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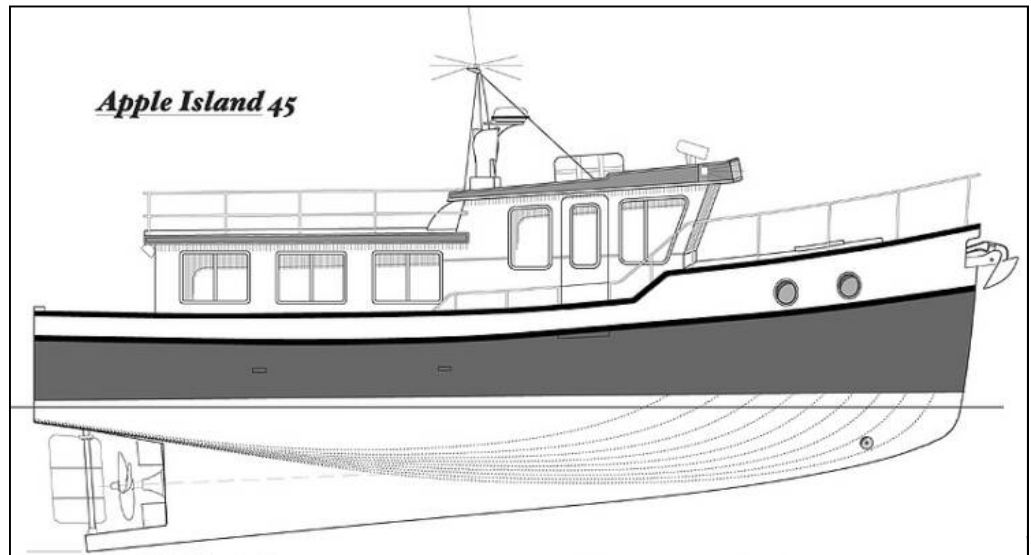
Quarterly Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association

Hull for work, interior for play *Apple Island 45 takes shape*

NSBA Gold Member **Apple Island Marine Boatbuilding** recently began construction on their newest boat, the salty *Apple Island 45*. Built on a traditional Cape Island-style fishing boat hull, with interior layout and amenities for long-distance cruising, the *Apple Island 45* combines a traditional working boat with all modern comforts demanded by the discerning boater.

The hull was moulded by one of the Atkinson family of boatbuilders, well known throughout Canada's Maritimes and beyond for a century-old tradition of building seakindly working boats for the demanding North Atlantic. Measuring in at 44'11" LOA, with a generous 22'6" beam, the hull provides a stable platform for a safe and comfortable cruise, no matter what the weather.

NSBA Silver Associate Member **McGowan Marine Design** worked closely with the builder and the client to produce interior layouts to suit the customer's plans to travel between North Carolina and the US Virgin Islands. The interior features two heads, full-sized galley up, a queen berth forward, and a double berth amidships.



Apple Island 45 trawler
Designed by McGowan Marine Design for Apple Island Marine Boatbuilding & Repair

All of these elements are being brought to life by the dedicated crew at Apple Island Marine Boatbuilding. Wade Goulden and his small crew work closely together on each project, whether it's a custom yacht for pleasure or a sturdy vessel for work.



Caitlin & Boys
Fishing vessel for Newfoundland customer



Apple Island 21
Cape Island outboard, for work or play

For more information on the *Apple Island 45*, contact Wade Goulden at 902-637-3219 or visit NSBA's website and select Apple Island Marine from our list of members.

Photos of the completed boat will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nova Scotia Boatbuilder*.

Nova Scotia boatbuilder celebrates 50 years

Famed Nova Scotia boatbuilder and NSBA Silver Member **Rosborough Boats** celebrated their 50th anniversary in June 2005.

Rosborough Boats began with Doug Rosborough, who designed classic vessels for both fishermen and pleasure boaters. These vessels were constructed in wood and sold across North America.

Doug's sons entered the business in the 1970s and steered the shop through the transition to moulded fibreglass hulls. Rosborough Boats continued to be sought after by commercial fishermen and recreational boaters seeking seakindly, comfortable vessels.

Today, a third generation of Rosboroughs is involved in the

business, working side by side with company president and father Bob Rosborough. The popular and versatile RF-246 continues to be their flagship model, with hundreds in use across North America. Rosborough Boats also offers a 22 foot SeaSkiff and a line of Rough-Water™ Rigid Hull Inflatables for coastal patrol and rescue.



Three generations of Rosborough Boats (l-r: Doug Rosborough, son Bob, grandson Heaton, and son Kevin)

NSBA congratulates Rosborough Boats on their 50th anniversary, and wishes them every success.

NSBA Training Committee elects Chair

A big part of NSBA's focus since its inception in 1998 has been establishing relevant, practical training for a new generation of Nova Scotia boatbuilders. Regular readers of *Nova Scotia Boatbuilder* know that we have made great strides toward this goal - and we are pleased to have over 20 apprentices currently employed in member boatyards.

To help coordinate our training efforts, a volunteer Training Committee meets regularly to discuss progress and decide on "next steps". The last meeting saw the election of Dave Canning from NSBA Gold Member **YachtSmiths Int'l** to the position of committee chair.

Dave also serves on NSBA's Board of Directors. We thank him for his valued help.

From the Executive Director

Tim Edwards, P. Eng., MRINA

This summer sees the production of our "Built for the Sea - Boats 2006" directory. It's our fifth year of putting together a handy-sized booklet that provides information on all 40 of NSBA's custom and semi-custom boatbuilder members, as well as our 46 associate member suppliers.

The directory is designed for you - the boat enthusiast who's looking for a real boat with individuality - to help you make the choice to order your next new boat from Nova Scotia!

The 2006 edition is no bigger than in previous years, but we believe it's better. We've included more photos of boats from Nova Scotia, designed a clearer layout, inserted a centerfold map showing where the boatbuilders are located, and listed useful information such as border crossing requirements, tips on ordering a custom boat, and USA / Canada ferry and general tourism details.

So, how do you get your copy? Well, you can pick one up from the NSBA booth at the Maine Boats & Harbors Boat Show (Rockland, ME Aug 12 - 14), Boston In-Water Boat Show (Boston, Sep 29 - Oct 2) or at the United States Powerboat Show (Annapolis, MD Oct 13 - 16). Or you can request a copy by contacting any of our staff in NSBA's Halifax office.

Our website **www.nsboats.com** contains the same information and has links to each of our boatbuilder members' sites as well, but many people find it's handy to have the "hard copy" directory by them for quick reference, whether it's in your boat, or in the living room.

And what's more, "Built for the Sea - Boats 2006" directory is free! Have a great summer, and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming boat shows.

**Here we "grow" again
NSBA welcomes
new members**

1st May marks the beginning of the NSBA membership year. This is always a busy time for NSBA staff and 2005 has proved no exception.

This year we welcome seven new boatbuilder members and congratulate three Silver members for upgrading to Gold. We also have three new associate members in the NSBA.

~ Gold Members ~

Sirius Boatworks has a sales office in Gloucester, MA and a production facility in Sheet Harbour, NS. Sirius is currently building a new Sirius 32 cruiser,



Sirius 32

Photo courtesy of Sirius Boatworks

based on a hull design by Nova Scotian fisherman and boat-builder Randy Levy. Sirius also offers a range of 35' sportfishermen, designed by Jamie Lowell of Maine.

NSBA Silver Member **Aylward Fibreglass** has upgraded to Gold membership for 2005 / 2006. Aylward offers the unique "Grizzly" fishing vessel, billed as the largest 50ft mould in Nova Scotia. Aylward also offers a 25' turbo trawler for recreational use.



*Aylward 25 Turbo Trawler
Photo: Aylward Fibreglass*

Another NSBA Silver Member, **Nova Trawler Company**, has also upgraded to Gold Member for this year.



Nova Trawler 36

Photo courtesy of Nova Trawler

Nova Trawler Company builds serious coastal cruisers for the liveboard boater. They offer several standard models; they can customize an interior layout just for you, or they can convert a seaworthy workboat into a comfortable pleasure boat.

~ Silver Members ~

Tom Fidgen is **Driftwood Boats**, a new one-man shop located on the Margaree River in Cape Breton. Fidgen builds small wooden boats using traditional methods and modern materials. Driftwood offers 8' yacht tenders and 14' Whitehall-style skiffs.

Merritt's Fiberglass is owned and operated by Stacey Merritt of Sandy Cove. A fisherman himself, Merritt understands the importance of the right boat for working in the Atlantic fishery. Merritt's builds and repairs both solid fiberglass and cored hulls.

Snyder's Shipyard has been a South Shore institution since 1944. Over the years they have built and refurbished fine, classic yachts; built offshore scallop draggers and inshore fishing vessels; and even built a life-sized replica of *Theodore Tugboat*, star of the popular CBC / PBS show for kids.

Michael LeBlanc of **Southwest Fibreglass Products** builds a range of Cape Island-inspired boats, including the popular Cape Classic 30 and the Southwest 21. The company has dealers / distributors in North Carolina, Florida & Massachusetts.

Sandy MacDonald of **Treun Boats** has been on or around the water his whole life, and it shows in his sturdy, seaworthy boats. Treun offers three models of trailerable boats - the *Islander* utility boat; the *Hebrides* day cruiser; and the mini-trawler *White Heather*.

North Atlantic Yachts is now building the *Buzzards Bay 33* power cat. Developed and marketed by Multihull Development of Plymouth, Mass. the *BB33* is built using composite foam core and fibreglass at North Atlantic's shop in Harrietsfield, NS. They are also agent for Herring Cove Marine.

~ Gold Associate Member ~

East Coast Fibre Glass have upgraded to Gold Associate Member. ECFG provide fibreglass building materials and training to Maritime boatbuilders.

~ Silver Associate Members ~

Looking for custom metal fittings for your new boat? Visit **A&B Marine** in Barrington Passage. Owner John Mowry can produce a wide range of fuel tanks, rudders, railings, exhaust systems, and anchors in steel, aluminum, and stainless steel.

TriNav Marine Brokers in St. John's, NL offer a wide selection of used fishing boats, marine vessels and fishing licenses throughout Atlantic Canada. Vessel styles include fishing, cargo, pleasure, and tour boats.

ZF Marine LLC is the world's largest supplier of marine transmissions, propellers, surface-drives and controls. ZF Marine organization serves the particular requirements of Pleasure Craft, Fast Craft and Commercial Craft - to provide even more efficient, customer-friendly service.

**To contact these or any
NSBA Members, go to
www.nsboats.com**

57' Herreshoff *Elsie* for sale by "slow auction"

NSBA Gold Member **Covey Island Boatworks** is taking a unique approach in looking for the future owner of their 57' Herreshoff *Bounty/Tioga* ketch *Elsie*. Launched in 2002, the boat will be sold by "slow auction". The price of the classic vessel, listed in May at US\$875,000, will drop by US\$25,000 each month until sold.

Elsie is expected to attract a bluewater sailor with an appreciation for Herreshoff designs and a taste for racing.

With the advent of the slow auction, potential owners will need to balance their desire for a bargain against their sense of timing. *Elsie* has drawn much praise at trade shows and in the boating media but - to date - no buyer. Built "on spec", the yacht has encountered a slow market for classic sailing yachts. Covey Island president John Steele says "It is time to move the boat and for our yard to move on. Although *Elsie* has earned Covey Island much favourable attention, she represents more inventory than we want to carry".



Covey Island Boatworks "Elsie"
57' Herreshoff Bounty/Tioga ketch

The price of US\$875,000 is for the yacht as is. *Elsie* is available for viewing at Annapolis, MD. Contact Covey Island Boatworks at 902-688-2843 or visit them online at www.coveyisland.com

NSBA Annual Meeting and Boatbuilders' Conference

September 12th & 13th will see NSBA's Annual General Meeting and 1st Boatbuilders' Conference.

September 12th is dedicated to seminars for boatbuilders: cost control, warranty & liability, R&D tax credits for boatbuilders, and construction standards for export boats.

NSBA Associate Members will also have display tables set up, giving industry a unique chance to chat with suppliers in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

In the evening, a reception will be held to thank those participating in NSBA's Apprenticeship Pilot Program. New Zealand BITO General Manager Robert Brooke

will be on hand to speak about the importance of proper training to the boatbuilding industry.

September 13th is NSBA's AGM. We are pleased to welcome our keynote speaker, *PassageMaker Magazine's* Laurene Parletore. The display tables will also be set up on this day to give everyone a chance to meet with suppliers.

The event is sponsored by NSBA Silver Associate Members **Fairway Insurance Services, L. Himmelman Elastomers, and Mermaid Marine Products.**



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Boat Show Schedule 2005 / 2006

Plan to visit the NSBA booth at any of these great boat shows:

Mahone Bay Wooden Boat Festival
28th - 31st July 2005
Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia

Maine Boats & Harbors Show
12th - 14th August 2005
Rockland, Maine

Boston Int'l In-Water Boat Show
29th Sept. - 2nd Oct. 2005
Boston, Massachusetts

US Powerboat Show
13th - 16th Oct. 2005
Annapolis, Maryland

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

See you there!

News & Notes

NSBA congratulates Gold Member **YachtSmiths International**, winners of the 2005 New Exporter Award for the Province of Nova Scotia. This was in recognition of a big jump in export revenues for the custom boatbuilder.

NSBA Exec Assistant Hannah Munday is going on maternity leave this July. This will be the first child for Hannah and her husband Michael. Hannah has worked for NSBA since 2000 and looks forward to her return in April 2006. **Chantel Leturneau** will be filling Hannah's role this year.