

GIKUMI: onward and upward

Stubbs Island Charters GIKUMI (photo right) looks better every year as owners Jim and Mary Borrowman continue with the multi-year refurbishment as a charter boat capable of accommodating eight berthed passengers. Shipwright Gary Kolmuss (based on Lasqueti Island) has completed the wheelhouse and galley areas in recent years and is now installing passenger accommodations with Douglas fir and red and yellow cedars. The forecabin (photo below left) has a double berth with adjacent head/shower and the former cargo hold has been divided into



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three cabins with double berths and a shower/washroom. Topsides the GIKUMI has a new awning over the aft deck for the comfort of passengers. Dutch Derooy of Shotgun Boats (photo left) and Fay's Boat Tops (both Port McNeill companies) did the aluminum frame-and fabric-work, respectively. Some more of Derooy's handiwork is in the aluminum supporting frame for the skeleton (photo below) of a juvenile Grey whale found in 2004 lodged in the pilings of Campbell River's Discovery Pier which now hangs in Stubbs Island's marine mammal museum in the old Telegraph Cove Mills/Broughton Lumber & Trading freight shed at the seaward end of the Cove's boardwalk. To right in the photo is the recon-

structed skeleton of a 60-ft fin whale which died in 1999 when it got jammed on the bow bulb of a 78,000-ton cruise ship. See *MV GIKUMI: Three Men and a Boat* in *Western Mariner*, January 2006. ◀

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