MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE (L.B.) 1-1

THERESA

Hi, I love the older... the wooden boats. This must be about a 40 footer?, a schooner, right?

GARRETT

It's an Alden Schooner, 1922. Out of Maine.

THERESA

Is she yours?

GARRETT

Nope. I'm putting her back in shape.

THERESA

Sweet lines.

GARRETT

Do you want to step aboard?

THERESA

Yeah.

GARRETT

There are some wet spots.

THERESA

She's a beauty. Was she in bad shape?

GARRETT

Neglected, unappreciated.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE (L.B.) 1-2

THERESA

Well, I know how she feels.

GARRETT

Doubt it. (pause) you a tourist?

THERESA

I'm just getting acquainted with the place, the people. I'm Theresa Osbourne.

GARRETT

Garrett Blake. You sound like you're from up north.

THERESA

Do I?

GARRETT

Yep.

THERESA

Chicago. I'm in research.

GARRETT

On what?

THERESA

Well, just about everything. I work for a newspaper. (pause) You know, is there anywhere I can do some sailing while I am here?

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE (L.B.) 1-3

GARRETT

I guess you can probably rent a boat on the other side of the marina.

THERESA

Oh, no I'm not experienced..at all. Um, I'd like to be. I just uh... I'm from the uh.. Prairie state. I'm a dodo in the water. Sorry to have interrupted your work. Thank you.

GARRETT

I'm taking her out tomorrow morning.. Test sail, around the point and back. Just about an hour, if you want to come along you're welcome to.

THERESA

Uh, yeah. That would be nice.

GARRETT

Around 7:00.

THERESA

Great.

GARRETT

If you come earlier I will be in that diner over there.

THERESA

Earlier than 7:00..Great I'll see you here.

GARRETT

O.k.

THERESA

..Or at the diner.