



Wooden Boat News

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Look Aft and Learn

7th Annual Wooden Boat Conference Petty Harbour – Maddox Cove

Our 7th Annual Wooden Boat Conference will be held in Petty Harbour-Maddox Cove on September 5-6, 2014.

This year's event will kick off with an outdoor workshop at 11:00 AM on Friday with a demonstration of Fishing Skills by local fishers. Demonstrations will include net kitting and mending, barking twine and hand line reel rigging. Our Boats in the Harbour event will begin at 2:00 PM – bring your boats for an afternoon of sailing, motoring, rowing or sculling around the harbour.

Saturday's sessions will begin with a presentation highlighting the History of Fishing in Petty Harbour. Our folklorist will fill you in on our 2013 Gander River Documentation project. Again this year, we will have a group of boat builders who will be demonstrating their unique boat building skills. The afternoon will start with a presentation on our plans for an International Conference in 2015. The remainder of the day will focus on Wooden Ghosts (shipwrecks) – an update on the San Juan Replica project and a presentation from the Shipwreck Preservation Society of NL.



Boat Builder Demonstration - Glovertown, 2013

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Kitchen Party - Glovertown, 2013

Our Show and Tell takes place throughout the conference – this year, in addition to a display of model boats, local artists will be displaying their artwork.

A full spouses program will include a Guided Tour around Petty Harbour and the Museum, Prod Mat Lessons at Herbie's Olde Crafe Shoppe and an East Coast Guided tour of the Nature Conservancy's Fog Forest. Our conference will conclude on Saturday evening with a Home Cooked meal and Kitchen Party. Attendees are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in the fun – you won't want to miss it!

Deadline for registration is August 29th, 2014 – early bird registration deadline is August 15th. For complete details, or to register visit our website at www.woodenboatnl.com or contact **Beverley** at bkingheritage@gmail.com or call **(709) 583-2070**.

We look forward to seeing you in Petty Harbour.





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The Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador archives, conserves, exhibits and transmits our wooden boat history and its contribution to the province's economy and way of life.

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Individual membership is \$30 and includes unlimited free admission to the Wooden Boat Museum in Winterton for one year (and 10 per cent discount on guest admissions); 10 per cent discount at the museum store in Winterton; and free subscription to Wooden Boat News.

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Boat Building Workshops & Demonstrations

Are you interested in learning the skills of wooden boat construction? Or perhaps you have an old make 'n break engine that you would like to repair but don't know where to start? The Wooden Boat Museum offers practical workshops that teach wooden boat construction and traditional marine engine repair and installation.

Workshops & demonstrations are offered throughout the summer in Winterton and Trinity. Adult participants can choose from three levels of Boat Building Workshops to suit their interests. Our one day workshops (held each Saturday in July and August in Winterton) offer a wide range of topics, which include:

- Timber Options – Grown Timbers, Steamed Timbers, Laminated Timbers
- 16' Grand Banks Dory Assembly
- 14' Fogo Island Punt – Components Overview
- Timber in the Woods – A day in the woods locating and harvesting timbers
- Make & Break Engines



Children can participate in our Junior Boat Builders Workshops each Thursday in Winterton and Trinity. Our full list of workshops and schedules can be found at www.woodenboatnl.com/workshops.

Fishing for Folklore

In cooperation with the 7th Annual Wooden Boat Conference, the Heritage Foundation of NL is running a four day intensive introductory workshop on intangible cultural heritage, in the historic fishing community of Petty Harbour Maddox Cove. Participants will learn about planning an ICH project, writing field notes, oral history interviewing, safeguarding traditional crafts and skills, creating memory maps of communities, documenting traditional boatbuilding techniques, public folklore programming, and report writing.

For more details, call Dale Jarvis at 1 (888) 739-1892 ext 2, or email ich@heritagefoundation.ca

Learning the old ways

Shawn Hayward

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Students from Tricentia Academy visited Lloyd Wareham's workshop last week to see how boats were built before the days of electric tools and computer-assisted design.

Wareham is a retired machinist who has built boats in his spare time all his life. For his next project, he wanted to build a motorboat in the traditional way, using techniques he saw used when he was growing up.

"I always wanted to do it," he said. "I built four speedboats and a couple of flats, but never built a motorboat. I always wanted to do it so here I am."

The boat is 19-feet long, five-feet-nine-inches wide, and 33 inches from gunwale to keel. It's going to be propeller driven and, in keeping with tradition, will be run with a three-horsepower Atlantic engine, known as a "make-or-break."

Wareham showed the students the basics of how a traditional motorboat is put together during the hour-long session, from shaping the wood to the operation of the engine.



Lloyd's Boat - launched on May 10, 2014

Wareham relies on paper drawings and his eye to plan out his project. These days computers do a lot of the work in boatbuilding shops.

A lot of the basic techniques Wareham uses applies to modern building. Wareham explained that the engine must



Students from Tricentia Academy with Lloyd Wareham at his workshop - Shawn Hayward

be lined up closely with the propeller shaft, otherwise it would cause vibration. And an engine is an engine, even if it's water-cooled and has a large flywheel attached to the drive shaft, which is started by pushing it down with your foot.

The engine comes from a foundry in Lunenburg, N.S. and the distinctive heart-shaped holes in the flywheel prove it's an Atlantic model.

The engine was lying in someone's shed for several years. Wareham bought it and fixed it up. The propeller came from the same shed and is made of brass so it doesn't rust in the water.

The oarlock at the stern is replaceable, which Wareham says is a trademark of Placentia Bay boatbuilding. In Trinity Bay Wareham says they put a hole in the back of the boat that the oar goes through.

Wareham cut some of the wood himself, using black spruce trees, but the keel is made of a single tree that was cut at a sawmill in North Harbour. Right now the frame of the boat is complete and Wareham is putting in floor planks. The boat will be steered by tiller and should go about five or six knots.

Wareham says he hopes to have it in the water by this summer. After taking it around the harbour a few times, Wareham said he's not sure what he'll do with it. Traditionally a boat like this would be used for catching herring and trawling.

**Wooden Boats of NL Exhibit
NOW OPEN at Long Point
Lighthouse - Twillingate**



Out and About

Make & Break Workshop, Boats in the Harbour & Exhibit Grand Opening

Grab your oars, rig your sails and start your make n' break engines!

Our weekend will begin with A Make and Break Workshop on Saturday, July 12th, beginning at 9:00 AM. Our Boats in the Harbour event will begin at 1:00 PM on

Sunday - we are calling boat enthusiasts to join us for an afternoon on the water in Trinity Harbour. To register your boat, contact **Jim Miller** at **464-3599**.

Our Exhibit Grand Opening celebrations follow at 3:00 PM at the Courthouse. Join us for an *Afternoon Tea* and view our Exhibit.



Boats in the Harbour

Wooden Boats on the Southern Shore

Do you have a wooden boat? Do you know where one has been discarded? Does your neighbour have one in his shed?

The Wooden Boat Museum will be on the Southern Shore this summer collecting information on wooden boats and builders and we need your help! If you know of a boat or builder please contact **Crystal** at **699-9570** or email folklore.wbmdl@gmail.com

True North Springs Donates Use of Trailer to Museum

Thanks to the continuing dedication of our President Frank French and the considerable generosity of the owners of True North Springs, our Museum now has the use of a customized 22' enclosed trailer. This trailer is the answer to our dreams

for transporting boats and exhibits as well as providing office space and storage as we travel around the Province documenting the contribution of wooden boats to our heritage. It also fulfills the function as an eye-catching advertisement for the Museum and for wooden boats in general. This trailer could not have come at a better time and the Board of Directors want to express heart-felt gratitude for this generous donation. We also want to thank Winterton artist Florence Pinhorn for her donation of the artwork displayed on the trailer.



Trailer set up in Twillingate



Lifting Lines Workshop - Twillingate - June 24, 2014

Look Aft and Learn is Our Motto

Seafarers commonly say "look aft" to mean look behind, to the rear and the wake of the vessel. As a wooden boat museum, we feel it is a fitting expression that shows our commitment to looking to our history and heritage as a means of learning for the future.



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