

Shepherd and Jorgensen were involved in engineering work at the Jorgensen yard. Pop Jorgensen gave me a lot of time assisting in the building and the sailing of my boat "Golden Legend" this we lived on for close to 30 years. To pay for Pop's time I fitted out all the engineering and fittings for his Stormbird for material costs only, I'm still in the process of writing a book of my life, and Jorgensen's was a big part of it.

Pop and I used to discuss all sorts of things while working together on our two boats, mostly about our earlier lives. He mentioned one afternoon about how he came to Picton.

Arriving into New Zealand Pop ended up on a plantation at Snake Point with all his family. The homestead was close to the end of Snake Point on top of a high cliff, with a shed he could use to build boats in. Owned by a guy and his wife, everything started off OK until the guy started having problems with his mind and began locking everything up without any reason. The lady gave Pop keys so that he could get back into the shed to finish off his first boat "Saga". When it was time to launch it, the driveway had been totally blocked off.

One night Pop rigged a series of blocks and tackles and lowered his little sailboat down the side of the cliff face into the sea below, loaded it up and took his family to Picton. All this was done with the approval of the lady of the land.

Dan Shepherd. December 2022

NEW YACHT FOR PICTON

Pictonians Joan and Dan Shepherd and many well-wishers gathered to see their 35 foot steel yacht, Golden Legend, slide into the water.

The launching was the culmination of five years' effort. Dan said, "The hardest part was always to refuse a day's sailing offered by the many people passing by." They had to keep their noses to the grindstone.

Joan Shepherd, dressed in men's overalls, was constantly asked for help from boaters in distress as she was almost a permanent member of the boat-yard staff.

Golden Legend is powered by a 32 bhp diesel engine and also has a 37 foot mast and about 500 square feet of sail.

She is air-conditioned and attractively finished inside with white lamination and stained mahogany, and deep blue upholstery.

Golden Legend is well equipped with a pressure water system, and ample freezer and fridge space.

The exterior teak work was done by Philip Burton, and with her deep golden hull, she lives up to her name.



Golden Legend at the moment of launching. Aboard the boat from left are Robert Fitzgibbon, Alan Graham and Philip Burton. Dan and Joan Shepherd are on shore.



My favourite photo of Golden Legend. Pop put that waterline on for me before the first launching. Taken in the Marlborough Sounds.