



Joltin Joe Restoration Project Takes Shape

One of the community's more iconic projects got underway on Wednesday, March 24th, 2010 when Mayor Rob Schroder removed a letter from the stern of the "Joltin' Joe" to signify the kickoff of the famous boat's restoration. The "Joltin' Joe" is a 22-foot Chris Craft pleasure boat given to native son Joe DiMaggio by New York Yankee fans on October 1, 1949 during "Joe DiMaggio Day," and donated by DiMaggio to the City of Martinez in 1991. The aura surrounding the craft was heightened when DiMaggio took new bride Marilyn Monroe for a cruise out in the bay in 1954 as part of their wedding reception.



DiMaggio had loaned the boat to numerous relatives in subsequent decades, and the boat had fallen into a state of general disrepair by the time it was donated to the City. The boat had deteriorated further after spending many years on display at the marina when the Sons of Italy in America, Diablo Valley Lodge #2167, took the initiative of taking on this significant project. Local Carpenters' Union 152 followed suit and offered to contribute free labor to support the effort. Dave Scola, the City of Martinez Public Works Director and champion of the restoration effort, located an expert in restoring Chris Craft boats to supervise the work in order to ensure the end result remains true to the boat's origins. Upon completion, the Joltin' Joe will be permanently displayed indoors for public enjoyment at a location to be announced later.

To see a slideshow illustrating the gradual transformation of the boat from the beginning of the project through May 2012, please [click here](#) (this is a large file that may take a few minutes to download).

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Joltin Joe Restoration Trust Fund
c/o City of Martinez
525 Henrietta Street
Martinez, CA 94553