



Wooden Boat News

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Look Aft and Learn

8th Annual Wooden Boat Conference Harbour Grace, NL September 11-12, 2015

To kick off this year's conference Legendary Coast Eastern NL DMO will be hosting a Tourism Breakfast beginning at 9:30 AM. We'll then head to the Harbour Grace Marina where training begins for our Heritage Skills Challenge. Learn how to scull and row a punt, haul a pot, knit a net, tie a whiff and fillet a fish. The Challenge begins at 2:00 PM – if you'd like to join one of our teams please let us know. Friday ends with a Meet and Greet at the Marina beginning at 7:00 PM.

Saturday's sessions will begin with a presentation highlighting Vern Petten - longtime fisherman and boat builder from Port de Grave. Bruce Whitelaw will bring us up to date on the progress of our International Conference being held in Trinity in 2016. The morning will conclude with our boat builder demonstrations – a time to chat and see them demonstrating their unique boat building skills.

Legendary Coast DMO will begin the afternoon with a session on Cultural Tourism Opportunities on the Baccalieu Trail. Jerome Canning and Jim Dempsey will give a presentation on their trip to Pasaia, Spain earlier this year where Jerome had an opportunity to participate in the building of the San Juan Replica.

Conference will conclude with our Conference Dinner and Kitchen Party. Be sure to bring along your guitars, accordions, ugly sticks, etc and join our Kitchen Party host, Melvin Green, onstage Saturday night.

A full spouses program will also be available.

Final agenda will be available week of August 3rd – check our website for details.

To register, please call Beverley at (709) 583-2070 or email inquiries@woodenboatmuseum.com

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HERITAGE SKILLS CHALLENGE

8th Annual Wooden Boat Conference

Harbour Grace
September 11, 2015

The WBMNL is
throwing down the gauntlet

The folks at the Wooden Boat Museum
challenge you to a relay race!

Enter a team in our Heritage Skills Challenge

Teams of six will

- Scull a Punt**
- Haul a Pot**
- Knit a Net**
- Tie a Whiff**
- Fillet a Fish**
- Row a Punt**

On Friday morning there will be an opportunity
to learn the skills from someone who really
knows what they are doing.



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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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Launchings

We're dedicating this page of our newsletter to our boat builders. Please send us information on your boats and pictures. We'd be happy to include pictures of your boats under construction on our website and feature their launch in future copies of our newsletter.



14' Rodney (Maggie)

Launched July 2, 2015

Builder:
Len Budgell, Grand Falls



10' Rodney

Launched July 8, 2015

Builder:
Frank French, Winterton



13' 10" Punt (Why Not)

Launched June 15, 2015

Builder: Edwin Bishop, Heart's Delight
Owner: Bruce Emberley, St. John's



27' Trap Skiff (Our Star)

Launched July 4, 2015

Builder:
Andy Riggs, Burin

Sponsorships Conference 2015

We are currently seeking sponsorships for our upcoming conference in Harbour Grace.

Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships are available, along with other opportunities. Donations are also welcome. Our complete sponsorship package, along with current sponsors, can be found on our website.

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Marine Institute Student Looks Aft to Learn

By Crystal Braye



If you've had a chance to visit the Wooden Boat Museum in Winterton this summer you may have seen a new face in our Boat Shed. George Butt has been working alongside our boat builder Jerome Canning to keep the place running smoothly and has been learning a few things along the way.

Growing up in Carbonear, George has always been interested in boats. "The fishery was - and still is, a huge part of Newfoundland and Labrador's economy. Building and using boats was a necessary part of that - a way of life," he says.

George completed his first year of the Naval Architecture program at the Marine Institute this spring and received funding through Young Canada Works to spend his summer working at the Museum. George has kept busy assisting Jerome with our weekly Boat Building Workshops for adults and children and is nearing completion of a punt for the Narrows Group to raffle at The Grand Townies vs. Baymen Punt Race in St. John's on August 8.

At nineteen-years-old, George is heading towards a career in ship design. "I'm interested in what boats are going to look like in the future. Modern steel ships today have a history in the wooden boats and ships of the past," George says, "By looking back we can learn more about where we are going."

The Wooden Boat Museum traces the history of wooden boats used in Newfoundland and Labrador. We actively learn from traditions bearers and strive to safeguard their knowledge skills and stories. Our motto is Look Aft and Learn, which is a concept George truly appreciates.

George says that working in the workshop with Jerome will be a valuable experience as he continues his studies. "I'm going to work at a desk in the future so it's nice to get the hands-on experience of building a boat." George will be returning to school this fall at MUN for a Bachelor of Engineering and is leaning towards specializing in Ocean Naval Architecture. He says that understanding the way that things fit together will be helpful to him as an engineer. "When I work with this stuff of



a theoretical level I will have this practical experience to guide me. It's giving me an entirely new set of skills," says George.

So when you visit the Museum this summer, be sure to drop into the workshop and say hello to our young boat builder and catch a glimpse of our wooden boat traditions being passed on to the next generation.

Out and About

Workshops

Maggie was launched on July 2nd, and her builder, Len Budgell of Grand Falls sent us the following email:

"I would like to thank the Wooden Boat Museum, and in particular Jerome, for the help, advice and encouragement that made the launch a reality. The dream was with me for a long while, but it was time spent in the boat shop with Jerome and the "under construction" boats around, that finally persuaded me to give it a try. I must also say thank you to Sam Feltham of Glovertown for giving me a copy of the forms he used in his 14 ft. boat construction.

Life would be near completion if Maggie would qualify me to be considered as one of that elite group of Newfoundlanders know as boat builders."

Len attended workshops at the Wooden Boat Museum of NL in Winterton and we would like to thank him for sharing his story and pictures of *Maggie* with us.

Our next week long workshop will take place September 14-18th – details can be found on our website: www.woodenboatnl.com/workshops.

Board Members

We have only a small number of staff and limited financial resources, and so the dedicated effort of our committed volunteers is one of our most treasured resources. Nowhere is this more obvious than those who serve on our Board of Directors.

We will be conducting an election at our next Annual General Meeting and Conference in Harbour Grace on September 12, 2015. We have vacancies on our board of directors to fill – Vice-President, Treasurer and Directors.

Exhibit Unveiling

They *Came for the Fish and Stayed for the Stages* exhibit was unveiled at the Museum in Winterton on June 27, 2015. The exhibit tells the history behind fishing stages, what the fishing stage and fishing flakes are, the process of making fish and a case study of Pinhorn's Stage to give context to these ideas. The Museum would like to thank all those who attended the unveiling and invite visitors to come to Winterton and view our exhibit. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM until September 5th. Special group rates are available! Call the Museum at (709) 583-2044 to book your group.



Steve Crocker, MHA - Trinity Bay-de Verde brings greetings.



Fishing Stage Exhibit

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.

