

Nova Scotia Boatbuilder



Boat Launchings

Covey fares far

After his beloved schooner *Maggie B* was destroyed by a devastating fire in



Farfarer

August of 2008, at Covey Island Boatworks, Frank Blair knew he wanted Covey Island to be the

yard to build his new dream. Like *Maggie B*, his new boat *Farfarer* is a "fusion schooner" which uses new and innovative technologies along with traditional methods of building.

It features an advanced sailing rig using stayless, rotating masts.

www.coveyisland.com

LeBlanc swims with The Dolphin

In October, LeBlanc Brothers Boatbuilders launched *Le Dauphin*, a pilot boat for Havre St-Pierre, Québec.

The fibreglass boat is 32' long with an 11'6" beam. She is powered by twin 225hp D4 Volvo DP's giving a cruising speed of 25 knots. There are two helm stations: one inside

and one outside.

Tankage comprises a 200 gallon fuel

tank, 20 gallon water tank, and a 35 gallon holding tank. Other outfit includes an oil fired heater, a life raft and two bunks.

LeBlanc has been busy building a 50' crabber for a client in Cape Breton and two 27' crabbers for a client in North Carolina.



Le Dauphin

www.leblancboats.com

d'Eon launches two new boats

d'Eon Boatbuilding of Middle West Pubnico launched two new Cape Island-style fishing boats this fall. *Miss Lisanne* was moulded by Goreham's Marine 2000 Inc. - their 100th hull - and finished for the lobster and gillnet fishery. The boat measures 49'2" x 23' and is powered by a 429hp Mitsubishi . Cruising

speed is 10 knots.

The second boat, *Glass Tiger*, was moulded by



Miss Lisanne

Wedgeport Boats and finished for lobster fishing.

Both boats are typical of many fishing boats seen off the coast of Nova Scotia in all weathers.

www.deonboatbuilding.com

Bluenose II

Bluenose II refit is underway

Nova Scotia's famous sailing ambassador, *Bluenose II*, is undergoing a major rebuild. She will return to sailing in the summer of 2012. The project is taking place at Lunenburg Shipyard, site of the construction of the original *Bluenose* in 1921.

The public is invited to see and learn about preserving this important piece of Nova Scotia's heritage. The work is being carried out by the Lunenburg Shipyard Alliance consisting of Covey Island Boatworks, Lunenburg Industrial Foundry & Engineering and Snyder's Shipyard.

Starting in January, you can visit the site and see Nova Scotia boatbuilding at its best! For now, you can see the work being done via their web cam at

www.novascotiawebcams.com/south-shore/bluenose-ii.html



Bluenose II

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Cut and Run

Dory Shop switches things up

When you work at a place named The Dory Shop, chances are you *really like* those stalwart little workboats that have become such a symbol of life here on the East Coast.

Still, it's always nice to change things up a bit with some other small boat projects.



Nutshell Pram

This summer, Lunenburg's Dory Shop built a few "other boats" amidst their dory orders. These included another 7'7" Nutshell Pram and a 16' wooden skiff. The shop also built a number of rowing dories, as well as a 17' sailing dory for a British Columbia couple.

The B.C. clients travelled to Nova Scotia to receive their new boat, getting a few dory sailing lessons from master builder Jay Langford and making a vacation of it. The boat is now on Vancouver Island.

www.doryshop.com

Decking the twins

Work continues on the twin schooners being built by Dawson Moreland (DM) & Associates at The Dory Shop in Lunenburg.



Twin schooners

Designer / builder David Westergaard and his gang are currently fitting the deck beams on the 48', traditionally built vessels. Meanwhile a shipment of Alaskan yellow cedar that will be used for hull planking is on its way from the West Coast.

The schooners are being built from an original half-hull design and draw upon Maritime traditions best exemplified in the legendary Tancook schooners.

DM president, Dan Moreland says the twins will be "so beautiful, they'll make you want to cry, so fast, you should win every race and so comfortable that you'll never want to come home."

Construction will continue through the winter. View additional photos from the build any time at www.twinschooners.blogspot.com

One of the schooners is being built for Hollywood actor Billy Campbell, while the second is on the market.

The schooners will be launched in the fall of 2011.

www.twinschooners.blogspot.com

Perfect Season

The guys at Lunenburg Boatworks learned how to race sailboats before they learned how to fix them. So it seemed natural to go racing when the marketing plan called for involvement in the local racing fleets to promote their products and services.

The boat choice was easy. The most popular keelboat in the world - the J/24. There are lots of reasons for the J/24; active fleets everywhere, big events worldwide and availability. So a boat was purchased and the tinkering began! The tinkering only identified all of the real issues and ultimately the boat got a major repair and refit job.

Next, a sailing team of five was assembled. John Whynacht, owner of Lunenburg Boatworks was at the helm.

2009 was the first season campaigning the boat and it was a great success.

The team won all of the Atlantic

Canadian events they sailed in and finished 3rd at the Canadian Championships in Québec.

In 2010 the team put together an impressive 'perfect season'. In winning the four Atlantic Canadian events they sailed, the guys from Lunenburg won 22 out of 26 races clinching the Atlantic Canada fleet title. The 2010 Canadian Championships were sailed on Halifax harbour where the team finished 1st.



Starting line-up of J/24's for the race

The shop at Lunenburg Boatworks is consequently in high gear. Repairs, refits and upgrades are scheduled for 11 J/Boats before next sailing season starts.

The sailing team isn't done yet either. A trip is being planned to the top off-season event; the Midwinter Championships in Tampa, Florida.

Halifax also won the bid to host the 2011 North American Championships, so you'll see the team from Lunenburg Boatworks on the Halifax Harbour again in August racing against hundreds of other J/24 sailors.

www.lunenburgboatworks.com

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