Boat Launchings

She’s Back!

Amid activities and fanfare, the Bluenose II was re-launched in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia on Saturday, September 29th. Thousands watched this historic event, from on-land and on the water in a variety of boats. While there was some drizzle, the weather mostly cooperated for the re-launch of the 285-tonne schooner. Following the launch, there was a day of performances and celebrations in Lunenburg. Performers included Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea and Matt Mays among others.

The Bluenose II, originally launched in 1963, is a replica of the original Bluenose which won worldwide acclaim for its speed and graceful lines designed by Nova Scotian William Roue.

ABCO Industries

ABCO Industries Limited of Lunenburg NS is very pleased and proud to have manufactured the MV Chebucto Pilot for the Atlantic Pilotage Authority of Halifax NS. The vessel will provide pilotage service for Halifax Harbour.

ABCO designs and builds commercial welded aluminum vessels up to 70’ in length in a modern well-equipped facility on the Lunenburg waterfront.

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Wedgeport Boats

On September 4th, Wedgeport Boats launched the Double Don III for owner Donnie Boudreau of Wedgeport. This is the third fishing boat built by Wedgeport for Donnie. The boat measures 49’2” x 25’6” and will be used primarily for fishing lobster.

The MV Chebucto Pilot is the first of her class. The second is currently under construction at ABCO and is to be launched later this year for service in Saint John Harbour.

The fishing vessel is powered by a Detroit Diesel Series 60 and will have a cruising speed of about 10 knots.

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Something different at The Dory Shop

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The dinghy was built from Alaskan Yellow Cedar left over from the schooner build, with steam-bent frames and a handsome wineglass transom. It’s a much fussier project than a Banks dory, which plank up lickety-split without need for a steam box. But look at the results!

The boat’s transom, slotted gunwale and sheer plank are made from the Tropical wood Dilo and coated with a matte varnish, which contrasts nicely with the boat’s white-painted hull and black varnish interior, and she rows like a dream.

Other boats completed this summer include a Grand Manan-style motor dory for a recreational customer in Maine, while Jay’s current project is another motor dory, this one truly bound for Grand Manan where she’ll be used to harvest dulse.

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**First of ‘twin’ schooners launched from The Dory Shop site**

Hundreds of people crowded the eastern end of the waterfront street named for this Nova Scotia town’s most famous vessel to view the launch of a new era of Lunenburg Schooners August 7th.

The 48-foot Martha Seabury, built for Hollywood actor Billy Campbell, is the first of two traditional wooden schooners built by the shipwrights of Dawson Moreland & Associates Ltd. on the grounds of the historic Dory Shop Boatyard at 175 Bluenose Drive. Traditionally built from an original half hull design highly influenced by the famous Tancook schooners, as well as the hundreds of North Atlantic fishing and trading schooners launched from this port, the Seabury and her twin were built using heavy double-sawn frames & plank-on-frame construction. "You could say we’re trailing-edge technology, because we’re just behind the times and we’re going to stay there," joked company president, Capt. Daniel Moreland.

The one departure from tradition has been the materials used to build the schooners.

Traditionally, Nova Scotia vessels built for the fishery were constructed very practically using local lumber. After all, those vessels weren’t expected to last longer than 15 or 20 years.

Such is not the case with these twin schooners, which have been built using select tropical hardwoods and sustainably harvested Alaskan Yellow Cedar from Canada’s West Coast. These choices ensure the twin schooners will enjoy many, many years of sailing whether in Northern waters or tropical climates.

Flanked by shipmates from the sail training ship, the Barque Picton Castle docked nearby, Mr. Campbell said he "could not be more pleased" with the vessel, which he named for his late grandmother.

The schooner was rigged and sea trials held in late August, after which the Martha Seabury made an eventful maiden voyage to the United States. In addition to sailing through some extreme weather, the vessel was involved in the rescue of three men in Buzzards Bay, off Massachusetts, still managing to arrive on time and safely for the Newport International Boat Show September 13-16.

For more on the launch, rigging and maiden voyage of the Martha Seabury, please visit www.twinschooners.blogspot.com

**New Rosborough Marine Centre**

In keeping with the new NSBA-driven trade designation "Maritime Service Technician" and as a natural progression to Rosborough Boats’ growth in the local industry; they are now well underway with their new Marine Centre.

The Marine Centre, located at Rosborough’s Halifax operations, is offering services to the commercial and offshore industry - providing maintenance, service and supply of specialty equipment, power products and storage.

While continuing to offer Rosborough and Rough Water™ boats and RHIBs, Rosborough Boats sees this growth into the service and supply business becoming a substantial amount of their local business and will be working with other Nova Scotia boat builders to continue this growth into larger and more diversified and specialty vessels. "We are excited to be headed into a period of growth to our Eastern Canadian marine infrastructure and will be keeping pace in the industry with our new Marine Centre" says Heaton Rosborough who is spearheading the venture. "Going forward with the Marine Centre we see the new Marine Service Technician trade designation and related benefits to our service as a milestone for Nova Scotia and a firm commitment to provide and keep Nova Scotian jobs in the marine industry sector”.

The 2012 NSBA Boatbuilder Awards were presented on June 27th, at the Annual General Meeting of the NSBA.

David MacDonald Boats received the Innovation Award for showing innovation in tooling, engineering construction processes and materials.

NorseBoat Limited won the award for Export Achievement. This is awarded to companies for successfully pursuing and winning export sales.

Lunenburg Boatworks received the Company Development & Growth award for significant investment in training, quality systems and facilities.

Congratulations to all three boatbuilding companies!