

Meeting with Daryl

In April 2010, I took the opportunity of a visit close to Vancouver with my wife (to celebrate the wedding anniversary of two old friends) to take the ferry to the south of Vancouver Island in order to meet Daryl. It was my first meeting with Daryl, but we felt an immediately connection because we had known each other for more than 3 years (thanks to pop-pop engine) through Internet. And during these 3 years we had exchanged two to three hundred emails.

I could see with my eyes and touch with my hands the boats and the engines, most of them already known by means of photos or videos. I have appreciated Daryl's and Sandy's hospitality, and I have got confirmation of Daryl's sense of humor and the quality of his realizations.



As it can be seen on the photos, in his small workshop the pop-pop boats are well stored, and in each compartment there are data sheets on which Daryl has noted the performances.



The boats are all different. They are built without drawing. Hulls are made of 20/100mm aluminum sheets; which makes them very light for their size.

For two days we tested together several engines... but we didn't discover anything new. Taking into account the measurement uncertainties we found the performances already gotten previously by Daryl and noted on his test sheets.

I brought back from Vancouver Island a superb boiler built by Daryl. Now I have to connect it to the adequate pipe to get a performing engine. I hope we will come back on it.



On the left hand side photo one can see Daryl sitting on his home made giant chair, holding one of his boats. On the right hand side, Daryl's gift: a boiler with 4 drums and 8 tubes.