



Photograph of Donald Owen Costello rowing *Better Angel* taken at Port Townsend October 2, 2009 by Dianne Roberts:

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Two of my friends and fellow Willamette Rowing Club members rowed my Pocock Cedar Classic, *Better Angel*, this summer. I'll document their laudatory comments in articles soon to be submitted to Jim Buckley for posting on the Pocock Classic website. For now, I'll offer a couple of teasers. Stu Brown and *Better Angel*, rowing against excellent competition, won the silver medal in the G men's single at Northwest Masters Championships in very fast time, considering the adverse water and wind conditions; and Tiff Wood, since the 1970's one of the world's pre-eminent rowers and scullers, said about *Better Angel* after pulling it to the dock, "I like it. I like it a lot!"

I have rowed *Better Angel* multiple times at the Oakland Estuary. The Cal folks and national team rowers there marvel at it and ask for it when I don't bring it down. The Pocock Classic Cedar Single is far more than a pretty face. It rows beautifully and it is fast. It is the best boat I have ever rowed.