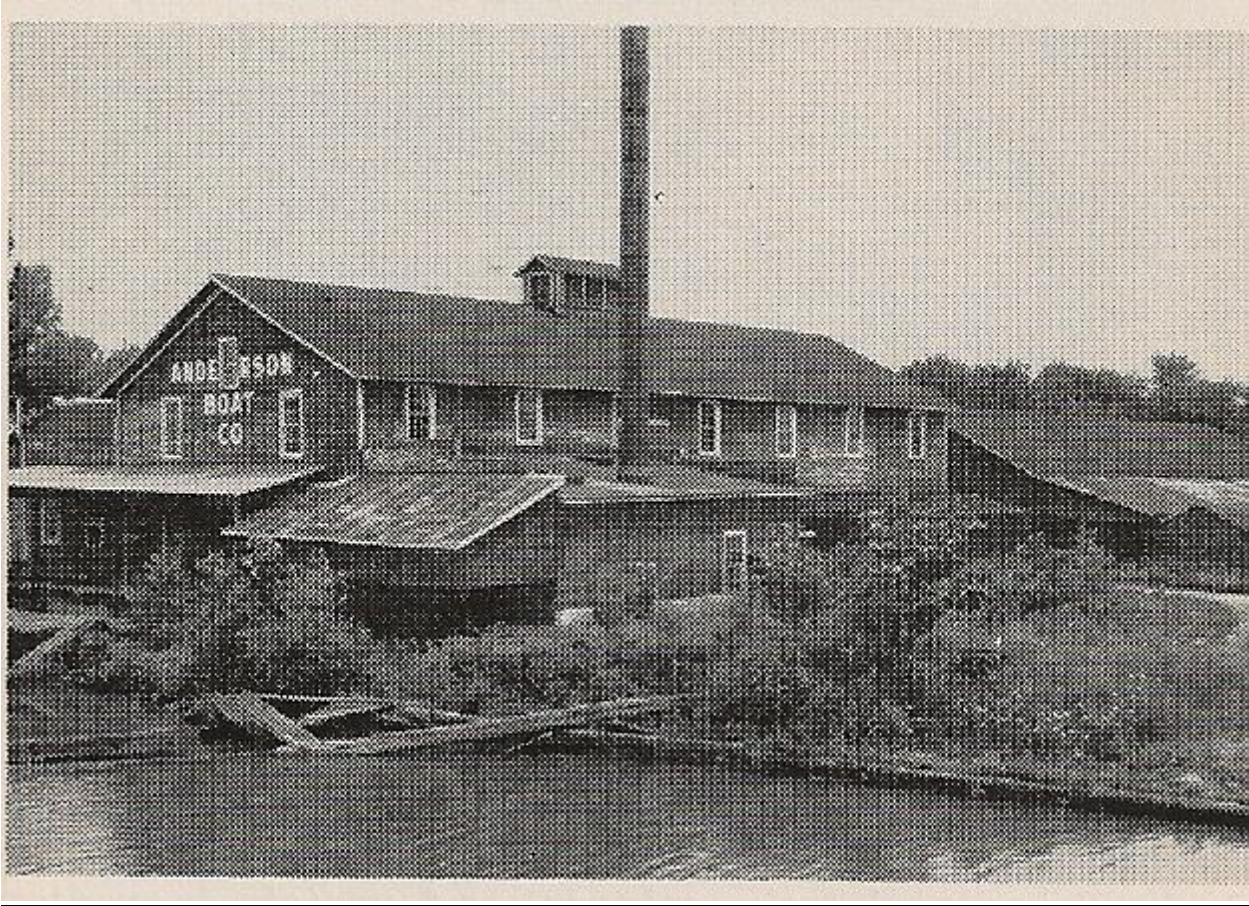


ANDERSON BOAT COMPANY



The Anderson Boat Company existed in Oak Harbor, Ohio from 1953 to 1958. Swedish born Olaf Oscar Anderson came to the United States in 1923, becoming a cabinet maker in Chicago, Illinois. From there, he went to Mount Clemons, Michigan, where he worked in the boat business. In 1953 he came to Oak Harbor. A 1957 Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Brochure stated that the Anderson Boat Company had started in Mount Clemons in 1945; however, a short local newspaper biography of March 15, 1957 said that O.O. “Andy” Anderson started his own company when he came to Oak Harbor in 1953.

The company moved into an old basket company building along the north bank of the Portage River, east of Locust Street. The building, dating from 1895 appeared, at least on the outside, little changed with the exception of the Anderson Boat Co. name being painted on the side.

OLOF O. ANDERSON

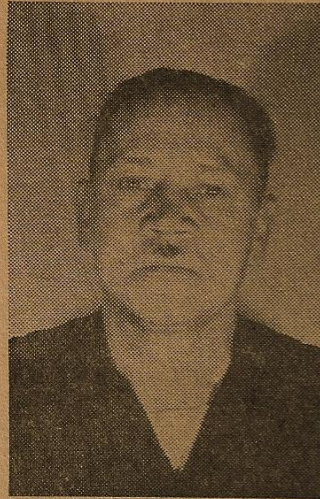
MAR. 15, 1957 BOAT BUILDER

Olof Oscar Anderson took a long way around to pick Oak Harbor as his settling down place. He was born in Sweden, came to the U. S. in 1923, worked in Chicago as a cabinet maker, then to Mount Clemens, Michigan, in the boat building business and finally to Oak Harbor in 1953. He started his own company here in the buildings formerly occupied by the Ottawa Basket Company and has since been turning out a continuously mounting production of "Anderson" boats. His craft have become known throughout the midwest.

"Andy," as he is generally known, built his first boat at the age of 14. This year he expects to build over 300. If he can acquire an extra 4 or 5 men over the 8 he now employs, he figures on going well over the quota. So far he has confined his production to 14 and 16 foot craft. This year some 20 footers will be turned out and Andy has plans for fibre-glass production in the future. He has 28 dealers on the list now, prospects for more and just can't build the boats to supply the demand.

Andy's dad was from Germany, his mother was Swedish. Their home was Stockholm, Sweden, but the elder Anderson was seldom there. He was a Captain on a world-girdling ocean liner. At the tender age of eight, Andy accompanied his dad on a globe-circling tour. Andy, who had very little formal education, speaks German and Swedish, but his father, a well educated man, spoke and wrote 14 different languages.

Andy and his wife, the former Marie Frederick originally from Luckey, Ohio, live at 130 W. Main St. They have three children; Robert, 14, Nancy, 7, and Karl, 3. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Andy belongs to the Conservation Club. His hobby and his work are one and the same. He is a baseball fan and an ardent supporter of the Detroit Tigers. He never misses a Rocket football game and son Robert has high aspirations of



O. O. "ANDY" ANDERSON

making a name for himself on the Rocket team in a few years. . . . Robert doesn't give a hoot for boats.

Andy likes bird hunting and fishing in all its forms. Every year he takes the family on a two week's vacation - to Michigan or down South.

An industrious, enterprising man with love of the water and his chosen work planted deep and a mighty good neighbor is Olof Oscar "Andy" Anderson.

The company custom made Lap-Straight Clinker Type 14 & 16 foot boats. This is a method of constructing hulls of boats by fixing wooden planks to each other so that the planks overlap along their edges. The overlapping joint is called a land. In any but a very small boat, the individual planks would be joined end to end; the whole length of one these composite planks is a strake. The technique, developed in northern Europe, was successfully used by the Vikings. The construction method is known, in some places, as lapstrake. Anderson boats had white oak for the frame, seats, and stern with mahogany trim.

In a January 1, 1957 sales brochure, there were 6 different 14 foot models available and 4 different 16 foot models. The boats sold for between \$239.00 and \$595.15 unpainted. Painted cost between \$289.00 and \$680.15 with an extra \$2.50 for painting a boat with a windshield. A number of accessories were also available.



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DESIGNED FOR MOTORS UP TO 25 h.p.

Super Fisherman

SPECIFICATIONS
Length Extreme — 14' Width Extreme — 62" Height Bow — 28"
Depth Amidships — 23" Width Stern — 60" Approximate Weight — 263 lbs.

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DESIGNED FOR MOTORS UP TO 33 h.p.

Super Deluxe

SPECIFICATIONS
Length Extreme — 14' Width Extreme — 66" Height Bow — 38"
Depth Amidships — 25" Width Stern — 60" Approximate Weight — 280 lbs.

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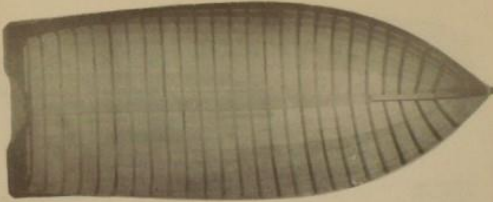


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**Super Runabout Special
(WALK THROUGH)**

SPECIFICATIONS
Length Extreme — 14' Width Extreme — 66" Height Bow — 38"
Depth Amidships — 26" Width Stern — 60" Approximate Weight — 385 lbs.

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1957

Models	Unpainted	Painting Net
14' Livery, No Deck	\$239.00	\$289.00
14' Super Livery, No Deck	276.00	326.00
14' Fisherman, with Fwd. Deck	295.60	352.60
14' Super Fisherman, with Fwd. Deck	320.35	377.35
14' Super Deluxe, with Fwd. Deck	365.85	423.85
14' Super Runabout Special, Walkthru	463.55	534.10
16' Super Deluxe, with Fwd. Deck	417.15	482.15
16' Super Deluxe, Fisherman Special, Walkthru	510.15	586.15
16' Super Runabout Special, Walkthru	512.10	587.10
16' Sportsman Walkthru, with motor well	595.15	680.15

Hulls Available in all models. \$2.50 EXTRA for painting boats with windshields.
 All Prices F.O.B. Oak Harbor, Ohio. PRICES subject to change upon notification

EXTRA ACCESSORIES

Boat Covers	Windshield Glass	Mahogany Windshield Brackets	Windshield Head	Bulk Head	Aft or Center Seat Back	Covered Gunwales	Windshield Installed Complete	
16' Models (with windshields)	\$42.50	14.00	\$32.00	\$3.50	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$52.50
16' Model (without windshields) ..	\$40.00	14.00						
14' Super Models	\$38.50	14.00	\$32.00	\$3.50	\$18.00	\$13.00	\$16.00	\$52.50
14' Super Livery	\$36.50	14.00						
14' Livery and Fisherman Models ..	\$36.50	14.00	\$32.00	\$3.50	\$16.00	\$ 9.50	\$16.00	\$52.50

HARDWARE NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE PRICES

ANDERSON BOAT HULLS

	KIT
14 FT. LIVERY HULLS - 176.00	37.60
14 FT. SUPER LIVERY - 188.00	40.90
14 FT. SUPER DELUXE - 216.25, walkthru	107.87
16 FT. SUPER - 234.60 Walkthru	120.02

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Below shows examples of pages from a calendar, dated 1959, that was given out by the Anderson Boat Company. Size of the pages is unknown, as these are examples from the internet. It is also unknown if any other calendars were given out.



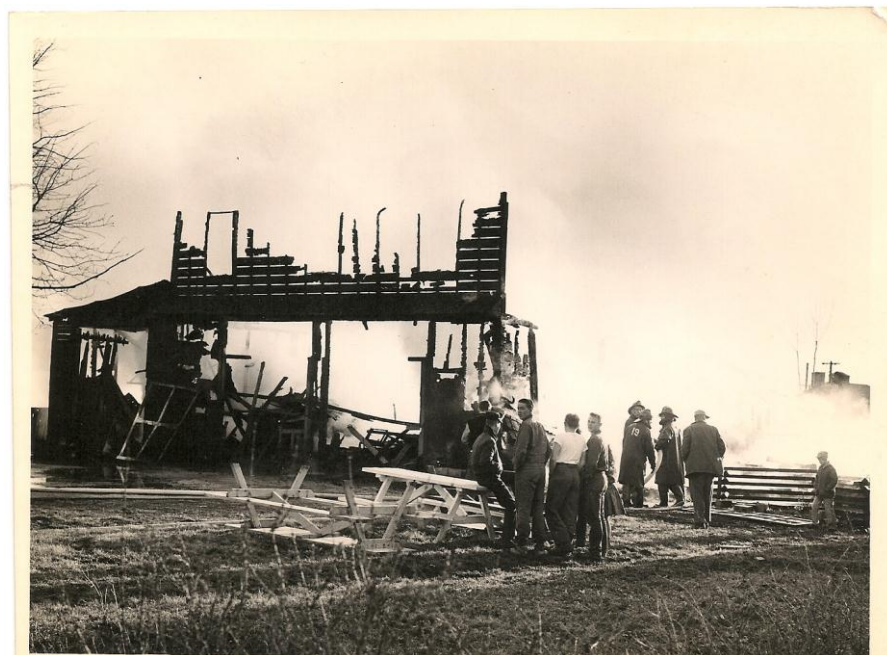
The Anderson Boat Company employed, at the most, between 10 and 15 people. Mr. Anderson's 1957 short newspaper biography stated there were 8 employees with hope of adding 4 to 5 more to meet an expected next year demand of 800 boats. The company's future was also expected to include the building of 20 foot boats and the addition of fiberglass. The future expansion may not have happened as there were only 5 reported company employees in December, 1958.

At 8:00 P.M. on the night of December 23, 1958, the Anderson Boat Company factory building was reported to be on fire. It would burn until 5:00 A.M. the next morning, completely destroying the structure. The building, some 60+ years old, had been built in 1895 and used from that time until 1950 as a basket factory. With the combination of the wood construction of the building, the many years of accumulation of wood basket shavings, the wood used in the building for boat construction, and the paint used on them, the firemen had very little chance to save the building. Photos of the fire show it completely engulfed in flames.

Damage was estimated between \$35,000 & \$45,000. The company did not rebuild and is believed to have gone out of business.

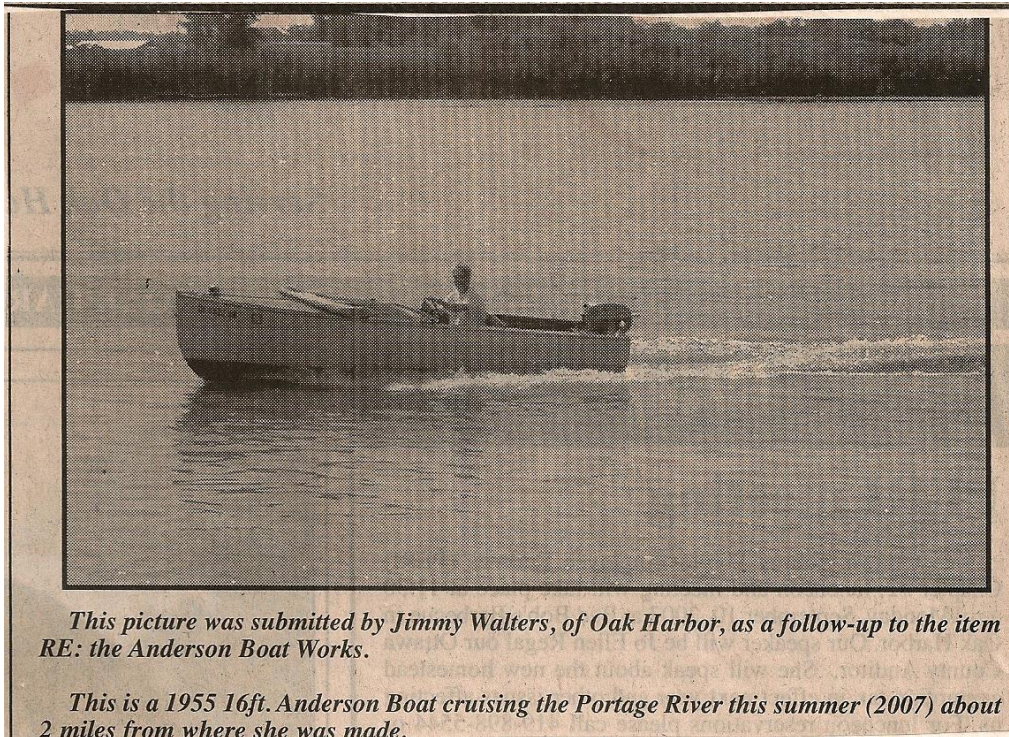


Anderson Boat Company – December 23, 1958 - Fire reported at 8:00 P.M.



Anderson Boat Company – December 24, 1958 – Assessing the damage the next morning.

According to information received in 2007 from Nancy Anderson, daughter of Olof Anderson, the family left Oak Harbor. They bought 350 acres in Indiana where Olof built a sand base beach out of a field. It had a spring feeding the beach area where Nancy was a Red Cross Instructor during the summers. After that, Olof made baby cradles and baby beds. He died of a stroke/heart attach at the age of 82.



2007 - On the Portage River, 2 miles from Oak Harbor, Ohio - 16 ft. Anderson Boat

** Possible companies associated with the Anderson Boart Company or part of the company. These were located at the same street/telephone address, 135 Brooklyn Street in the Village of Oak Harbor, as the Anderson Boat Company during the same time period. --- Harbor Hulls, Inc. --- Oak Harbor Boat Builders, Inc. Nothing is known about either company.

(2011 - John Liske)