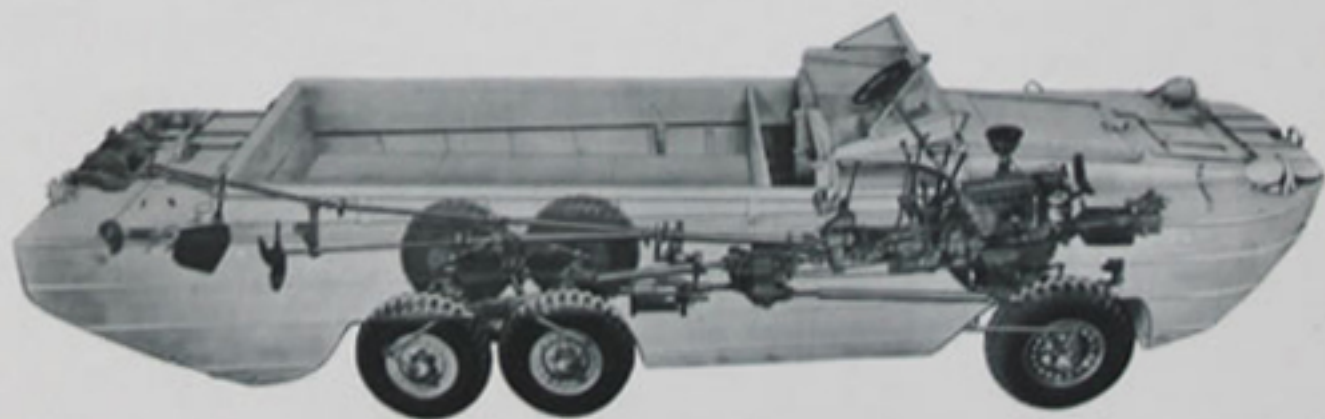




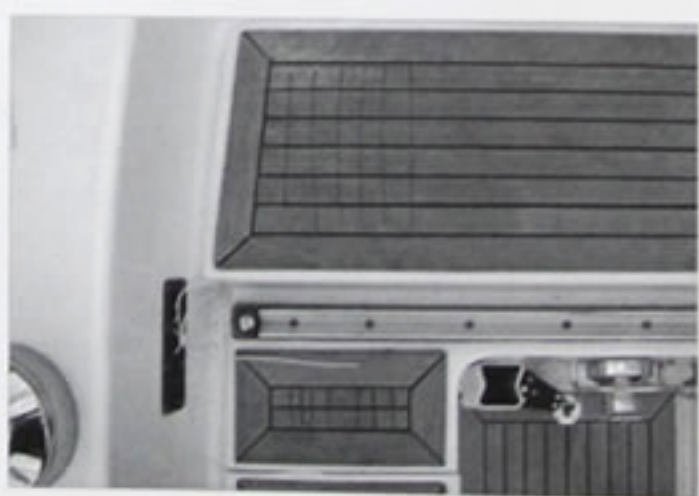
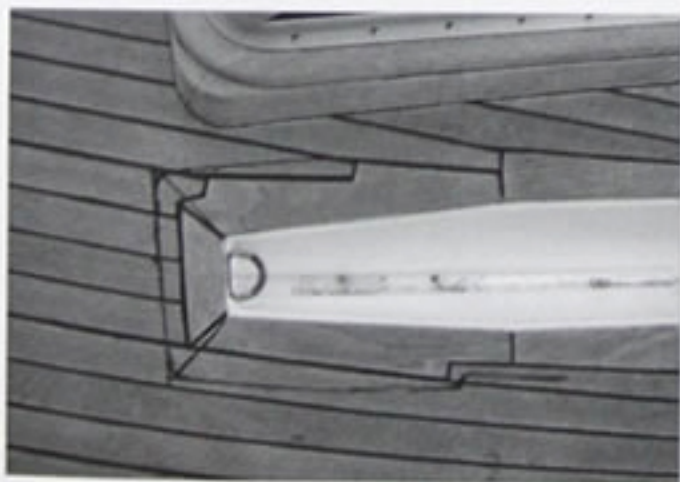
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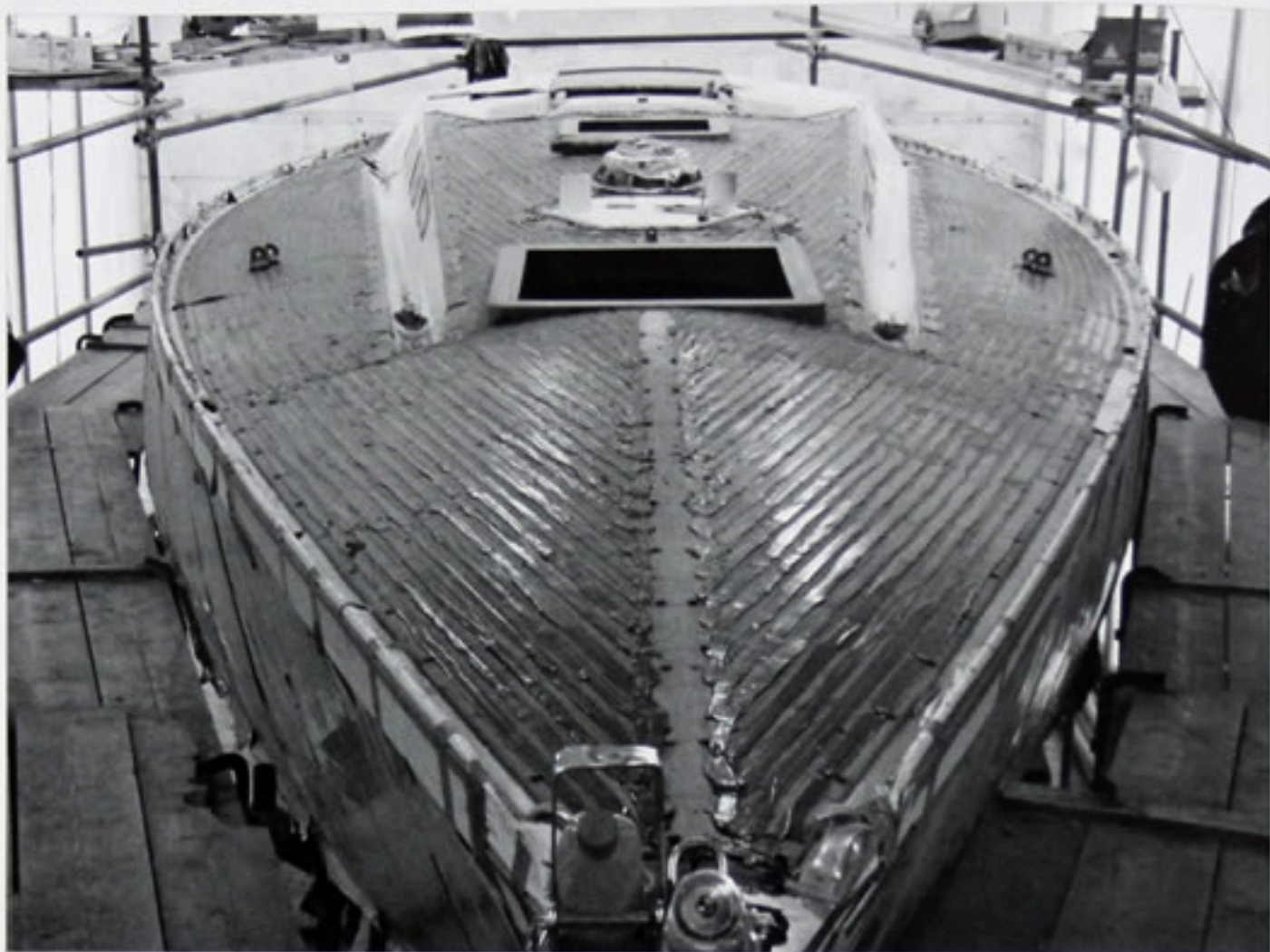
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MEMBERS' YEARBOOK

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A NEW DECK FOR *ONLY YOU*



After many years, poor *Only You* needed a new teak deck. After two months of work, I am now a REALLY poor man!

Anyway, I started to think about the new teak deck a few years ago, and have asked for some estimates from boatyards in France and Italy, both on the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian side. Caffarena's shipyard was not the cheapest estimate I received, but by all means was the best guaranteed for quality, and Caffarena himself is a faithful and reliable man. At the end of 2006 we agreed (Mr. Caffarena and I) to get *Only You* the new teak deck she deserved at his facility on the Ligurian hillside, 18 mm of Siam teak dried for a few years and treated by specialized hands. So this is when I started to become a poorer sailor!

In September 2007 after not too long await (you now have to wait for two years...) I was ready to get *Only You* ashore. The next day in the morning Mr. Caffarena arrived in Chiavari, where we agreed to get her into the travel-lift. He took the helm and said: get your hands off her, from now on she's mine! *OY* was put on a truck and shipped up in the hillside behind Chiavari. Franco

Caffarena's shipwrights used to work for Sangermani. You can imagine how skilful they are.

Together with them we designed the new layout details, improving the old design, then they got rid of the old and rotten teak, painted a coat of epoxy sealer and started to lay down the king planks (screwed). When this had been done they started to glue the planks, which were splined and glued to their neighbours. The final result is a very hard and compact new teak deck, absolutely waterproof and which gives rigidity to the deck!

In November, after the caulking, the boat was ready to go out to take rain, cold, snow, warm, humidity, and much more, because Caffarena wants to test his boats before giving them back to the owners. It is normal that after some weeks maybe a plank may split, or some caulking shows problems, etc., and he doesn't want to get complains, so he lets them rest in the elements for a while.

I couldn't for a moment have imagined getting the boat back again as beautiful as she is now. Go and see by yourself: www.only-you.it

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