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A Showcase of Maritime-built boats

This year's Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show will feature an impressive line-up of 18 large and small Maritime-built boats afloat at Bishop's Landing Marina, on the popular Halifax waterfront, 23 - 25 July. More boats and supplier booths will be on land, as well as a seminar program and nautical fashion show.

"The show has something for everyone, and we're proud to show off such great local boatbuilding talent," says Tim Edwards of the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association, presenters of the event in partnership with the Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. (WDCL)

There is a seminar program for boaters on Friday and Saturday, from 11am until 5pm, a nautical fashion show by Helly Hansen on Saturday afternoon at 2pm, and an end-of-line inventory sale by marine equipment suppliers **Stright-MacKay**. Once again *PassageMaker*, the popular trawler and ocean boat magazine, is the Publication Sponsor of the show.

Among the variety of custom and semi-custom boats on display will be a Kasten 53 luxury aluminum motor yacht built by **YachtSmiths International** of Dartmouth for Alan and Deborah Wagner of Tampa, Florida. "We are looking forward to showing our new boat, *Passage of Time*, at the Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show in Halifax. We could not be more pleased with the superb craftsmanship that turned our boating dream into reality."

Trailerable power boats at the show include a pretty 20ft double-ender from **Sauer Boatbuilding & Maintenance**.

For those who prefer to sail, **NorseBoat** is unveiling their new 21.5ft day sailor which is a larger version of the popular 17.5 - also at the show. **Mahone Bay Boatworks** will have two of their wooden 14ft Redden catboats on display and **Lutwick's Boat Building & Repair** is showing their RL24 traditional gaff-rigged centerboard sloop.

If you're looking for a workboat, local boatbuilder **Rosborough Boats** will be there with one of their 30 foot *RoughWater* rigid hull inflatables and a 25 foot fiberglass *HammerHead*. **ABCO Industries** will be showing their Diesel Jet 29, an all-aluminum planing hull well-suited for patrol and rescue duties.

And of course, no Maritime boat show would be complete without a Grand Banks Dory on display - from **The Dory Shop** in Lunenburg.

Other boat exhibitors include **East River Marine, Samson Enterprises**, and **Superport Marine Services**.

"The Halifax Waterfront is a working waterfront, home to vessels of all shapes and sizes year-round," says Colin MacLean, President and CEO of Waterfront Development Corporation. "The Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show is another way to bring the experience and craftsmanship to people, allowing them to get on board and hear from the boatbuilders."

This will be the fourth year the show has been held - the first two were in Mahone Bay. The 4th Annual Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show runs from July 23rd to 25th. Admission is \$5. Admission also gets show goers a discount at some local vendors. Details can be seen at www.nsboats.com

FOR BROADCAST USE:

The 4th Annual Nova Scotia In-Water Boat Show will be held at Bishop's Landing Marina, on the Halifax waterfront, 23 to 25 July.

Produced by the Nova Scotia Boatbuilders Association (NSBA) in partnership with the Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. (WDCL), the event will showcase Maritime-built and restored boats, for pleasure or commercial use.

There is also a seminar program, a fashion show of nautical clothing and wet weather gear, and an end-of-line inventory sale of boating equipment and materials.

For more information on the show visit [w-w-w dot n-s-boats dot com](http://www.nsboats.com) .

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Background information

In 2009, boatbuilding sales in the province were around \$50

million, with 40 boatbuilding companies employing 820 skilled tradespeople year-round.

NSBA was established in 1998 by group of leading boatbuilders who shared a common vision of growing and diversifying the industry. Membership comprises 34 boatbuilders and 38 companies supplying products and services to the industry.

WDCL is a provincial Crown corporation that oversees provincially owned land along the waterfronts from Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and Lunenburg. Revenues are reinvested into further development and projects on the waterfronts. A number of events are supported annually to provide people with a vibrant waterfront experience.
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