




When Doug Jones told us he was going to take over Clark Custom Boats and re-open as Traditional Boat Works, we thought, “How fortunate for the classic yacht owners of Southern California.”

Doug worked for us early in his boatbuilding career, in 1986 - 1988. He did new boat construction on a 44’ schooner, most of the interior joinery on a 40’ sloop--both of our design and construction--spars for the 44’ schooner, as well as a multitude of other smaller tasks on a myriad of other traditionally constructed wooden boats.

Doug moved to California, and went to work for Bill Clark in 1989 on the rebuild of the 65’ schooner *Kelpie*. Subsequently, he’s worked with Bill on many projects. Most recently, he led the crew, as lead shipwright on the exquisite rebuild of Dennis Connor’s *Cotton Blossom II*. He is just completing the skilful restoration of his own 47’ Sparkman and Stephens yawl *Pacifica*. Doug has always worked diligently and with an eye for graceful detail; he is very knowledgeable and accomplished. We are both sure Doug will continue to do the same fine custom work that he’s always done under Bill Clark’s supervision, but with even greater enthusiasm.

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