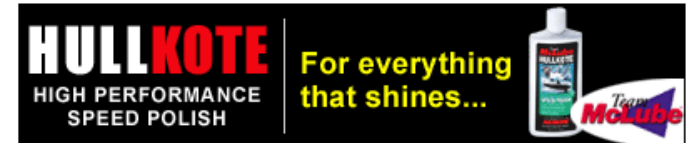


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G. Gordon Group sadly passed away on Nov. 24th, 2009. Mr. Group was an avid sailor, a respected member of Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland for 56 years, and a fine gentleman. Gordon founded Great Lakes Marine Surveying Company Inc. in Mentor Ohio in 1969 and it is through this work we have come to know him. While not necessarily a household name, he is a legend and savior in our home.

During his rounds in about 1975, he was called upon to complete a "final rights" survey on an abandoned boat, being prepped for her destruction. At that moment, he did exactly what he had been professing others to avoid for years. He saw something in her that others failed to recognize, and became personally involved in this one particular boat in order to give her one last chance at life. Over the next three years he went to great lengths, expense, and trouble to haul, store, restore, and find someone, some way, to save this one boat from the chainsaw.

He succeeded and by 1980, the then 75 year old Herreshoff NY-30, Amorita, was restored to her former glory and she went on to become one of the country's most decorated classic yachts. Without his foresight and dedication, a grand piece of yachting history would have been lost. For this we will be eternally grateful to Mr. Group. Thank you. With condolences to his wife Marguerite and the entire Group family. -- Jed Pearsall & Bill Doyle, Amorita owners (For those following Amorita's more recent struggles, with legal issues behind us, her restoration is now underway with a 2011 re-launch date)

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