

*DeLand Army Tugboat*

*Preservation Group*



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**DeLand's ST 1987  
gets New Paint**

I just received an email from one of our regional contacts, Simon Bancroft. ST 1987 is one of the last DeLand-built ST's to

leave Lake Beresford; she went to Vietnam and returned to continue serving in the waters off British Columbia. She is now in drydock for a repaint. Simon, by the way, owns an as of yet unidentified 45' Design 320 tug the "**Seachamp**".

*Email July 1, 2015*

Hi Dan,

**Capital C** (DeLand's ST 1987) just arrived at the shipyard (Shelter Island in Richmond, British Columbia, I thought you might enjoy a couple of photos of her...



She's in excellent shape. The rubber is off for painting, you can see her original markings, and the new name just visible on the wheelhouse.....

Transport Canada made them add significant ballast to the keel to satisfy stability requirements. The owners chose to add a bow thruster, and the skipper has high praise; it's very effective he says...

**Capital C** is owned by a company located on the northern BC island of Haida Gwaii. They also own the barge that

**Capital C** tows. Their core business is cutting yellow cedar telephone poles and instrument spruce and supplying their market in Vancouver.

**Capital C** and the barge serve their transportation needs. The boat makes about 12 trips a year, each trip about 10 days. Perfect life for an ex-army tug!

I wish you the best with your plans to adopt and maintain a Deland tug. It is an ambitious project, but similar boats have been saved by efforts like yours. These tugs are capable of long life; very nice

if you can get one started on its next adventure.

*Cheers!*

*Simon Bancroft*

