



BOATBUILDER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association

Full finishing added to Goreham's Marine repertoire...



Finishing at Goreham's

After developing a wide reputation for building some of the sturdiest and safest fishing boat hulls in the Maritimes, Woods Harbour-based Goreham's Marine has added full finishing of fishing and pleasure boats to its growing list of services.

The decision came about as a result of following up on the several leads generated for their Woods Harbour 50 trawler yacht at the Toronto Boat Show in January. "We realized that it would be far better for us and for the customer to have all of our operations in-house," explains co-owner Stephen Goreham.

Having had the experience of assembling a skilled and reliable team for the hull-making operation, Goreham set about putting together an interior finishing team also. One upside to the decline in new fishing boat orders in southwest Nova Scotia is that there are top-rate wood, metal and upholstery professionals able and willing to work on fishing and pleasure boats alike.

"I am confident now that we are well positioned to do boats from start to finish," adds Goreham, whose son and partner Jody oversees the fiberglass fabrication portion of the operation. "I am constantly amazed and proud of what a skilled group of workers the industry has produced here over the years."

www.gorehamsmarine.com

NSBA welcomes new Gold Member

Doucette's Boat Building of Miminegash, Prince Edward Island is the latest boatbuilder to join the NSBA as a Gold Member. Doucette's is a family-run

business that made its name building fishing boats featuring the proven Northumberland Strait-style hull design. First building in wood and then switching to fibreglass, the yard has been building boats for over 18 years. Doucette's demonstrated its high-end yacht construction with *Wild Irish Rose* – a 45ft trawler yacht based on the Northumberland-style design. It turned heads at the Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show this past August.

www.doucettesboatbuilding.com



Wild Irish Rose

Covey Island Boatworks recovering quickly from fire

Covey Island Boatworks is recovering quickly from a fire that completely destroyed their yard - and one of their best known builds -- in August.

As company president John Steele has said, "It's been a hell of a year!": the shock of the fire, and losing 62' Nigel Irens schooner Maggie B, as well as the insurance claim process and the need to find new temporary facilities. But there has also been an overwhelming outpouring of support from all corners of the world.

New offices have been set up in Lunenburg, with production facilities in Riverport, where a renovated building at Kraut Point provides excellent access by land and sea, and potential for growth.

Meanwhile Covey Island Boatworks continues to discuss its plans for the former Smith and Rhuland facilities in Lunenburg with the province of Nova Scotia. Facilities are to include a new building for offices and building bays; a marine railway; wharf and floating dock space.

No one was hurt in the fire that destroyed the company's plant Petite Riviere,

Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, on August 12, 2008.

The yard, founded in 1979, builds hand-crafted custom boats, 30' to 80', and has won international acclaim for its boats.

www.coveyislandboats.com

**Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association
wishes everyone
a happy, safe holiday season and
a healthy and prosperous
New Year**



YachtSmiths - around North America



Antipodes in Alaska

Recently, YachtSmiths International received an e-mail from the new and very happy owners of *Antipodes*, a steel motor sailor which YachtSmiths completed approximately three years ago.

The new owners of the boat, pictured above in the Tracy Arm of Alaska in early July, told YachtSmiths how happy they are with the quality of the construction of the boat and with their decision to purchase it. *Antipodes* was originally built for clients living in California.

YachtSmiths also recently launched *WaterSigns*, a 46' steel motor sailor from the drawing board of Bruce Roberts.

The owners, Lee and Sheila Keely, vacationed for a month in Nova Scotia before leaving Halifax on September 11th.

Together with Brian Smyth, YachtSmiths Chief Operating Officer, they travelled the first leg of the trip home to Boston.

WaterSigns behaved beautifully in what turned out to be a rough crossing of the Bay of Fundy. Despite running into 8 - 12ft waves and gale force winds, the boat performed admirably. After running with the wind and waves until conditions improved, *WaterSigns* resumed her course for Boston and arrived safely in the early hours of the morning.



WaterSigns

The Keely's left the yacht in Boston for a few weeks before taking *WaterSigns* on home to Virginia.

www.yachtsmiths.com

A.F. Theriault & Son launches *Hayfu II*

A.F. Theriault & Son launched an 80ft. Catamaran *Hayfu II* from their yard in Meteghan River, Nova Scotia in late July.

This is the second boat AFT has built for this client. Bigger than most homes, *Hayfu II* has one Captain's room, 2 master staterooms, 3 guest staterooms, and 2 heads. She was constructed using advanced composites. The boat weighs a mere 64.5 tons, and draws only one metre. The twin hulls are fuel efficient with two 650-hp main propulsion engines enabling a top speed of 23 knots.

Materials from the world over were used to create this beautiful catamaran. English sycamore wood from Germany, stainless vanities from California, Chinese tiles and Italian tiles and a stainless steel spiral staircase hand-crafted in Prince Edward Island.

www.aftheriault.com



Hayfu II



Tim Edwards, Executive Director

With the first wet snowflakes of the season falling outside my office window in downtown Halifax, I can't help thinking of the many chilly, non-boating months that lie ahead before my Nova Scotia-designed and built Bluenose daysailer is once again sailing merrily in St. Margaret's Bay.

Similar thoughts are no doubt shared by thousands of boaters in this part of the world. But even in these shortening late November days, made a little gloomier by the world's economic situation, there are bright spots ahead that'll help ease the pain! One such bright spot on the horizon is our 3rd Annual Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show being held on the Halifax waterfront, 31st July to 2nd August.

For 2009, we've moved the show from Mahone Bay to the Halifax waterfront and we're holding it on a local holiday weekend when there are plenty of additional attractions for visitors. Our boat show is unique in that it features only locally-built boats. Pleasure boats, fishing boats, patrol and rescue boats – there'll be something for every boater – from 8ft to 45ft in length. There will be a selection of marine equipment and material vendors in the land-based tents, and a seminar program for boaters will be held in the Keith's Brewery Market across the road from the show, where NSBA's offices are located.

I hope you'll mark your new 2009 calendars with the dates of the Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show, and make it the destination for your summer trip. You'll get to step aboard and look around Maritime-built boats and be able to chat with the boatbuilders, and owners. Our goal is that this boat show will result in you choosing to buy a Nova Scotia-built boat.

I hope to see you at the Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show next summer in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



Wedgeport Boats launches two new boats

Wedgeport Boats launched the *Jessica and Trevor V* on October 17th for fisherman, Robert Leblanc of Wedgeport, Nova Scotia. This boat is his fifth from this yard.



Jessica and Trevor V

Robert says that he “likes the overall craftsmanship, quality and stability of the boats” he’s received from Wedgeport. The boat is 49’ 3” long x 23’ 8” wide and will be used primarily for lobster fishing.

Wedgeport Boats also recently launched *Oilers Lady* for Brian Deveau, a fisherman from of Meteghan, Nova Scotia.



Oilers Lady

This is Brian’s first boat from Wedgeport Boats and he will be using her primarily for lobster fishing. The boat is 44’ 11” long with a 5’ stern extension and carries a beam of 23’.

www.wedgeportboats.com

Cheticamp Boatbuilders - Adrenaline Rush

On August 28th, Cheticamp Boatbuilders launched *Adrenaline Rush*, a 45’ fishing boat for Paul Kehoe of Rocky Bay, Nova Scotia.

The comfortable deckhouse includes a bathroom, full kitchen with fridge, stove and microwave. Accommodations for five crew with storage are located in the spacious forecastle area. The boat will be used for crab fishing.

Big Pond Boat Shop launches fourth Bras d’Or 11

On Thursday, September 25th, 2008, Big Pond Boat Shop launched the catboat *Carys*. This is the fourth Bras d’Or 11 built by Big Pond Boat Shop and the second cold moulded hull. *Carys’* home port will be Irish Cove, Cape Breton.

www.bigpondboatshop.com



Carys

Apprentice graduates

Peter Redden, NSBA’s fifth apprentice to graduate from the Nova Scotia Boat Builder Apprenticeship Program was the first to walk across the stage and accept his journeyman papers from Nova Scotia’s Department of Labour and Workforce Development at the Graduation Ceremony held in Dartmouth on Saturday, November 1st.

Pictured below are Mark Parent, Minister of Environment and Labour, Peter Redden and his mentor, Scott Dagley of Dagley’s Boatworks.



Mark, Peter, Scott

Peter did his apprenticeship at Dagley’s Boatworks with Scott Dagley as his mentor. Peter is now the General Manager of NorseBoat, which works in cooperation with Dagley’s in Lunenburg, NS.

NSBA hands out Annual Boatbuilder Awards at AGM

NSBA held the 11th Annual General Meeting on July 31st, 2008 at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in Lunenburg, NS. For the fifth year in a row, NSBA Annual Boatbuilder Awards were presented for Innovation, Export Achievement and Company Development and Growth.

The *Innovation Award* is awarded to a



Bob Rosborough

company for showing innovation in tooling, engineering, construction processes and materials. This year the award was presented to Bob Rosborough,

President of Rosborough Boats by Peter Bennett, Stright-MacKay.

The *Export Achievement Award* is awarded to a company for successfully developing and pursuing new export sales.

This award was presented to Michael LeBlanc, President of Southwest Fibreglass Products by Arthur Theriault, A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd.



Mike LeBlanc, Arthur Theriault

The *Company Development and Growth Award* is



Ted Derivan, Ron Savidant

awarded to a company for significant investment in training, quality systems and facilities. The award was presented to Ted Derivan,

President of Transom Boat Works by Ron Savidant, Mermaid Marine.

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Hooray for Hollywood!

An order of six dories for a television movie made for a particularly busy spring at Lunenburg's historic Dory Shop.

Existing orders for a Grand Manan dulse dory and two large pleasure dories were pushed back and extra hands were brought in to build boats for the German production of *Sea Wolf*, based on the Jack London novel.

To meet the show's deadline, the shop briefly reverted to the production-style building that was used in the days of the schooner fishery; all of the bottoms were fashioned first, then the stems and sterns, followed by set up and planking of the boats. Two dories were outfitted for sail.



Semi-dory for the Barque Picton Castle

The Dory Shop has been fortunate to build dories for a number of film and television projects in recent years, notably the

Pirates of the Caribbean franchise. In the very first film, the character of Capt. Jack Sparrow is introduced standing on the yard of a small boat that is, in fact, a Lunenburg dory (it later sinks at the dock, but that is pure Hollywood magic!), while in the third movie, Jack makes his final getaway in a small sailing dory.

The Dory Shop also launched a new 19.5' semi-dory for the Barque *Picton Castle* in May.

www.thedoryshop.ca



Bluenose Sloop - hull # 80

Transom Boat Works restores Bluenose Sloop #80

Transom Boat Works completed the restoration of a wooden Bluenose Sloop, hull #80 just in time for this year's Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show. After the show it was back in the shop for a few more coats of paint and varnish, and was launched at the end of August in Prince's Inlet, assisted by the NSBA's own Chip Dickison who happened to be in the neighborhood.

www.transomboatworks.com

Sauer Boatbuilding - making dreams come true

Sauer Boatbuilding and Maintenance Ltd. has started production of the brand new Dream 20, a double-ended 20' picnic boat. With its large open cockpit, lots of seating and two tables, it offers all the comfort you need. The two cylinder 11 HP diesel is very quiet and unbelievably fuel efficient. The self-bailing cockpit floor, shaft drive and rudder with tiller make this boat almost maintenance free. Sea trials proved the boat to be impressive giving a very comfortable ride with almost no roll, in all load conditions.

With variable seat arrangements, bimini tops, teak floor and seats, the DREAM can be easily customized to suit the owner's taste. A 16' and 29' version of this boat is also available.

To see the first pictures, and learn more about the DREAM story go to:

www.boatbuildingcanada.com

A video showing the boat in action is being made.



Dream 20

NSBA Boat Show Schedule

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

Toronto International Boat Show

January 10th - 18th, 2009
Toronto, Ontario

Montreal Boat Show

January 29th - February 2nd, 2009
Montreal, Quebec

Halifax International Boat Show

19th - 22nd February 2009
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Eastern Canadian Fisheries Expo

27th - 28th February, 2009
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Maine Boatbuilders Show

20th - 22nd March, 2009
Portland, Maine

Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show

31st July - 2nd August, 2009
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Looking forward to seeing you!

For more information on the NSBA, visit

www.nsboats.com