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There's nowhere I'd rather be in the summertime than cruising in my home state of Maine. Even after living near Penobscot Bay for more than two decades, I'm still taken aback by breathtaking sunsets over the harbors and playful porpoises surfacing alongside my boat. Cruisers in Maine have unparalleled access to magical islands that are unique in the world.

A Note From Our President
JB TURNER



Mainers are proud of their heritage, so the locals occasionally remind that I'm "from away." I'm a native of Noank, Connecticut, having moved to Maine early in my career to join and learn from the expert boatbuilders here. Like most boaters who discover this region, I felt like I'd found paradise. I began inviting my friends and family from away to visit and share this untouched utopia with me.

Now that I work for Front Street Shipyard, I'm able to continue inviting more and more people to discover Maine with me. It's no longer just friends and family; it's every boater in the world who's searching for the perfect, picturesque anchorage in which to enjoy a glass of wine and a

lobster roll. Front Street Shipyard's deep-water access and dockage has created an opportunity for more boaters than ever before to cruise throughout our state.

My favorite part of my job is talking about Penobscot Bay with my customers. When I take an early morning walk along the docks, I usually end up comparing notes with cruisers about the best hikes on nearby islands (Isle Au Haut), the most scenic spots to watch a sunset (Merchant's Row), and the best harborside restaurants to get a lobster dinner (Frenchboro). In the best chats, I walk away with a tip on a hidden spot I haven't yet discovered myself.

I'm sharing a few photos of my from this summer in hopes

cruising adventures



I'll entice you to visit us up here in Maine, too. I've got a space on the dock waiting for you — and a few great sunsets to share.



ASHA

Setting the standard for refits.



Sometimes a new project comes along with a new friend as well. We all guessed that might be the case when we flew down to Ft. Lauderdale last fall to sea trial a 90-foot Palmer Johnson motoryacht at the request of her new owner, Keith Mortensen. We were as charmed by Keith as we were by the boat, which was soon renamed ASHA.

After our discussions about Keith's ideas for his new yacht, he was ready to commit to a winter of work in Belfast based on word-of-mouth recommendations and his meetings with our crew.

"We'd heard a tremendous amount of good stories about Front Street Shipyard," he explained. "They've developed a great reputation."

With Keith's trust and active involvement, we began work on ASHA. We determined that her hull had significant corrosion, so we made extensive repairs



where necessary, many of which included a lot of paint touch-ups. Our coatings team also painted her flybridge and replaced the non-skid.

Our carpentry crew spent several months in ASHA's interior, giving her comprehensive updates to meet Keith's tastes. They crafted all new teak and holly soles in the galley, along with a beautiful new set of teak stairs. New granite countertops modernized the galley. Additional granite countertops in the master head and stonework in both the

showers has refined the aesthetic of the heads as well. For a little added luxury, we installed heated tile floors in the master head. Our talented craftspeople finished the owner's cabin with a striking new varnished maple headboard with complementary countertops that brighten and warm the room.

ASHA's systems required some maintenance and updating. Our mechanical team started by installing a new stern thruster to

or replaced all major pumps, and we gave all of ASHA's thru-hull fittings a thorough inspection by removing them and re-bedding them. We also replaced most of her hoses and fittings throughout the entire boat.

We installed several new electronics onboard the boat to prepare her for cruising. We also installed some new appliances to get her ready for some longer passages. Finally — and perhaps most importantly! — we built new nameboards for her to display her new name.

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out and also expressed a bit of heartache about leaving Belfast.

“We developed not just a professional relationship, but a lot of friendships as well, and that's probably the best compliment I can pay them,” said Keith.

ASHA spent the summer cruising in New England and we've received reports that she's proved herself to be a great yacht for her new owner. We're proud to say we had the opportunity to work with both ASHA and Keith, and we look forward to our next opportunity to work together.



improve the yacht's agility and performance. The hydraulic system required some updating, so we also replaced almost all of the hydraulic fittings and hoses. In the power system we refurbished the shaft, flexible coupling, and props. We rebuilt





Team Building with WESMAC CUSTOM BOATS

Wesmac Custom Boats in Surry, Maine, has a great problem on their hands: too many orders for new boats. This renowned builder of traditionally styled lobster boats brought their problem to Front Street Shipyard, and we gladly found a solution together: Our team is building hulls and decks to get Wesmac's orders delivered.

Founded more than three decades ago, Wesmac has a reputation for exceptional-quality hulls with Downeast Maine styling. The hulls are hard-chined

to maximize seakeeping abilities. Used by professional fishermen, the boats are also known for their speed and maneuverability.

Wesmac models range in length from 36 to 60 feet. Most hulls

are finished out by Wesmac's staff of boatbuilders, while some customers take the hulls bare and fit them out themselves. The company's newest model is the "Super 46," which is a wider version of their most popular hull. Wesmac also offers a flat-bottomed 18-foot skiff.



Front Street Shipyard's team has been building the 46-foot hulls and 18-foot skiffs this year. Production takes place at our newest location in Bucksport where our team of composites technicians have been helping Wesmac meet their order deadlines since

last winter.

Our relationship with Wesmac has benefitted both our shops, and we're happy to support fellow boatbuilders. We're now considering models from other builders for our production line.

IN THE SHOPS AT FRONT STREET SHIPYARD



WOOFIE

► This 68-foot **KANTER** got three new seakeepers at Front Street Shipyard. We also rewired some of the boat's AC system, and replaced her generator batteries. Our mechanics dug into her plumbing for maintenance and upgrades. Finally we made some topside paint touch-ups, and prepped and painted the bottom.



SEAFARI

We welcomed this 93-foot **BURGER** for a work list that included soda blasting her bottom and then welding small areas on her hull. Our joiners made some repairs to her exterior trim and teak decks while our mechanics replaced her rudder bearings and performed some work on her main engines, pumps, generators, and tank gauges. ◀



SALLY JO

► A custom **HUNT 52**, SALLY JO came to us for a major engine mount and exhaust system rebuild. We outfitted her with new mufflers and renewed her underwater exhaust. While she was with us, we took care of some wet transom core and then painted her topsides and some new nonskid on her foredeck.

This **TASWELL 44** left Belfast with some shiny new spars. We took down her rig and all its hardware to give it some fresh Awlgrip. We also rewired the mast and installed some new LED lighting. Our systems techs installed a new hot water tank, serviced her generator and took care of some maintenance issues. ◀



CALLAHAN

In Pursuit of THE PERFECT MAINE REGATTA



For the second year, Front Street Shipyard had the opportunity to host almost three dozen boats from southern and mid-coast Maine at the Penobscot Pursuit Regatta. Held July 18-19, this pursuit-style race brings boaters from Rockland to Belfast on the first day, with a return to Rockland on the second day. Sailboats of all types and sizes are invited to take part.

The 2015 event brought a strong southwesterly breeze on the first day. Racing class boats had the opportunity to fly their chutes

for the long run down much of the 17-mile course.

Following an evening of dinner, dancing and daily awards after the first day on the racecourse, racers returned to Rockland in a light, fluky breeze that had many boats drifting down the bay. A shortened course began near Islesboro and ended in Rockport.


Penobscot Pursuit
Presented by Front Street Shipyard

Mother Nature's challenges enhanced the competition. Spirited racers enjoyed a BBQ and awards at Rockland Yacht Club after the finish.



FAST FERRIES ON THE HORIZON

According to the US Bureau of Transportation, American ferries carry nearly 103 million passengers and just over 37

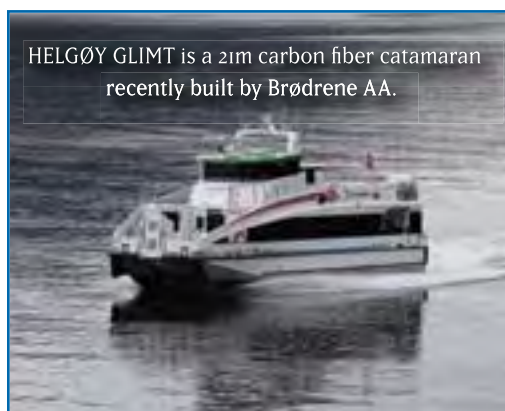


million vehicles per year. Given the significance of ferries to transportation along coastal regions, efficiency of these vessels is critical.

No one knows that better than ferry-builders along the fjords of Norway. We made a trip to the Norwegian town of Hyen this summer to meet with a talented group of ferry builders at Brødrene Aa. The 60-year-old company is internationally renowned for the design and construction of carbon fiber fast ferries used around the world. They were as impressed with Front Street Shipyard as we were with their facility, so we decided to work together on

bringing their designs to the United States.

Working in conjunction with Maine Composites Alliance and Martin Grimness, a Norwegian composites



HELGØY GLIMT is a 21m carbon fiber catamaran recently built by Brødrene AA.

expert living in Maine, Front Street Shipyard is partnering with Brødrene Aa to market, sell and build carbon fiber ferries throughout the United States under the new company name Arcadia Alliance.

While the new partnership is in its early stages, we've already launched a temporary website (at arcadia-alliance.com) and we're currently developing the ferry designs for US waters. We'll begin marketing the boats in earnest later this year, with hopes that we'll be able to begin construction on the first one in 2016.

TRIPP DESIGN SEEKS AMERICAN BUILD

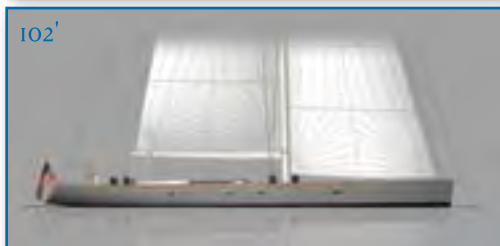
Front Street Shipyard's in-house design team has collaborated with yacht designer Bill Tripp to develop a new line of modern sloops now available for construction. The line includes 84-foot, 102-foot and 112-foot yachts that are performance-oriented with a range of interior options. Designed to meet the aesthetic tastes and versatility expectations of modern yacht owners, the composite sailboat line is positioned as a competitive new option for new construction at Front Street Shipyard.

The concepts, interior designs and exterior styling of the new yacht line have been developed in-house while the naval architecture is provided by Tripp Design Naval Architecture of Connecticut and Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The collaboration grew out of a shared desire to generate more new construction opportunities in America. The sailboat line is ideally suited to the advanced composite construction techniques employed at the shipyard, while the design fulfills the modern vision for performance yachting.

"We've long hoped that we'll have

an opportunity to build new yachts with Bill Tripp, whose designs are renowned worldwide," said JB Turner, president of Front Street Shipyard. "We'd like to grow the new build side of our yard with projects from talented engineering and design firms like Bill's."

Tripp Design Naval Architecture will provide Front Street Shipyard with all necessary engineering. Front Street Shipyard will construct the yacht hulls and interiors in the yard's Belfast, Maine, facility.



Welcome to THE CLUB



Front Street Shipyard welcomed the 2015 New York Yacht Club Cruise to Belfast August 12-13.



FRONT STREET SHIPYARD GOES GLOBAL

SEPTEMBER

15

International Boatbuilders' Exhibition & Conference

Our president JB Turner is speaking at IBEX in Kentucky — 9/15-9/17.

JANUARY

28

Refit International Exhibition & Conference

JB Turner will speak at this technical superyacht event — 1/28-1/29/16.

SEPTEMBER

17

Newport International Boat Show

We'll be in the Northeast yachting hub for this event — 9/17-9/20/15.

MARCH

18

Maine Boatbuilders Show

Come visit us at this annual Maine event — 3/18-3/20/16.

NOVEMBER

05

Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show

Stop by our booth at our biggest annual event — 11/5-11/9/15.

MARCH

24

Palm Beach International Boat Show

We'll be part of the US Superyacht Association Pavilion — 3/24-3/28/16.

DECEMBER

04

Antigua Charter Boat Show

Enjoy some sunny weather with us in the Caribbean — 12/4-12/10/15.

APRIL

13

Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta

We'll be holding our annual party at this unique regatta — 4/13-4/19/16.


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Free fall delivery!

Make your transition from boating season to storage season seamless. **Have Front Street Shipyard deliver your boat to Belfast free*** when you store with us. Our offer is open to boats under 60' located north of Portland, and south of Winter Harbor, Maine. Call us at 207-930-3740 by September 30, 2015, to reserve your winter space and make delivery arrangements.

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FRONT STREET SHIPYARD

101 Front Street | Belfast, Maine, USA

- I** Service department; composite fabrication shop; customer lounge area, washer/dryers, bathroom and showers; electronics display; paint bay; shop space.
- 3** Metalwork and fabrication department, parts department, carpentry department, mechanical department, storage space.
- 4A** Heated shop and storage space with four bays.
- 4** Heated shop and storage space with three oversized bays and rig shop.
- 5** Administrative offices; two 155-foot service bays; carpentry department; parts department; systems department; composites department.
- 6** New building under construction in 2016: Project management offices, two superyacht work bays.
- 7** Bathroom and showers; laundry facilities; spar storage; outboard storage; customer lockers.
- 8** Spar storage and rigging.

Off-Site Facilities Not Pictured

Composite production facility in Bucksport, Maine.

One workshop and six storage buildings, both heated and cold, in Belfast, Maine.

Seven acres of outdoor storage in greater Belfast, Maine.

Site Map | (44° 25' 46" N, -69° 0' 2" W)

