

## Hickman Model 13 Sea Sleds, Circa 1925

Before making these craft available to the general public, Mystic Seaport would like to offer CAMM members the chance to acquire two Hickman Model 13 Sea Sleds that are surplus to the needs of the museum. Both boats are offered free of charge to a bona fide 501(c)(3) historical organization. The new owner will, however, be responsible for all costs associated with moving the boats.

A brief history of these rare boats can be found in *Mystic Seaport Watercraft*:

*Sea Sleds were the invention of Albert Hickman, and with their boxlike planning hulls, were not unlike the Boston Whalers of today. They were mass-produced in sizes ranging from 13' outboard tenders to high-powered inboards of 32'. Hickman also produced custom Sea Sleds for military use and for service as water taxis for 1920s Florida hotels. They were well made and beautifully finished, becoming one of the coveted "toys" of the wealthy in those halcyon days before the Great Depression. At one time there were two large production plants on southeastern Connecticut, one in Groton and one in West Mystic at the present site of Mystic Shipyard.*

One of the Sea Sleds is in poor condition; the other is in very poor condition. Neither one is suitable for in-water use. Both are offered together or individually, without trailers, as-is, where-is, at Mystic, CT. For more information, please contact Kurt Voss at [kurtvoss@historicboats.com](mailto:kurtvoss@historicboats.com) or (409) 789-1315.

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Sea Sled No. 2 – Very Poor Condition



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