to be more comfortable for weekend cruising and camping. She probably weighs 200 pounds more than when she was manufactured but still retains shallow-draft capability; draws about a foot with the keel up.

She's been trailered to the Keys and Ten Thousand Islands multiple times, to Peconic Bay on Long Island, and presently sails in the Chesapeake and around the barrier islands on the coast of Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Main changes have been:

- Install solar panels for battery charging, ventilation
- Install 12v and 110V electrical system, lighting, lightning dissipator atop mast
- Install stern pulpit, lifelines, bimini
- Install hatch in cockpit floor and access plates under bunks, giving access to storage space
- Install drains in companionway hatch rails, prevents rain from entering under hatch
- Reinforced side deck, including installing knees. (Side deck flexed badly under load.)
- Installed ribs, bookshelves, insulation and ceiling in hull. Ceiling is strips of mahogany salvaged from Kubota tractor crates.
- Replaced forward hatch with strong hatch from C&C
- Extended mast compression post to pad on interior of hull

- Sealed the keel pivot pin; it leaked badly
- Replaced the trailer rollers with bunk boards; the hull is so thin the rollers deformed it
- Installed stained glass ports (made by a 'Nam vet buddy)
- Installed furling jib with CDL furler, jib winches



