



CAMERON'S KICKER: OLE BETSY

OWNER:

Pender Harbour Living
Heritage Society

DESIGN:

"Kickers" were a common boat in Pender Harbour in the 1940s. They were open wood boats, steered by a rope that ran around the sides to the rudder at the rear. They were economical to buy and operate but challenging to start and keep running.

HISTORY:

Named "Ole Betsy", owner Margaret (Scotty) Cameron used her 16-foot clinker-hulled kicker to fish for Sakinaw sockeye. She also caught and sold live herring bait to the sportsmen who fished the harbour area. Her husband, Jim, bought the boat in 1946 for \$325. It served her well for many years. The Cameron family donated the boat to the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society in 2017.

TIDBIT:

Kickers were everyday workhorses. Women used them to get around the harbour - to fish, to attend social functions, to take kids to school, and to meet the Union Steamship for groceries and mail

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