

RENOVATION  
OF THE  
**DOUBLE HEADER**



43' Daytona  
Designed by Jack Hargrave

A Restoration Project by  
**Paul Scopinich & Capt. Les Gallagher**

( 2 FISH BOAT WORKS, Lda. )

HORTA ♦ AZORES

# HISTORY

The Double Header is a timeless masterpiece of sport fishing yacht design originated by America's most celebrated yacht designer Jack Hargrave who has been described as "the man who put America on the water". [www.jackhargrave.com](http://www.jackhargrave.com)

*"Hargrave was considered the "dean" of modern motor yacht designers; his contributions to design, styling and layout helped the American motor yacht become the world standard. Known for their seaworthiness and value, Hargrave's vessels are much like their designer—understated, well-mannered, gracious and durable". (NMMA hall of fame award)*

Built in 1968 at Daytona Boat Works, the Double Header is still well remembered and revered for her lines and performance by senior boat builders and Captains throughout the USA.

During her time she has been associated with some of the most iconic names in sport fishing history including Stephen Sloan, Ted Naftzger, Pierre Clostermann, Leo Cloostermans, Capt. Tom Furtado, Capt. Donald Merten and Capt. Joe Frank.



Stephen Sloan (left), Pierre Clostermann (centre) and Ted Naftzger

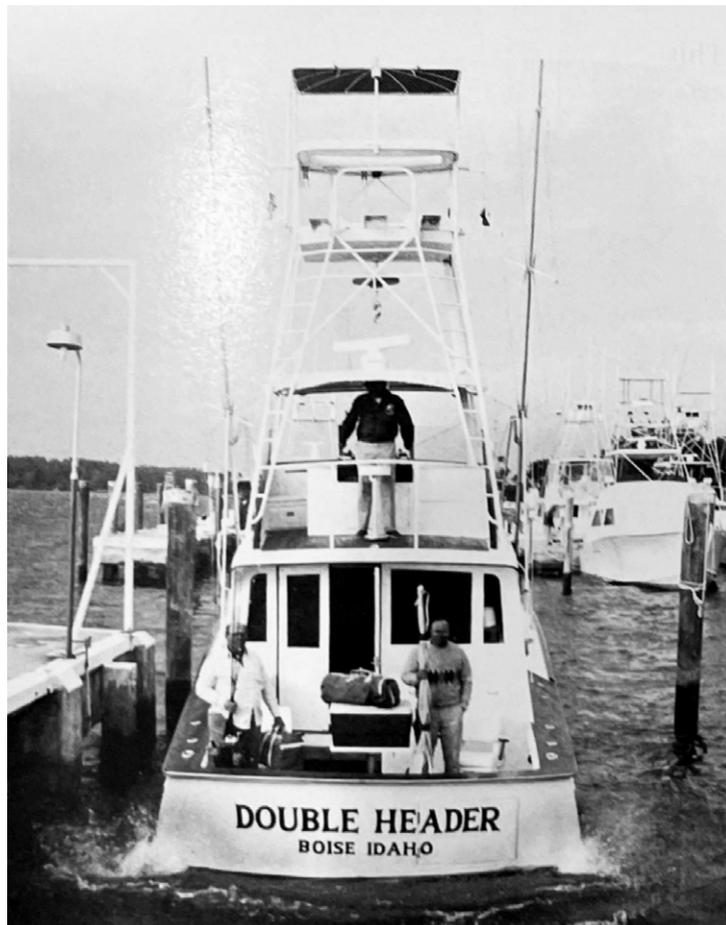
**Stephen Sloan:** (former President of Lehman Bros, avid world record angler, ocean conservationist, author, and a major supporter of the IGFA) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd3k7H7XOk8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd3k7H7XOk8)

**Ted Naftzger:** (once renowned for having caught more swordfish on rod and reel than any other angler and a major supporter of the IGFA) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqGMsm-4pfw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqGMsm-4pfw)

**Pierre Clostermann:** (noted war hero and French flying ace, author, business man, statesman, ocean conservationist and supporter of the IGFA) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTs\\_l2y\\_3wc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTs_l2y_3wc)

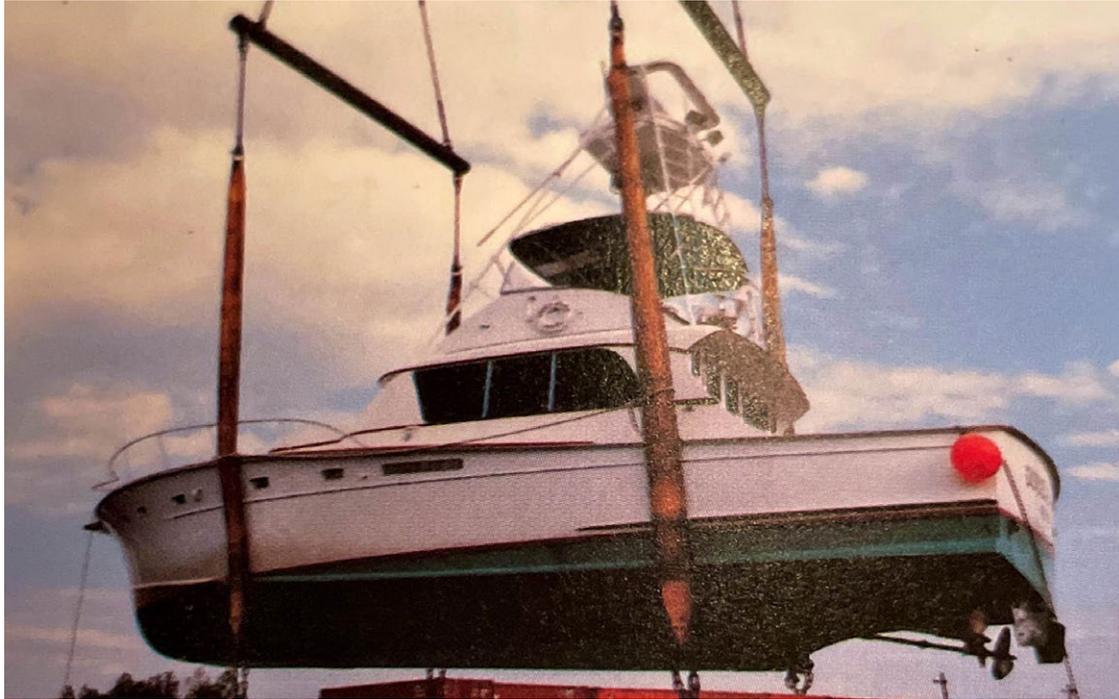


A painting of Stephen Sloan aboard the Double Header by Stanley Meltzoff, the forefather and undisputed master of American game fish art. [www.silverfishpress.com/SM+Original+Art/id/30/gr\\_id/13/](http://www.silverfishpress.com/SM+Original+Art/id/30/gr_id/13/)



The Double Header with its original tower format, painted fly bridge console and ladder probably removed to allow space around the larger currently installed Murray bros. tuna chair?

## THE JOURNEY TO THE AZORES



Following the reports of the incredible fishing for giant tunas and giant marlin in the Azores by Capt. Chuck Tedder in 1985, co-owners Stephen Sloan and Ted Naftzger decided to ship the Double Header to Horta Marina on the Island of Faial.



Capt. Don Merten from Florida at the helm of the Double Header fishing on the world renowned Azores Bank out of Horta Marina, Azores.

During her time in the Azores with Capt. Donald Merten at the helm, the Double Header succeeded in setting an incredible 5 new blue marlin world records, 3 of which are still standing today including angler Leo Cloosterman's monumental 573lb blue marlin on 4lb line.

# PROJECT OBJECTIVES

## A New Partnership and Acquisition

After fishing together out of Horta Marina in the Azores (Double Header's current location), Paul Scopinich from Scopinich Boat Works, Florida and Capt. Les Gallagher from Oceanic® (oceanic-fishing.com), Horta joined forces to create a new company (2 Fish Boat works, Lda) and purchased the Double Header in October of 2022. Both partners have extensive boat building and refitting experience and the decision to advance with the project followed multiple surveys of the vessel.

**Paul Scopinich:** (5th generation boat builder and builder of the world renowned Scopinich fighting chairs) [www.scopinich.com](http://www.scopinich.com)

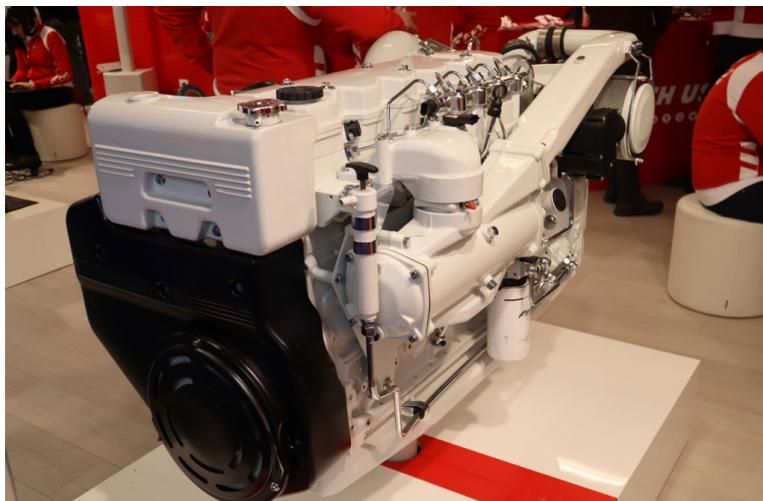
**Les Gallagher:** (Capt. in the Azores since 1987, marine life artist, conservationist, author, publisher and co-founder and director of Oceanic®) [www.oceanic-fishing.com/capt-les-gallagher](http://www.oceanic-fishing.com/capt-les-gallagher)

## As Close to Original as Possible

Maintaining the integrity of the original design is an important part of the project with details such as air intake vents, covering boards and the tower structure being restored as close as possible to original. The works are being planned following an in depth study of historic photos and consultation with key boat builders familiar with the boat including Michael Rybovich. Many thanks to Stephen Sloan's son Robert Sloan for providing us with historic pictures of the boat from family albums.

## New Power from MSHS and FPT - Fiat Powertain Technologies

The Double Header renovation project and future charter activities are supported by MSHS / FPT (Fiat Powertrain Technologies) who will providing new power with NEF-67 420 HP (A2/B1 rated) motors. FPT Industrial are recognised as world leaders in innovation technology for marine diesel power efficiency and low emissions - an important consideration for an ever more environmentally sensitive island destination like the Azores. With an annual output of more than 3 million engines, FPT is one of the largest diesel engine manufacturers worldwide. [www.mshs.com/products/engines/fpt/](http://www.mshs.com/products/engines/fpt/)



**Modern, cleaner, lighter and equally powerful at same RPM,** the new FPT 420HP NEF-67s with TwinDisc gears are replacing the old 425 HP 903's with a total weight reduction of +/- 2000 lb

## All New Electronics from RAYMARINE

Following 35 years of professional charter fishing and with extensive big fish experience in the Azores, Ghana and Ascension Island, our first choice for professional performance and reliability in marine electronics is Raymarine.

Dedicated to the search for giant blue marlin, our work is all about understanding the ocean ecosystem and it is Raymarine that consistently gives us the vision, the accuracy and dependability we need to succeed.

*RAYMARINE - NO MATTER WHAT'S AHEAD, WE STAND BY YOU.*

[www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com)



**The Double Header renovation project and her future activities are sponsored by Raymarine who have provided a full package of their latest electronics in 2023.**

## Fishing in an Ecological Ocean Paradise

Capt. Les Gallagher has worked in close collaboration with the University of the Azores for more than 30 years, providing documented catch and observation data, fish identification, photography and scientific illustration works of offshore species since 1987.

As has been done previously, fishing on the Double Header will be conducted with the utmost respect for the environment with continued promotion of the use of single hooks for minimal impact, a continued development of techniques for healthier releasing of fish and a continued effort to ensure that at least 90% of marlin are released in best possible condition.

The Double Header will continue with the e-tagging of billfish and tunas in collaboration with the Mid-Atlantic Megafauna Group at OKEANOS - University of the Azores and with plenty of work to be done in the future.

FPT - Fiat Powertrain Technologies motors were chosen for the re-powering of the Double Header because FTP are leaders in cleaner emission technologies. The new modern installation is in full compliance with "IMOL MARPOL Tier II" emissions standards, an essential consideration for operating in ecological paradise like the Azores.

## **A New Charter Operation in the Azores**

On completion of the renovation, the Double Header will be available for charter with Capt. Les Gallagher and custom rigged for some of the best giant blue marlin fishing on the planet during July, August, September and October out of Horta Marina; Island of Faial; Azores.

Capt. Les Gallagher with 35 years of blue marlin fishing in the Azores plus extensive big fish experience in Ghana, Ascension and Cape Verde is pleased to offer excellent briefing and instruction whilst leading both experienced and first time anglers to maximise their blue marlin fishing experience (speaking English and Portuguese).

The Double Header is being equipped with all new custom rods by Dru, Shimano Tiagra reels, Amilan T-II Co-Polymer lines, a new Scopinich chair, newly refurbished riggers by Rupp and harnesses by Melton, Scopinich and Black Magic ("Bait & Switch" or "World Record Fishing" must be booked in advance).



## **Ongoing Promotion from One of the Best Giant Blue Marlin Destinations in the World**

The Double Header Project will be offering its sponsors, supporters, anglers and crew members considerable continued exposure via magazines, social media and at some U.S. boat shows.

Marlin magazine's, Deborah Hood will be covering the renovation project of this historic vessel and its future ventures in what remains one of the world's best giant blue marlin fishing destinations.

Capt. Les Gallagher's extensive "big fish" photo collection of more than 400 giants (possibly the world's largest) will be made available to key sponsors upon request.

The team on the Double Header are dedicated to sharing extensive knowledge, appreciation and respect for the ocean whilst catching big fish and releasing them safely. We also make considerable effort to record and photograph precious memories for both ourselves and our anglers. Recording exceptional moments for our anglers during the "catch and successful safe release" of fish is important to us.

## SPONSORS & PROMOTION



**FPT - Fiat Powertrain Technologies** - providing new power in 2023  
<https://www.fptindustrial.com/en/engines/Marine/Commercial>



**Raymarine** - providing all new electronics for 2023  
[www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com)



[www.ruppmarine.com](http://www.ruppmarine.com)



**MVP - Murray Ventilation Products** - providing new custom air intakes  
[www.murrayventilation.com](http://www.murrayventilation.com)



**Rods by Dru** - providing all new custom rods  
[www.rodsbydru.com](http://www.rodsbydru.com)



[www.gzlures.com](http://www.gzlures.com)



[www.marlinmag.com](http://www.marlinmag.com)



[www.oceanic-fishing.com](http://www.oceanic-fishing.com)

The Double Header Renovation Project is promoted by the Co. 2 Fish Boat Works, Lda

Contact USA: Paul Scopinich Tel: +1 (772) 475-8900 / E-mail: [paul@scopinich.com](mailto:paul@scopinich.com)

Contact EU: Les Gallagher Tel: +351 966783101 / E-mail: [les@oceanic-centre.com](mailto:les@oceanic-centre.com)