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ELF - symbolically named as a “graceful water beast of burden” - is looking for new caretakers :-)

Built in 1902 in Crawford & Reid Shipyard, Tacoma, WA. Worked for Olson Tugboat Company until 1916, when she went to work for Foss as “Foss #15” until 1970 and, following a few months with Olson, again, as “Karlyn”, for Tate Towboat (including working on building the Bangor Submarine Station) as “Skookum Cache” until it was bought by Karen and Earl VanDiest in 1989. Renamed to her original name of “Elf,” she was retired from towing and has undergone extensive renovation since then, including new decking, tongue & groove sides, portholes, flooring, refrigeration (cold plates), auxiliary engine, hydraulic steering, doors, bunk room, 2 VHF radios, radar, anchor chain, and more!

The Elf was built with clear, at least 800 year old Douglas Fir! The grain is so fine on the boards, you can't count the lines. She is double hulled, with the inside planking 3" x 12" and the outside hull 2" x 8". And, much of the outside planking is covered with a 4" x 1" layer of iron bark wood, to protect it from contact with logs. The bulwarks are 10-12" x 8" solid yellow cedar with an iron bark caprail. The deck planks are fir 3-1/4" x 3-1/4" and set with 6" x 1/2" square nails. In 1993, new teak doors by master violin bow maker, Michael Vann, were installed.

Current power is a naturally aspirated, air-start, 360hp V12 Caterpillar D386, burning 6-1/2 - 8 gals. diesel an hour, running at 800-925 rpm. Top speed approx. 11-1/2 knots at 1235 rpm.

Asking: \$125,000. Interested? Please call 253-380-6746 (Karen or Earl VanDiest) or 253-307-5754 (Skip VanDiest).