



# BOATBUILDER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association

### Is this what they mean by a "picnic boat"?

When father and son fishing team Kenny and Paul Martell wanted to upgrade their Samson 40, it was an easy decision. Impressed with the Samson 45XL *TaylorMade 07* (pictured below), they traded in their existing boat for their own brand-new 45XL, *Rollin & Rockin*. She made her debut at Fish Canada / Workboat Canada East in February.



*TaylorMade 07a Samson 45XL*

"This boat will be multi-use," says builder Herman Samson, president of **Samson Enterprises**. "During the fishing season, she'll be used for lobster and crab. You've got to

remember though, the season in Cape Breton is only two months. When they're not fishing, they'll use it for pleasure cruising".

Cape Breton's Bras d'Or Lakes are some of the world's best cruising grounds; in fact, in 2003 National Geographic Traveler magazine voted the area #2 in the world as a sustainable tourism destination. More and more, the local fishermen are taking advantage of the pristine waters and rugged landscape right in their backyard.

Says Samson, "the fishermen really do stick a picnic table and a barbeque on the back. The working deck has lots of space and they make a great cruising boat".

You can well imagine that with a generous 15' beam but a relatively modest 3'6" draft, these Northumberland - style hulls provide a great platform for work or play.



*Samson 45XL*

The *Rollin & Rockin* is powered by a 715HP Caterpillar engine. There are four separate fish holds with locking, hinged aluminium hatches. The fishhold can carry 15,000 lbs of snow crab, and the solid fibreglass construction means a longer lasting vessel with lower maintenance than a wood-cored hull.

Samson Enterprises offers a wide range of boats, both Cape Island and Northumberland style, in sizes 28 to 55 feet.

[www.samsonboats.com](http://www.samsonboats.com)

### Wedgeport Boats - a new era

Wedgeport Boats Ltd. has just completed and launched their first boat under new ownership.

Ricky Saulnier, of R.H. Fisheries, had his first boat, *Lady Paige*, built to be an exact replica of his brother's.

Launched May 12, 2008, the boats' primary use will be lobster fishing. The boat is 44'11" long with a beam of 23'.

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*Lady Paige*

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### Rosborough launches new Coast Guard vessel



*Rough Water™ 9.11*

Rosborough Boats recently launched their our new Rough Water™ 9.11 Coast Guard vessel. It boasts a new design of full forward accommodations for male and female crew, with separate head and twin diesel power for Coast Guard's mandate for singular fuel usage at their stations.

[www.rosboroughboats.com](http://www.rosboroughboats.com)

### Introducing the new Bay 45



*Bay 45*

Bay Boats recently launched the new Bay 45, formerly the Magna 45. The boat is powered with a c-9 500hp cat. The top speed is 22 knots.

[www.bayboats.ca](http://www.bayboats.ca)

### YachtSmiths recovers from fire

On Monday April 14, fire struck YachtSmiths International. Luckily, other than smoke damage, it was confined to one boat.

YachtSmiths are now back in operation and the owners of the affected yacht have committed to rebuild with them. The construction of the new boat should start within the next few weeks.



*Florida Bay Coaster*

YachtSmiths have been appointed the official builder for **Florida Bay Coasters**. They are a series of yachts designed and engineered to comfortably house and cruise the live-aboard couple or family.

[www.yachtsmiths.com](http://www.yachtsmiths.com)

**NorseBoat Limited** has contracted with YachtSmiths to build the hull, deck and fibreglass components for their popular sailing and rowing cruisers. And work is well underway on their first 20 boat orders.

[www.norseboat.com](http://www.norseboat.com)

### Transom Boatworks

Transom Boatworks was recently highlighted in an article entitled *A Racing Heritage* in Sailing Magazine's March 2008 issue for its restoration of a Bluenose Sloop. The restoration project will be complete, and the sloop will be on display at the NS In-Water Boat Show in Mahone Bay this summer. In the meantime, you can read all about the heritage of the Bluenose and the fleet's prominence at Chester Race Week by visiting Transom Boat Work's website

[www.transomboatworks.com](http://www.transomboatworks.com). Their next restoration, currently in progress, is a Roué 20, another design of Nova Scotian William Roué who also designed the schooner Bluenose.



*Ted Derivan of Transom Boatworks*



*Tim Edwards, Executive Director*

### Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday NSBA!

They say time flies when you're having fun. Well the last 10 years certainly have flown by for the NSBA – an organization started by a small group of leading boatbuilders who shared a common goal of growing one of Nova Scotia's oldest industries well beyond its traditional domestic market.

And for me, as Executive Director, it's been a lot of fun. Not all the time of course, don't get me wrong – there are days when things don't go quite the way you plan. I've often had people commenting to me: "How on *earth* do you manage to get boatbuilders to work together?!" My well-worn answer is : "Well, it's a bit like herding cats."

Seriously though, boatbuilders are wonderful people to work with. They are resourceful, inventive, honest, incredibly skilled, and they all have a great sense of humour.

The boatbuilding industry in Nova Scotia and our neighbouring Maritime Provinces has seen a lot of changes over the past 10 years. A downturn in the local fishery has forced builders to look at building pleasure boats and workboats, and rising fuel prices are influencing designs for more efficient hulls, some with sail-assist. Some old-timers would say we'll see a return to the more elegant designs of yesteryear. And they could well be right.

From a modest beginning with just nine boatbuilder members and seven supplier members, the NSBA's membership has now grown to 39 boatbuilders from the Canadian Maritimes and 45 suppliers. We've established an annual summer Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show, as part of the Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival, a Boat Builder Apprenticeship Program under license from New Zealand, and we're looking forward to seeing what the next 10 years brings. I hope it involves you – coming to visit Nova Scotia, and choosing your next boat from an NSBA boatbuilder member!



The **Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show**, part of the *Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival*, is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Come and step aboard maritime-built boats and meet the builders! Visit [www.nsboats.com](http://www.nsboats.com) for the latest list of exhibitors.

This year's exhibitors include:

**ABCO Industries Limited** returns to the NS In-Water Boat Show, with the ABCO 28DJ Multi-purpose patrol boat.



ABCO 28DJ - NSIWBS 2007

Atlantic Canada's largest boatbuilding company **A. F. Theriault & Son** will be bringing a 45' power catamaran. This will be easy to spot among the other in-water exhibits, and when you step aboard you'll quickly appreciate the wide deck space.

**The Dory Shop** will be exhibiting once again at the In-Water Boat Show. You will be sure to enjoy both a 17' sailing dory and an 11' mahogany dory.

First-time exhibitors, **Doucette's Boat Building Ltd.** from PEI has expanded to the pleasure boat market and will showcase its new 45' Cabin Cruiser featuring a luxury yacht interior.

After winning the 2007 Bristol Power Boat award at last year's In-Water Boat Show, **Goreham's Marine 200 Inc.** will be returning with the award winning Harbour Master 2300 outboard cruiser.

**LeBlanc Brothers Boatbuilders**

The LeBlanc 1610 Cape Island skiff offers

workboat durability and quality with fine recreational boat finish. Two of these classic skiffs finished in bass boat style will be at the show.

**NorseBoat Limited** returns to the NS In-Water Boat Show, with the NorseBoat 17.5, a high performance yet traditional sailing and rowing boat. The new NorseBoat 12.5 will be making its debut at the show.



NorseBoat 17.5 - NSIWBS 2007

**Rosborough Boats**

Hundreds of savvy boaters have made Rosborough Boats' RF-246 Sedan Cruiser one of the most popular trailerable trawlers on the market. This is your chance to meet the builder and step aboard.

**Samson Enterprises** are first-time exhibitors at the NS In-Water Boat Show, with their 28' Cape Island trawler. A tough little coastal cruiser, perfect for a couple or small family.

**Sauer Boatbuilding** are first-time exhibitors at the NS In-Water Boat Show, Sauer Boatbuilding will have a 20' double ended open cockpit boat for you to step aboard and check out.



Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show 2007

You will have a lot to look at when **Transom Boatworks** returns to the NS In-Water Boat Show with three boats; a 24' Bluenose Sloop, an 11' Shellback Dinghy and an 8' Nordic Dinghy.



Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show 2007

This year, **Tern Boatworks** will be showing a completely restored, 1907 Herreshoff designed, 46' P Class racing sailboat. She competed in and won Canada's Cup in the early 1900's.

**Southwest Fiberglass Products** are first time exhibitors at the In-Water Boat Show with four boats: 21' Pilot House Trawler, a compact, trailerable trawler that combines traditional Nova Scotia lines with economical, outboard power; brand new model for '09: 18' outboard mini-trawler; 18' classic Nova Scotia outboard runabout; and a 14' classic, open Nova Scotia outboard skiff.



Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show 2007

**Don Brenton's Fire Protection** has been a leader in Marine and Industrial fire protection for over fifty years. Stop by their booth for fire protection information or to see portable extinguishers from Amerex and the pre-engineered, self-contained fire suppression system from SeaFire of Baltimore.

**DSS Marine Inc.** will be on-hand to provide information and advise on the best Life-Saving & Safety Equipment for your needs. Bringing over 10 years of specialized experience and a worldwide network of experts which boaters can rely on. Suppliers of quality VIKING Liferrafts, Flares, Lifejackets, Immersion Suits, and EPIRBs.

**Michele Stevens Sailloft** is a 4th generation sailmaker, offering custom sails and canvas goods. From the *Bluenose II* to small dingies and everything in between, the Sailloft proudly "builds sails to get you home".

**Stright-MacKay** provides the most comprehensive inventory of marine equipment in Atlantic Canada, backed by a commitment to exceptional customer service. Need something for your boat? Get it from the Stright-MacKay booth at this summer's Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show.



**Marindustrial news**

Twin Disc is pleased to announce the release of several new QuickShift® marine transmissions completing the QuickShift® model availability in the 500 bhp to 720 bhp pleasure craft rating range. The new models are as follows:

- MGX-5075 SC/A/IV
- MGX-5085 SC/A
- MGX-5086 SC/A

Twin Disc has decided to name the QuickShift® version of MG-5082 SC/A as MGX-5086 SC/A to account for the fact that the model has a higher rating than the MG(X)-5085 Series. The standard MG-5082 SC/A designation will remain unchanged. The ratings of these new QuickShift® marine transmissions are identical to the ratings of the standard units they are based on and they are already published in the Marine Transmission Capacity Tables dated October 2007.

**Marinelite Windows** is excited to announce their new hinged window. Available as a single glass unit or as a two part unit in either a top opening or bottom opening configuration. The placement of the center bar can vary to suit customers' preference.



**ECFG under new ownership**

In June, East Coast Fibre Glass (ECFG) was purchased by Progress Plastics and Compounds Company. This enhances the range of products and services ECFG can offer its customers. ECFG are quick to point out that they're still operating under the name of East Coast Fibre Glass and their commitment to the Atlantic Canadian composite marketplace will remain as strong as before. Customers will see no changes in their friendly, personal

service as Progress Plastics believe in local management and customer support. All invoicing, customer service, etc. will remain at the South Side facilities.

**NSBA welcomes new members**

May 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of the new NSBA membership year.

This year we would like to welcome the following new members to the NSBA:

**~ Gold Members ~**

NSBA Silver Members **Malone's Boat Repair Ltd.** and **Goreham's Marine 2000 Inc.** have upgraded to Gold Membership for 2008 / 2009.

**~ Silver Members ~**

**The Dory Shop** has been building dories since 1917. The shop is recently under new ownership. They build dories ranging in size from 11'3" LOA - 25'9" LOA.



The Dory Shop

**Lutwick's Boat Building & Repair** was established in 1984. We welcome Lutwick's back as members this year. Bill Lutwick and his crew can build sail boats or power boats up to 45' in length.



Lutwick's Boat Building & Repair

**Tern Boatworks** specializes in construction and restoration of traditional wooden boats, as well as those built in composites.

**~ Gold Associate Member ~**

**Mermaid Marine** has upgraded to Gold Associate Member. Mermaid Marine distributes marine parts for commercial and pleasure boat accessories. They are also the authorized Atlantic AWLGRIP™ distributor.

**~ Silver Associate Members ~**

The unique liferaft design manufactured by **Ovatek Inc.** is the world's only NO SERVICE liferaft. These liferafts are unsinkable and fireproof.

**Dr. Shrink, Inc.** is a full service, full circle supplier of premium shrinkwrap and all needed installation accessories.

**Western Branch Metals** is the world's largest stocking distributor of marine grade stainless propeller shafting. The Aqualoy brand is widely used in many vessel applications including yachts, workboats and military vessels to name a few.

**Nova Scotia Community College** School of Trades and Technology is a major training and education provider, preparing young adults and workers for the needs of a changing economy.

**NSBA Boat Show Schedule**

*Come see us at the following shows during the coming season:*

**Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show**

July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008  
Mahone Bay waterfront, Nova Scotia

**Toronto International Boat Show**

January 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Toronto, Ontario

**Newport International Boat Show**

September 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Newport, Rhode Island

**Montreal Boat Show**

January 29<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Montreal, Quebec

**U.S. Powerboat Show**

October 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Annapolis, Maryland

Looking forward to seeing you!  
For more information on all things NSBA, visit  
[www.nsboats.com](http://www.nsboats.com)