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Greensun ships out for open seas

Greensun, a 44-foot dream-turned-reality, shipped out Tuesday for the west coast.

The sailboat, a dream shared by Brian Greenway and Robert 'Sundy' Sunderland for the past five years, was loaded on a trailer for the trip to Vancouver Monday. Although there was no champagne bottle broken over the bow, Sunderland expressed a sense of completion in the project which began in 1989.

"I had a dream, it said if I built it, it would float," Sundy grinned, making reference to the skepticism he has received which has been similar to that Ray Kinsella fought off in *Field of Dreams*.

The Bruce Roberts' offshore, centre cockpit sailboat has been a weekend project for the carpenter and welder since January 1989. More than once, Sundy (the welder) has been on the receiving end of a 'Noah' joke from friends and co-workers.

No longer. On Monday, friends were on hand to watch Universal Industries' cranes and Cardinal Boat Movers of North Vancouver lift the 36,000-lb. Greensun onto the boat trailer.

The Greensun, constructed of three-sixteenths of an inch thick steel sheets, should be on the water within a month. Sunderland said there is still minor work, such as putting in the steering and installing anodes and coating the hull with a paint to ward of barnacles, to be done in drydock in Vancouver.

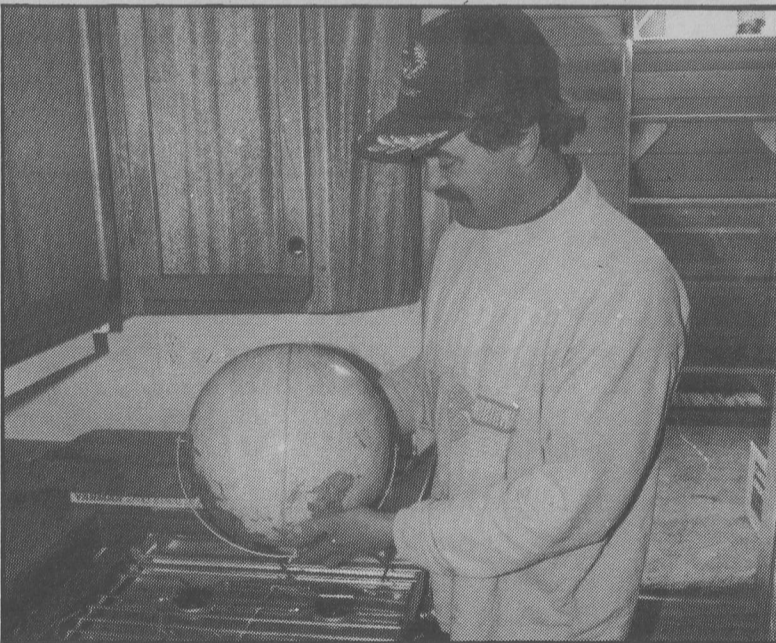
Other than that, the intricate wood work and upholstery has been completed. The boat is basically ready to be launched.

Although Sunderland has always held an interest in sailing and used to own a 15-foot catamaran, he expects to spend the next year learning to sail the Greensun, which is much larger.

The course is now chartered for Sunderland to join Greenway, who has been in Vancouver since last October operating a business franchise, to complete the work on the boat.



Robert Sunderland signals for the cranes to lift the Greensun off the ground, where it has sat for five years during construction.



Sunderland has his sights set on sailing to the South Pacific (above) but first the Greensun had to be loaded (right and below) and shipped to the west coast.



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