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Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 1970 advising that you are the new owner of VEGA No. 8. We are happy to welcome you to the "VEGA Family," and are sure you will experience much pleasure aboard her.

So you would like to know the history on your "Gitanna" -- here it is. She was built in 1962 for Richardson Yacht Anchorage, Inc. which was the exclusive VEGA sales agency at that time. That fall, Ed Richardson took her to the St. Francis Yacht Club's Tinsley Island "Stag Cruise" where she created quite a sensation. In 1963 she was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Leo Goode (Goode & Schroeder Contractors), and named "Lileo". They cruised quite extensively including a trip up into Alaska. Eugene and Bea Twombly bought her in 1965 naming her "Carosam," and spent many happy hours aboard mostly in local cruising. You might better know Bea Twombly as Bea Benadarett of motion picture fame with Burns and Allen, and who played the part of the mother in TV series "Petticoat Junction." Shortly after Bea passed away Bob Thompson bought her and she became the "Teddy-T" you purchased.

We do not have a prepared list suppliers from whom equipment was purchased for your particular VEGA, and suppliers have changed over the years. Most items are pretty standard and spares can be obtained through local Marine Hardware stores. In the event you should run into difficulty finding something you need please do not hesitate to call us and we shall be glad to assist you in any way we can.