

From Anna Jones – Bill Dyers granddaughter – October 2000 – Responding to a question as to whether the Dyer Dhow was used as a life boat on PT Boats during WWII.

*The government (War Dept) came to my grandfather, Bill Dyer, during WWII and asked him to build a boat that would fit in 9' of space and hold 9 men. The original 9'ers were plywood and were used on PT Boats during WWII. I have pictures of them being loaded on the big transport planes. Also have a picture showing 9 of our men standing in one out here on the river and it was still floating. About a year or so ago I had a call from a customer who told me that when he was stationed in the South Pacific during the war they used to take the boat and rig a sail on it and sail around. That's were he learned to sail.*

*Sincerely – Anna Jones*