



Vessel History

Freedom – Friendship Sloop-Maine Sloop Boat

Built As: Freedom

Class: Friendship Sloop-Maine Sloop Boat

Hull: Wood

Masts: 1

Rig: Gaff rigged

Designed By: Stanley - Ralph Warren Stanley (1929-)

Build Date: 1976

Built by: Ralph W. Stanley Inc.

Built with: Stanley - Richard Lewis Stanley (1962-)

Built at: Stanley 2nd Shop - SWH – Clark Point Road – 102-104

Built for: Dudman – Richard Beebe Dudman (1918-)

Named for: Richard Dudman's release from Vietcong prison in Cambodia in 1970.

Power: Westerbeke 20 HP 2-cylinder diesel engine

Length: 28'

Beam: 9'6"

Draught: 5'

Number: Sail #167

“About that time [1977], along came Dick Dudman, and he wanted a brand-new Friendship. The “Freedom” was built on my own lines. We already had “Morning Star” in the shop, tearing her apart. We planked her up, and then we set up the “Freedom” and planked her up. We finished the two sloops together.

I had taken Dick and Helen Dudman out in “Hieronymus” back in the mid-‘60s, I guess. He was then a journalist with the “St. Louis Post-Dispatch,” and he had a summer house on Little Cranberry Island. His children were in college, and he didn't have a great deal of money, so he didn't have a boat at that time. But he still liked Friendships and thought he wanted one.

Then Dick was over in Viet Nam and Cambodia on assignment, and he got captured with some other newspeople. He was marched around as a prisoner for a month or more, never knowing what might happen. He made up his mind that if he ever got out of that mess, he was going to have a Friendship sloop. So when he got home, he came to me and we talked about a twenty-eight footer, which we built. That was the “Freedom” and he's still got her.” - “Ralph Stanley : Tales of a Maine Boatbuilder” by Craig S. Milner and Ralph W. Stanley, published by Down East Books, Camden, Maine 2004, p. 90-91.