Although now semi-retired from the business, Jimmie’s creative skills are still very active. So why did he decide to design and build an oyster skiff?

Jimmie’s answer is clear: “Now that I’m older, when I go fishing I want to be able to get out of the wind and cold. So I designed a walk-through cabin with storage for gear and a place to brew up some tea.”

The fibreglass hull and cabin is easy to keep clean, and requires no maintenance. With its shallow draft (only six inches) it can safely run up rivers and into bays that many other craft can’t. The moulded hull features a fore and aft “pole mooring” tube that is unique to PEI. When you’ve reached the fishing grounds, a long pole carried on board is dropped down through the tube and into the mud bottom of the river. No anchor, no ropes, no fuss!

And if you don’t fancy oysters, the Doucette Oyster Skiff makes a perfect trailerable runabout for weekend picnics and gunk holing.
Mooring Bitts

EYE Marine exporting ferry expertise

EYE Marine is a Nova Scotia-based naval architect company that’s making waves with its expertise in cable ferry design and engineering. Different to self-propelled vessels, cable ferries haul themselves across bodies of open water by grabbing onto a submerged chain or cable, and they can offer the best economic solution for ferrying people and cars in many instances.

BC Ferries thought a cable ferry would make sense for the Denman Island to Vancouver Island crossing on Canada’s Pacific coast – a passage currently being served by a traditional ferry. When up and running in 2015, the new cable ferry will break a few world records: longest at 78m, greatest capacity at 50 cars, and longest cable crossing at 1.9kms. EYE Marine’s President, Tony Thompson is proud of their recent ferry projects: “We’ve designed eight new car ferries over the last 5 years and 3 of them have been cable-driven.”

EYE Marine was founded in 1969 as Evans, Yeatman, & Endal and currently has a staff of eight. So how did a Canadian east coast design company get to work for a Canadian west coast ferry operator? Tony Thompson explains: “We had a chance to do a feasibility study for them [BC Ferries] and it grew from there to model testing, dynamic analyses, and then on to design. Our reputation in ferry design certainly helps.”

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