



Nova Scotia

Winter 2005

# BOATBUILDER

Quarterly Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association

## ABCO creates the ABCO 26'

ABCO's design team has recently produced the ABCO 26, similar in construction to ABCO's line of patrol boats. It measures 26' by 9'3" and is intended for commercial or pleasure use in open waters where more often than not an enclosed cabin is desirable for protection against the elements.

The cuddy is fitted with V berths and a head, and the boat is powered by twin 115HP Hondas. The boat runs and manoeuvres well with a top speed of around 34



knots. It cruises easily at a more fuel efficient 25 knots.

An integrated Raytheon GPS/plotter/radar/vhf system provides the electronic data. The port side console is large enough to lay out a chart. The boat is constructed



ABCO 26

in marine grade welded aluminum which provides renown strength and toughness for commercial applications along with minimal maintenance requirements.

This boat is the first of its type in



Canada to be measured and certified to Transport Canada's TP 1332 (2004), with the newly-adapted ISO stability criteria.

ABCO worked with Transport Canada in the application of test procedures for this certification.

There are numerous options available including paint, various degrees of interior finish, equipment, and powering.

For more information visit: [www.abco.ca](http://www.abco.ca)

## Featured Boatyard: Long Beach Boat Building

At the "top right hand corner" of Nova Scotia, nestled in the small fishing town of Port Morien, is Long Beach Boat Building - established in 2000 to build fibreglass boats for pleasure and commercial use.

All boats feature fully-moulded fibreglass parts and are available in 18', 32', 40' and 45' models. The 18' model makes a perfect, low maintenance sportfisher or

outboard skiff.

Long Beach is currently building a new 32' cruiser that features a new hull design, tank tested at Dalhousie University to optimize speed and seaworthiness. The hull has a hydro-tapered stern post, and moulded parts for the wheelhouse with non-skid decks, washboards, bunk units, helm station, seating, bathroom enclosure and more.

For more details visit: [www.longbeachboatbuilding.com](http://www.longbeachboatbuilding.com)



Visit NSBA's website for latest news, details on boatbuilders in Nova Scotia and much more.

## Apple Island Marine Launches Cape Sable Grace

At 11:00 am on Saturday, October 29th, 2005 the beautiful *Cape Sable Grace* was christened. She then headed for her new home outside of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Skip Roofner of North Carolina is the proud owner of *Cape Sable Grace*, a big 45ft Cape Islander from the southwest Nova Scotia yard of **Apple**



*Cape Sable Grace*

**Island Marine.** The design was featured in the summer 2005 issue of "Nova Scotia Boatbuilder" and the newly-launched boat sailed the 900 nautical mile trip home during a spell of blustery weather in early November.

Wade Goulden, owner of Apple Island Marine, skippered the boat on the delivery trip with Mr. Roofner. "The wind breezed up a bit once we left Nova Scotia heading into the ocean. It was blowin' 35 to 40 knots and we guessed the waves at around 25ft at times - but the boat was just fine." According to Wade, the boat behaved as expected and safely rode the waves on a steady course for Morehead City and the nearby marina.

*Cape Sable Grace* made an impressive sight arriving at the N. Carolina marina with her bright blue 45 x 23 ft fishing boat-style hull and shiny white topsides. "My wife and I want to

be able to eventually go down to the Virgin Islands and that area, so we wanted a vessel that would be very seaworthy," says Skip Roofner.

Having now safely made the trip from Nova Scotia to North Carolina, Mr. Roofner's even more convinced he made the right choice buying a custom boat from Apple Island Marine.

*For more details visit:*  
[www.appleislandmarineboatbuilders.ca](http://www.appleislandmarineboatbuilders.ca)



*Helm Station*

### From the Executive Director

*Tim Edwards, P. Eng., MRINA*



It's at this time of year one tends to reflect on what the year has brought us - the inevitable ups and downs, challenges and successes. For the NSBA it's no different. We've seen the local demand for new fishing boats decline quite dramatically throughout 2005, and this has caused hardship for a number of builders who rely on this traditional market for their business. Early indications for next year, however, are that things will pick up as results from the new lobster season come in.

We've seen other boatyards successfully diversifying into new markets, producing custom or semi-custom boats for recreational boaters, coastal patrol authorities, and eco-tourism operators.

But there's one thing that surely makes 2005 a banner year for the NSBA: the new Boat Builder Apprenticeship Program and our signing of a licensing agreement with New Zealand's Boating Industry Training Organisation.

The new program already has 25 apprentices signed up and earning credits in 13 boatyards around Nova Scotia. As the first sets of workbooks reach yard owners and apprentices, more are being finalized to complete the mandatory and elective skills program of learning. This puts in place a huge building block for the future of our boatbuilding industry.

September saw NSBA's first, two-day Annual Boatbuilder Conference with invited speakers from New Zealand, Florida, and Ontario. Plans for the 2006 event are well underway - keep a lookout on our website for details.

As the snow starts to fall, now is the time to think about your next new boat - and when you do, **"Think Nova Scotia!"** My best wishes to you for a healthy, prosperous, and enjoyable 2006.

*Tim Edwards is a Professional Engineer and a Member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects*

## Wedgeport Boats - Boat of the Month!

NSBA would like to congratulate Wedgeport Boats on their recent recognition.

National Fisherman Magazine awarded *Viking Rose* the Boat of the Month title in November.

Built in 2003 by **Wedgeport Boats Ltd.**, *Viking Rose* is a 46' fiberglass fishing vessel. She is a combination dragger that the owner uses for fishing monkfish, summer flounder and croaker.

Her home port is Barnegat Light, New Jersey.



*Viking Rose*

## Wedgeport Launches Two New Boats

The *Surette Princess* is the third boat purchased by Chris Surette of Sluice Point, from **Wedgeport Boats**.

She is a 44' 11" x 23' lobster fishing boat. She was launched November 21, 2005.



*Surette Princess*

## A.F. Theriault Wins Award



*Russell Theriault, Arthur Theriault & Hon. Ernest Fage*

On Tuesday, November 29, 2005, **A.F. Theriault and Son Limited** of Meteghan River were presented with the "2005 Canadian Innovation Award for New Technology for the Atlantic / Nunavut Region."

This award, presented by Economic Development Minister Ernest Fage, recognizes innovative excellence in the development and application of new manufacturing technologies in Canada.

Theriault was chosen out of 60 companies nominated for this prestigious award.

## Covey Island wins Export Achievement Award

Covey Island Boatworks was honored with the 2005 Export Achievement Award at the Second Annual Lunenburg County Business Excellence Awards gala on Thursday, October 20, 2005.

The Awards Ceremony was developed by the five Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in Lunenburg County to highlight local business excellence.

Supervisor Larry Weagle is shown with the award he accepted on behalf of Covey Island Boatworks.



## Covey Launches Annie J

Built for a Connecticut customer who has owned a **Covey** sailboat, *Annie J* is a similar but larger boat to Herreshoff's Walrus design. The boat is 11' longer with two cabins and more generous accommodations.

Since the launch, she has made a grand impression with her ability to sail. Her owner, who ordered the boat primarily for summer sailing in New England waters and Long Island Sound, said, "She is a beautiful boat and very comfortable even in the most inhospitable conditions and, most important of all, a joy to sail."



*Annie J*



*Jessica & Trevor IV*

Also recently launched by Wedgeport Boats is the 44'11" x 23' lobster boat *Jessica & Trevor IV*.

She is the fourth boat purchased from the yard by local fisherman Robert LeBlanc.

## Comeau Converts US Military Landing Craft

**Comeau Marine Railway Ltd.** has just completed a major conversion of a military surplus U.S. Military Landing Craft, into a "European Style Aquaculture Harvesting Barge".

It is the only one of its kind in North America. This vessel is rigged with the same newly - developed gear that is now being introduced to the new mussel and oyster draggers in Holland and surrounding countries.

The harvesting barge has been converted for Mr. Theo de Koning, owner of Aquaculture Harvesters LLC, of Bar Harbor, Maine, and is to work new mussel farming leases along the Maine coast.



*Rear view of conversion*

Renamed *Stewardship*, the vessel has an overall length of 74', a beam of 21' and a depth of 9'. She is powered by twin 12 - 71 Detroit Diesel engines rated at 420 HP each driving Twin Disk MG-574 marine gears.



*Stewardship*

For more information visit:  
[www.comeausea.com](http://www.comeausea.com)

## Lutwick's Builds a Lapstrake Skiff

Lutwick's Boat Building & Repair are currently constructing a 16' traditional Lapstrake skiff - to be rowed or sailed - for a Nova Scotia customer.



Bill Lutwick's apprentice, Tosh Melvin, designed the boat and developed a half model to check the lines. The hull is constructed with pine planking on oak frames, and uses bronze and copper fastenings. The mainsail and jib will be Marconi-rigged.



16' skiff under construction

## Boat Show Schedule 2005 / 2006

Plan to visit the NSBA booth at any of these great boat shows and pick up a copy of the 2006 Built for the Sea Directory :

*Halifax International Boat Show*  
16th - 19th February 2006  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

*Fish Canada / Workboat Canada*  
23rd - 25th February 2006  
Moncton, New Brunswick

*Maine Boatbuilders Show*  
17th - 19th March 2006  
Portland, Maine

We hope to see you there!

## Halifax Boat Show 2006

NSBA staff at the Halifax Boat Show will be encouraging visitors to see the boat exhibits of NSBA members: Driftwood Boats, Long Beach Boat Building, Rosborough Boats, and A.F. Theriault & Son.

## NSBA Welcomes New Member

**Bay of Fundy Boatbuilders** joined as a Silver Member of the NSBA in October. This new yard builds custom work boats, and pleasure boats. They also carry out major reconstruction and maintenance of boats.

## Website Updated

Please take a minute and visit our "new look" website at [www.nsboats.com](http://www.nsboats.com)

It's been re-designed to make it easier to navigate and learn more about the NSBA, and all that our boatbuilder and supplier members have to offer you.

## Season's Greetings

The NSBA would like to wish you, your friends and family, a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. May you have a prosperous 2006.

