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If you spot red sails in Kingston Harbour this summer, you'll be witnessing a small piece of Great Lakes watercraft history sailing by. The *Black Angus*, previously owned by Angus Mowat, was a common sight in the Bay of Quinte in the 1970s.

Also known affectionately as The Mowat Boat, the *Black Angus* was donated to the Marine Museum. It sat in storage until a dedicated team of volunteers under the direction of Peter Cobbett, took on the task of rebuilding and restoring the boat. Four years and many thousands of hours later, the *Black Angus* sails again... briefly, at least, while 'sea trials' to record how the boat handles under sail are conducted. The written accounts of the sea trials, experimental archaeology in museum language, will become part of the boat's permanent record at the Museum.

The wood vessel was built at the west end of Prince Edward County around 1909 as a double ended, clinker built fishing boat. She served for many decades in that capacity until laid up, and then discovered, by the late Angus Mowat. He, like a number of owners before him, adapted the boat for pleasure sailing. Thanks to the hard work of her reconstruction crew, the *Black Angus* will be on display at the Marine Museum later this summer, following her sea trials.

The Marine Museum collects, preserves and presents the maritime history of the Great Lakes and Kingston's shipbuilding past, including a limited number of watercraft. The Museum is located at 55 Ontario Street and is now open daily, from 10 am to 4 pm. Researchers wishing to use the Audrey Rushbrook Memorial Library or the Gordon C. Shaw Study Centre are advised to call first for an appointment.

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