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Second Annual “Open Boatyard Days” Offers Inside Look at Top Maine Boatbuilders and Boatyards

MOUNT DESERT, MAINE – Maine Built Boats announces the second annual “Open Boatyard Days” to be held on August 15-16. During this two-day event, participating boatbuilders, boatyards, and marine-related businesses from Kittery to Eastport will open their doors to the public and even offer guided tours (on the hour, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.). From refits of existing yachts to new builds of both power and sail boats, participants will enjoy a rare opportunity to witness firsthand one of Maine’s signature industries. “Boatbuilding is Maine’s oldest industry, going back over 400 years, and yet few people actually get to see the craftsmanship as it unfolds in Maine boatyards,” said Kerri Russell, president of Maine Built Boats. “During last year’s event we had between 700 and 1,000 people and this year we hope to see even more.”

Companies participating include, by region:

DOWNEAST

Atlantic Boat	Brooklin
Brooklin Boat Yard	Brooklin
D.N. Hylan	Brooklin
Hewes & Co.	Blue Hill
WoodenBoat School	Brooklin
Cranberry Island Boatyard	Cranberry Isles
The Boat School – Husson	Eastport
John Williams Boat Company	Mount Desert
Wilbur Yachts	Southwest Harbor
Great Harbor Boatworks	Southwest Harbor
Hinckley Yachts (Service)	Southwest Harbor
Hinckley Yachts (Boatbuilding)	Trenton
West Bay Boats	Steuben
Nautilus Marine	Trenton

MIDCOAST

Front Street Shipyard	Belfast
Great Island Boatyard	Harpswell
Rockport Marine	Rockport
Artisan Boatworks (August 15 only)	Rockport
Back Cove Yachts	Rockland
Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding	Thomaston

SOUTH COAST

The Landing School	Arundel
Six River Marine	North Yarmouth
Portland Yacht Services	Portland
Colortec Powdercoating	Portland
New England Fiberglass	Portland
Sabre Yachts	Raymond

The most up-to-date listing of participating businesses is available at www.mainebuiltboats.com. Boatbuilding is the third-largest manufacturing industry in Maine and remains an essential part of the state’s economy. Maine Built Boats is a non-profit, member-driven trade organization building awareness, appreciation and demand for Maine’s boatbuilding industry.

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