



Periauger Update

December 2011

A beautiful day in October saw me in Columbia participating in the Scuppernong River Festival under the leadership of George Earle with crew members Jane Barckholtz, Rod and Barbara Mueller. I was moored next to a replica of the CSS Albemarle, an ironclad ram of the Confederate Navy. She was equipped with a large noisy canon that was fired whenever she left the dock. However, it drew a lot of attention to me moored at the dockside.

Photos courtesy of Rod Mueller.



Learning to row



CSS Albemarle

The year ended with the annual Hertford Christmas Parade on December 3rd. It was a nice sunny day; a big improvement over the cold, blustery day last year. Once again we were in front of the Shriner's float; firing their canon throughout the parade. This year Janet waved a white flag of surrender at them. The two mile route was lined with many children, parents, grandparents, and quite a few dogs of all shapes and sizes: some peacefully snoozing in their owners arms, others barking when the canon was fired. Oh how I love a parade!

On board were Barbara Mueller, Jane Barckholtz, Janet Benton, Terry and Beryl Facey. My good friend Hutch was there, as always, to tow me on Buddy II.

I am now back in my shed for a well deserved rest, waiting for the maintenance crew to come aboard in the New Year. I know work has to be done; hopefully it will be completed in time so I don't have to withdraw from events next year. I have a busy schedule planned for 2012.

Happy Holidays,
Your friend,
Periauger