From: Andy Newell
Subject: Pictures of Petard

Petard is a 1976 Farr 36 that was designed under the old IOR rule. Designed by Bruce Farr, she was built in Wangerei New Zealand for the Pan Am Clipper Cup races in Hawaii in the late 1970s. After that she found her way to Seattle where my uncle bought her in 1982 +/-. One of the first things he did with the boat was to repower it removing a gasoline engine and installing the BMW D12. At the time there was a local dealer named Kevin Green and his company was BMW Marine in Alameda.

Petard is a cold molded wooden boat that is very sturdy and built for the typical 15-25+ knot conditions found in Hawaii and the SF bay.

Since my uncle, Keith Buck, bought her she has done 6 Pacific Cup races (SF to Hawaii) and a Tahiti Cup (SF to Tahiti) and countless local races on the SF bay and the west coast of California between Drakes Bay and Monterey with a few down to Santa Barbara. We still do 30-40 race days per year, and race 12 months a year. Several years ago when I started to get the itch to get my own boat my uncle made me a partner in Petard. Someone asked him which part was mine to which he responded 'whichever part is broken!" and I have been buying the boat one sail, engine, stator or haul out at a time ever since. I got to sail with him for 20 years with little more responsibility than to show up when told, now it's my turn to keep the boat and the crew together and he gets to just show up and sail.

Attached are a few pictures of the boat and some with our playground as a backdrop.

I'll send you some more of the engine, its installation and the rotor/stator failure once I get up to the boat.

Thanks again for the hurry up on the parts. Having a source that can get us parts for a 25 year old engine that is no longer produced at all is fantastic and the fact that you can do it within a few days is truly invaluable.

Andy