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Busy times in Lower Wedgeport

For over 25 years, family business **LeBlanc Brothers Boatbuilders** has been a fixture in Nova Scotia's boatbuilding industry. This summer marked a new chapter in the LeBlanc's history with the launch of their newest boats, the LeBlanc 1610.



Shown here with new owners Simon and Shari Bendall, the LeBlanc 1610 hull made its debut at the Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival. This dandy little boat can be bought as shown, or with a cuddy cabin, centre console... the hull

lends itself well to customization, and LeBlanc Brothers pride themselves on building "the boat you want, the way you want it".

This summer also saw two new LeBlanc boats for the Nova Scotia fishing fleet. Dana Robinson took delivery of *Fundy Shoal* on a foggy Nova Scotia day, and *Secret Sea* is headed just around the coast in Digby, NS with owner Brock Longmire.



Secret Sea

www.leblancboats.com

Sea *Serpent* takes to the water



Serpent

ABCO Industries continue breaking new ground in Nova Scotia's boatbuilding industry, launching the unique *Serpent* this summer in Lunenburg.

Custom designed and manufactured by the skilled team at ABCO, *Serpent* is destined for environmental research in Florida. The all-aluminum vessel is 45' long and powered by a single jet.

www.abco.ca



Featured Boatyard: SE Newman & Son

Located on Campobello Island just over the bridge from downeast Maine, **SE Newman & Son Inc.** are finishers of the downeast-style *Northern Bay* lobsterboats.

SE Newman's crew are

committed to learning and applying new technologies.

Whether you're looking for a custom-designed pleasure cruiser; a beautiful and speedy sportfishing boat; or marina and haulout services, Steve Newman and his crew are happy to help.



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www.senewmanboats.com

Boatbuilder Awards 2006

Three Nova Scotia boatyards were recognized as industry leaders at the NSBA's 2nd Annual Boatbuilder Conference in September.

Aylward Fibreglass Inc. has the unique distinction of being the first boatyard in Atlantic Canada to use the resin infusion process to mould complete hulls. For showing innovation in engineering, tooling, construction processes and materials, Aylward Fibreglass was presented with the 2006 Innovation Award.



Glen Aylward, President Aylward Fibreglass Inc., accepts Innovation Award from Jeff Himmelman, L. Himmelman Elastomers (sponsor)

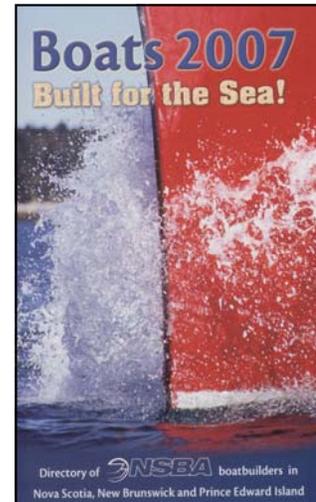
The 2006 Company Development & Growth Award was presented to **Big Pond Boat Shop**. In recent months they have expanded their workforce, registered an apprentice with NSBA's Boat Builder apprenticeship program, and encouraged employee Donald Clements to attain NSBA Certification as a Marine Joiner. Company President Keith Nelder is one of only two ABYC Certified Master Technicians in Canada.



Peter Bennett (L), President of Stright-MacKay, presents Export Achievement Award to Dave Canning, CEO of YachtSmiths International

YachtSmiths International is a relatively young company,

but they continue to win significant orders from the US for large trawler yachts. They have resurrected the Cabot 36 sailboat design and are focused on developing export markets for their varied products. Recognizing their successes in developing export markets, NSBA was pleased to award YSI with the 2006 Export Achievement Award.



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Winning ways continue for NSBA Members

Boats by NSBA Members were recognized by the judges at the 2006 Mahone Bay Classic Boat Festival.

The Chuck Payne-designed **NorseBoat**, presented by Kevin Jeffrey and built by **Dagley's Boatworks**, won the award for Most Innovative Boat at the Festival. And **Driftwood Boats** picked up the coveted People's Choice Award for their 10' sailing canoe.

In April, the 63' Nigel Irens gaff schooner **Maggie B**, recently launched by Covey Island Boatworks, won several trophies at the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta.

She was awarded third place (adjusted time) in the 'big boat' single-handed race after crossing the line first of thirteen boats; took third in the Classic Class D race won by 190' Herreshoff schooner *Eleonora*; then finished first - and won the Concours d'Elegance - in the two-man gig race.

Congratulations to all - you've done Nova Scotia proud!



'Maggie B'
Photo by Tim Wright

Halifax builder launches first power catamaran

The first production-built Buzzards Bay 33 was launched in Halifax, NS in July. The 33' power catamaran is built by North Atlantic Yachts for Multihull Development of Plymouth, MA. The boat made her maiden voyage to Plymouth in some rough conditions and performed beautifully, maintaining a cruising speed of 18-20 knots in 4-6ft seas. The BB33 is powered by twin 225 hp Mercury Verado outboards and has a top speed of 34 knots. All who were aboard during sea trials marveled at how quietly and smoothly the vessel performed. The second BB33 is powered by twin Steyr diesels with Mercruiser sterndrives, and a third boat is on order for an owner in Wisconsin.



Buzzards Bay 33

Another new design for Shelburne boatbuilder

Following on the success of their first trawler yacht, the 45' *Cape Sable Grace*, builders **Apple Island Marine** recently launched their first 24' Mini Trawler, built for a New York couple.

The trawler is comfortably

appointed with a V-berth, teak & holly flooring, and cherry wall panels. The cabin features a small galley and salon area, and practical nav station with good visibility all around.



'Full Circle'

Christened *Full Circle* by her proud owners, the boat arrived safely at her home port in time to enjoy the fall cruising season.

Safe arrival for New Endeavor

Regular readers of *NS Boatbuilder* will remember that **Wedgeport Boats'** vessel *New Endeavor* left in June for her 6800 mile voyage home.

The boat performed well in the intense summer heat, and finished her journey on time and on budget.

The boat is operating in the west coast crab fishery.



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A new crew for the year ahead

NSBA Members elected a new Board of Directors for 2006 / 07 at their AGM on September 8th.

Congratulations to the new NSBA Board!

Chairman Arthur Theriault
A.F. Theriault & Son

Vice-Chairman John Meisner
ABCO Industries

Treasurer Dave Canning
YachtSmiths International

Directors

Glen Aylward

Aylward Fibreglass

Glen Cairns

North Atlantic Yachts

Craig d'Entremont

d'Eon Boatbuilding

Wade Goulden

Apple Island Marine

Peter Kinley

Lunenburg Foundry & Engineering

Neil LeBlanc

LeBlanc Brothers Boatbuilders

Harland Martell

Wedgeport Boats

Steve Allt

Cummins Eastern Canada

Peter Bennett

Stright-MacKay

NSBA extends a warm thank you to all retiring officers. Peter Kinley served ably as NSBA Chairman from 2004 - 2006. Pat Nelder was NSBA's first Treasurer, and has stepped down after serving three terms. As well, Directors Herman Samson, Errol Goudey, Tim Bennett, and Jason Landry all retired from the Board to concentrate on their own businesses.

The NSBA could not function without the guiding hand of the Board. Thank you to all Directors past and present for your commitment.

2nd Annual Boatbuilder Conference a big success!

The Westin Nova Scotian hotel in Halifax was the scene as dozens of boatbuilders from across Nova Scotia gathered for NSBA's 2nd Annual Boatbuilder Conference.

Boatbuilders, suppliers, and industry stakeholders gathered to take part in seminars on marketing and export financing. There was also a lively panel discussion on the topic of Pleasure Boat Design and Construction, featuring renowned US designer Spencer Lincoln.

NSBA Associate Members set up booth displays with their latest products, making this a great networking opportunity. Exhibitors included:

- Atlantic Electronics Ltd.
- CMC Electronics
- Cummins Eastern Canada
- Don Brenton's Fire Protection
- L. Himmelman Elastomers
- Mermaid Marine
- MacDonald Chisholm Trask Insurance
- Marindustrial
- SIA Canada
- Volvo Penta / MTU
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Associate Member News

ZF Marine Relocates Service Centre

ZF Marine have relocated their Warwick, Rhode Island service centre.

Customers will find the new location at 225 Metro Center Boulevard more convenient. It's centrally located on I95, and is near Warwick's T.F. Green Airport.

The new location will continue to offer a full line of ZF Marine aftermarket products and services, as well as warranty and technical support for the Northeast market.

Stright-MacKay presents annual dealer show

Each year, Stright-MacKay's dealer network meets up to see the latest products from companies around the world. Planned this year for Oct. 11th and 12th in Halifax, the dealer show will introduce new products to the local industry, for the benefit of boatbuilders and boaters.

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