

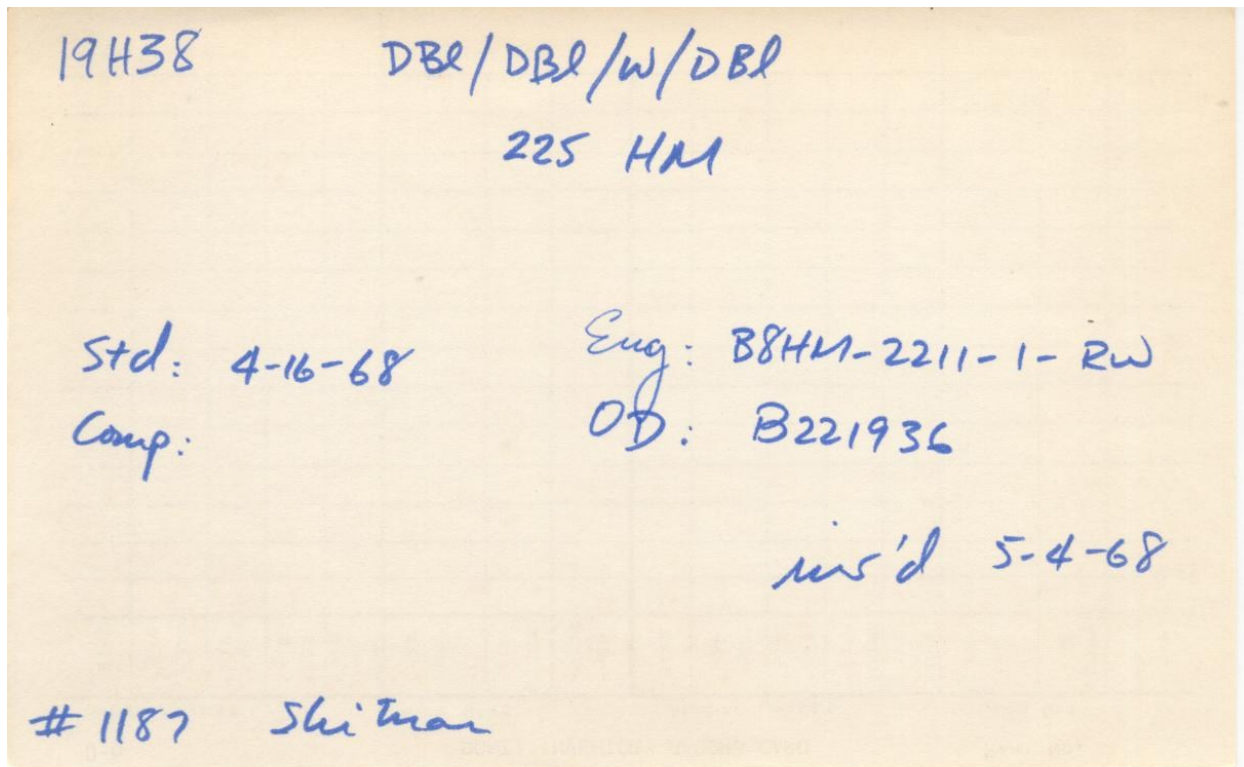
Lake George Donzi Classic Club

Certified Classic # 38

1968 Benchseat Hornet

19H-38

Owners: Matty & Marie Veth



I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> owner the boat until fall of 2009 the boat was native to Long Island, New York. The Boat left the Donzi factory with a factory installed head under the passenger side of the seat. This required that Bilt-Rite interiors had to make a special seat cushion , normal bench seat bottom cushions were one piece , the bottom cushions in this boat are two pieces. This makes getting to the head a little easier.

Being a salt water boat it showed some of the wear and corrosion associated with the salt environment. The overall structure was very sound and dry .

The installation of the head gave the bench seat added support so none of the normal sagging or stress cracking that plagued these models is evident. The factory also used foam coring on the deck and the hull is solid glass with no balsa coring. This construction and general good care left this 40 year old hull in very solid original shape. My plan is to restore it in stages while still using it on a daily basis. The original owner added some features that made the boat more civil as he aged along with the boat. The boat was primarily used on the great south bay and is equipped with what was state of the art navigation system for the early 1970s. The dash is equipped with a Danforth constellation compass, barometer, depth finder, and analog clock. Everything needed to chart your course, evaluate the weather and water and of course time the tides. Sometime in the mid 1990s the front tank was drained and sealed and a 45 gallon tank was added amidships under the floor and seat. The motor and drive were replaced as well and a 1987 5.0 block was added, mated to a Volvo 280T, and a corsa quick and quiet system was fitted as well. This was the only quick and quiet system on a Volvo AQ that I had ever seen.

My plan was to update the mechanicals and refresh the motor while trying to keep the boat as original as possible. The wiring was all replaced the motor and drive were removed rebuilt re painted and re installed. Here are some pictures of the progress so far.







