

SAFE and SOUND



SERENADE II berthed at the San Francisco Yacht Club

The 50 foot SERENADE II, a 1946 Huckins Offshore model, owned by John T. Laucks of Seattle, Washington, was cruising off the California coast with the owners, another couple and two children (the youngest aged six years) aboard. Suddenly and without warning she started taking water through a hole "big enough to crawl through" in one of her six watertight compartments. Although an Air Force helicopter, answering her call, lowered a pump which could not be used, and an oil company boat stood by, SERENADE II proceeded to port, with Coast Guard escort, arriving under her own power nine hours after the mishap. The rest of the story is told in the owner's words.

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Gentlemen:

Although I am not generally prone to testimonials; a recent performance by my eighteen-year-old SERENADE II deserves a note of thanks to her builders.

The enclosed article is factual except for such phrases as "wallowing" and "limping". In reality, while the entire 'midships section was awash, we returned to Santa Barbara under our own power and at better than six knots.

Naturally, we are grateful to a number of people - the crew of the COME-ALONG, for attempting underwater repairs despite rather impossible odds, the Coast Guard and the Air Force - but in the final analysis it was the construction, and the construction alone, that kept the SERENADE afloat. The waters off Point Conception are not forgiving to sailors, particularly six-year-olds.

Thank you for building a good boat.

Sincerely,
John T. Laucks
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