Boat Launchings

Rosborough celebrates 25 years of the RF246

HALIFAX - 2012 is shaping up to be a good year for Rosborough Boats. First, the iconic RF246 is celebrating her 25th anniversary this year with hull numbers approaching the 500 mark. Few products, especially semi-custom boats, endure the test of time as the RF246 has - supplying a wide range of clients from all over North America for work, leisure, scientific, and patrol uses. Imitated but never duplicated, the RF246 remains the original and dominant pocket trawler and with the latest options, has evolved into the most versatile boat on the market today!

Rosborough Boats is also introducing their new line of power catamaran boats branded as Nova Cat starting with the Nova Cat 830 (27’) which was first shown at the Halifax Boat Show this year.

The new Nova Cat line from Rosborough Boats will bring these stable, fuel efficient, soft riding boats to our North Atlantic region and offer an alternative to work and leisure boats for both commercial and personal users.

NorseBoat delivers in the Bahamas and everywhere

LUNENBURG - A very Bahamian version of the NorseBoat 21.5 was delivered to The Abacos, Bahamas in mid-February.

The boat has a galley and five bunks for crew.

Wedgeport Boats has some Dark Seacrets

WEDGEPORT - On February 23rd Wedgeport Boats launched their first boat from the newly-acquired LeBlanc Bros. Boatbuilding yard.

Father and son team, Bob and Colin Muise will use the boat to fish lobster.

The boat measures 49’9” LOA with a beam of 23’. She’s powered by a C-18 Cat rated at 460HP.

The Nova Cat 944 (31’), their second in this line will be available later this year. Power catamarans are popular in other aggressive sea state areas of the world such as Australia, New Zealand, the UK, South Africa and Caribbean. The new Nova Cat line will bring fibreglass deck/cabin/cockpit part to be made. The NorseBoat 21.5 has a cutter rig, pivoting carbon mast, stub keel with centreboard that allows for an 18” draft. The boat has a large cockpit with abundant storage, and a cabin with a large double V-berth.

NorseBoats get around. The NorseBoat 17.5 pictured below was recently delivered to her owner in Florida, and the next one that NorseBoat Sailing & Rowing Cruisers build is headed to Ireland!
**Scantlings and Stuff**

**Hollywood hunks hammers shutter plank into schooners**

LUNENBURG - It was no Hollywood blockbuster, but still an Oscar-worthy performance as actor-adventurer Billy Campbell did the honors, fastening the shutter plank into the twin schooners being built by Dawson Moreland & Associates on the waterfront at Lunenburg January 21st.

Campbell, for whom one of the two 48’ plank-on-frame schooners is being built, flew in from the set of the AMC drama The Killing in Vancouver to attend the celebration.

“When he first decided he wanted one of these schooners, [Billy] said he thought he might also work on them,” Capt. Daniel Moreland, told the crowd of more than 150 people gathered in the boatyard outside the historic Lunenburg Dory Shop. “We told him that would cost him double.”

Still, the seasoned tall ship sailor (Campbell has made two world circumnavigations with Moreland, aboard the Barque Picton Castle) seemed entirely confident as he hammered the last plank into the vessel he will name for his late grandmother, Martha Seabury.

**Covey Island works the classics**

LUNENBURG - While the Covey Island crew is getting Bluenose II ready for the sea again, John Steele received a call from Brian D’Isunia, of Eastern Shipbuilding in Florida. Some time ago Mr. D’Isunia found a set of Columbia’s drawings and decided to build her for himself!

Mr. D’Isunia was looking for a crew to build the spars, and all the deck gear, rig the boat and build a suit of sails. John crunched the numbers, made a proposal, and Covey Island is building Columbia’s spars.

Covey Island has built close to 100 spars over the years, including about 60 for the racing dows of the Persian Gulf. The masts will be among the biggest they’ve ever built. John Steele will also consult on the deck layout and the interior design.

The question springs to mind... “What are the odds?” Really, for one yard to be involved in re-building the Bluenose II, and at the same time, Columbia, one of her fiercest rivals? Ask John about it and he shakes his head and chuckles.

Columbia raced Bluenose in 1923 in one of the most acrimonious series ever sailed for the Fisherman’s Cup, a series known for, a relaxed attitude to good sportsmanship. She was fast, and though Bluenose won, it was pretty clear that given the conditions, she could beat Bluenose if any boat could. Unfortunately, she was lost before a rematch could happen.

It’s like the ghosts of Ben Pine and Angus Walters have had enough of wherever they ended up, and want another shot at each other. Could it happen? One shouldn’t speculate, if one is a true schooner enthusiast. One could get the vapors.

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**Lunenburg Boatworks**

LUNENBURG - Lunenburg Boatworks is located on the South Shore of Nova Scotia in one of the best sailing venues in the world.

Their modern facility is located near the Lunenburg Yacht Club and features a Quantum sail loft, rigging shop, and full boat repair/refit capabilities. They have assembled a talented team with impressive sailing backgrounds and diverse marine trade expertise. The collection of resumes from their staff includes: National Championship titles, thousands of miles at sea, Olympic appearances, yacht management and decades of boat repair experience.

On thing is common throughout - a passion for sailing. Their specialty is in performance sailing which not only includes the serious One Design racer, but all sailing enthusiasts. They complete a wide variety of projects, big and small, on boats ranging from Optimists to offshore cruisers. They regularly refit, fair and optimize J/Boats for maximum boatspeed and are experts in the J/24 class. The boats they prepare are podium regulars and include the 2010 J/24 National Champion. Custom services are available to meet boaters’ needs. Some examples include: coaching for racing teams, yacht management and logistics, dockside repairs and upgrades.

Give them a call if you are interested in their services.

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