

# DANDY II ~ 1890

(Tuna Boat)

Tuna fishing calls for solid, fast, seaworthy ships. Ships used earlier than 1890 were built for other purposes, so they turned out to be too heavy. The present tuna boat type was developed by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is a 50 to 60 ton ship with lots of sail area, and it carries a crew of twelve men.

For many years, fishermen frowned upon the use of engines in fishing boats because they believed that the noise from the propellers would scare the fish away. Now, even in the Concarneau region of France, where the Dandy II came from, those smart tuna fishing boats with multi-colored sails have given way to progress.

The out rigging stands were used to steady the ship when the tide receded and left the vessel standing dry.

## **ABOUT THE ARTIST...**

This boat was hand crafted and generously donated by Jack Smith. Jack, a native of the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, has spent the better part of his life in engineering design. He now resides in Lakeland, Florida where his creative energy comes alive in his unique woodcarving art.