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## 100 Vintage Wooden Boats to Be Sold Without Reserve

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1932 Chris-Craft 27' 309 Custom Triple Cockpit Runabout *Sugar Lady*, 275 HP

**American auction house Mecum will sell many classic boats, including examples of Riva and Chris-Craft, at its October 15-16, Minneapolis sale.**

The boats range in age from 1909 to 1996, and also number collectible builders such as **Hackercraft, Garwood, Shepherd, Lyman** and **Century**. In addition, **Mecum** will offer more than 100 exotic engines, accessories, tools and hard-to-find spare parts.

The collection was amassed by **F. Todd Warner** – the owner of **Mahogany Bay**, a company that specialises in the sale, storage, transportation and restoration of wooden boats – who began his hobby in 1974.

Commenting on the forthcoming sale, the company's president, **Dana Mecum**, said: "**Warner**, a long-time educator and enthusiast, is committed to preserving the history of wooden boating in America and has decided to sell these priceless artifacts to new stewards in the industry at a **Mecum** no-reserve auction."

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1927 Indian Lakes 26' Dart Runabout *White Cap*, 454 CI Crusader V8

Values are likely to run from "several hundred dollars to more than \$1 million". For further information, see [www.mecum.com](http://www.mecum.com).

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