

SCHOCK 40: NEW FACES . . . NEW PLACES

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During the last several months, four Schock 40s have changed hands and moved to new sailing venues. We have also received a number of inquiries about new Schock 40s, so we thought this would be a good time for an update.



Schock 40 #9 - Stewball

The latest flurry of activity started when Jason Rhodes bought #9 – ex-*Dandelion*, ex-*Mad Dog* – and renamed it *Stewball*. Jason sails out of Vancouver in smooth water and usually in light air. He has been measuring, analyzing, and experimenting with every aspect of the boat, and the results have been fantastic. The boat is looking terrific, and Jason has been beating all of the top boats in the area. He has installed a masthead jib for windward work in light air windward and flies this jib until the wind reaches above 12 knots true. Then he downsizes to the standard jib. He is also working with some very flat Code Zeros – one that you can almost use going to windward. He has spoken to some of the other owners and to people who are thinking of owning a Schock 40 and has caused an exciting surge of enthusiasm.

SchockaZulu, hull #8, is also in Vancouver and will be fitted with its new center strut and bulb soon. Gavin Pearce is the new owner and will be tuning up this spring against *Stewball*. They should be an awesome one-two punch in the Vancouver racing scene. Schock 40 #2 – originally Nick Martin's *On Point* and then Teddy Turner's *American Eagle* – was purchased in early January by Arthur Buhr, III. He will be sailing out of Manhasset Bay, New York, so this boat has gone from Los Angeles to Charleston to New York. She really gets around!

The boat with the most distance traveled is probably *Yassou*. It was originally owned by Jim Demetriades, with Tom Pollack serving as project manager. It sold to Ken Kahn and spent some time in Hawaii but suffered a broken mast and wasn't sailed very much. Ken sold the boat to Kurt Pearson who named it *Black Pearl* and moved the boat to Ventura, California. Kurt brought the boat up to our factory to be completely

reconditioned. It has a tall rig and is definitely fast in light air. In early January, #6 was purchased by Nico Cottone, who sails on Lake Erie and on the other Great Lakes. He is a former Schock 35 owner and is excited to be back on another Schock boat . . .
“Especially a 40!”

Hull #1, *Estupendo*, is now owned by Alfonso Sosa Cordero and is back in the San Francisco Bay area. She will be able to tune with #7 *Secret Squirrel*, owned by John Cladianos. #10 *Wraith*, formerly sailed in England is now in Hong Kong. Ron Nolan’s #5 *Jonathan Swift* is getting set for a serious campaign this season on Lake Michigan; and Cita Litt has her beautiful yellow boat back in the water in Newport Beach.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A TERRIFIC YEAR FOR THE SCHOCK 40.