

PT 658 Gets an Original Wheel

On February 20, 2016 crewmember Bill Weaver went to San Rafael, Ca. to pick up the original wheel from PT 231. The wheel was generously donated to PT 658 by Karen Jepsen in the honor of her late husband Ed. Edward Jepsen was the skipper of 231, in RON 17. He had the wheel removed from his boat before 231 was burned at Samar, PI, in late 1945. Ed was an active member of Peter Tare and was a longtime supporter of the activities related to the restoration of PT 658.

In 2006 Ed and his wife Karen took a ride on PT 658. For this trip, Ed brought the PT 231 wheel which was temporarily installed for the trip. Following that trip the wheel remained with Ed and his wife. Several years passed until Bill started looking for Karen in late 2015. Bill was finally able to contact Karen and, after a few conversations with Bill sending photos of the boathouse and great environment that PT 658 is kept in, she agreed to donate the wheel.

Mrs. Jepsen also generously donated Ed's entire PT book collection, including several rare titles.

The crew of PT 658 is very grateful to Karen for the wonderful gift and we proudly display it as an original PT artifact on PT 658.



Ed Jepsen at the helm of PT 231



Ed Jepsen at the helm of PT658 with his wheel from PT231 in 2006

Wheel from PT 231 mounted on PT 658



Bill Weaver with Maury Hooper and the wheel in March 2016. Maury was a motormac on PT 238 in RON 20. He is a former President of Save the PT Boat Inc.

