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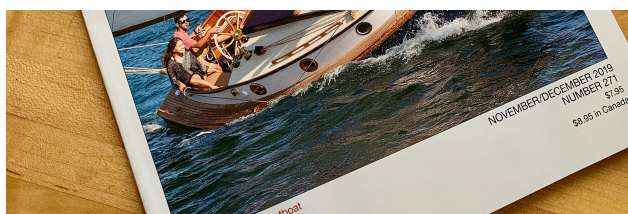
APBY Head Rigger Matt Dooley is currently restoring 'Summer's End,' an 18' wooden catboat designed by Ron Carter and built by the Landing School.

Arey's Pond Build Makes Cover of 'WoodenBoat'

This year at the WoodenBoat Show in Mystic, CT, we debuted Libellule, a 24' wooden custom catboat that we've been working on for the past two and a half years. We were awarded 'Best in Show' in the Professionally Built Sailboat division. This was our first time entering this category and it was an honor to be recognized.

A few days after the show, on July 4th, we had the official launching of Libellule at Arey's Pond. It was a beautiful day to hand over the boat to her owners, who provided a spectacular food and wine celebration for all of the builders and APBY crew.





Cover of the November/December 2019 issue of WoodenBoat Magazine featuring Libellule, built by Arey's Pond.

We're honored to have Libellule featured on the cover of the November/December 2019 issue of WoodenBoat magazine. The cover is accompanied by a four page photo/text spread that offers readers a tour through the building process and the finished product. It pays special attention to the custom rig and hardware, spacious cockpit, luxury belowdecks, and full chef's galley. Make sure to give this issue a thorough read! We have a few copies at our waterfront office for visitors to peruse.

Tony Davis, lead builder and co-designer, thanks our APBY team (Bill Nash [co-designer], Leslie Gouveia, Ken Heidtman, Matt Dooley, Julian Davis, Dustin Page, Geoff Cabral, Haley Cedarholm, Chad Smith, Travis Block, Karl Bittner, Peter Przygocki, Clay Deadrick and Jon Liska) and the many vendors who contributed to the Libellule project. This project was a success because of all of you!



APBY team at the July 4th Launch of Libellule.

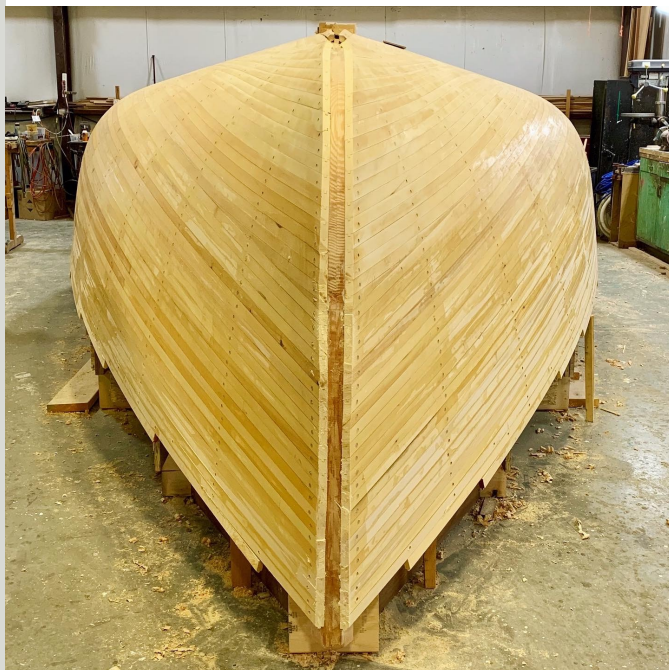
Our website has a brand new look!

Our team has been working on designing a brand new website. With help from the website designers at 118Group in Hyannis, MA, and exquisite photos and video from Tyler Fields Photography, we were able to launch our new website in August. If you haven't had a chance to visit it yet, make sure to check out the professional photos, drone video of Pleasant Bay and Arey's Pond, as well as the articles in 'Tony's Corner' under the [ABOUT](#) section.

[Click here to explore our new website!](#)

News on the New Builds

In the upcoming year, Arey's Pond will be embarking on a few exciting projects. Most notably, we are building a new design, the 23' custom cruising cat, as well as a 16' Open Lynx that will be sailing on Lake George, NY. We are also building a new work boat, which is currently in the design stage, for our waterfront team.



Final cedar planks have been installed on the 23' custom cat. Follow progress on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Summer Sailing Recap

Summer-like weather finally arrived in at Pleasant Bay in July. The Namequoit Sailing Association (NSA) Sunday race series for sloops and catboats was well underway by then and the competition was heating up with many tight starts and finishes. A new Arey's Pond 14 took third place in the season tally.

Our weekly Wednesday night group sail program continued this summer. One of our best evenings of summer came early with six catboats sailing the Hog Island creek on the tide with a setting sun. It does not get much better than that!



Arey's Pond catboats sail through the Hog Island creek on a Wednesday night sail in July.

The sailing school took full advantage of the weather with Head Sailing Instructor, Harrison Ellis, and Sailing School Director, Haley Cedarholm, out just about every day with private lessons, rentals and week-long series. Our kayak and paddleboard rentals got many visitors out on the water. SupFari Adventure ran their popular 'Glo Tours' on the river during summer evenings.

Our launch driver service was offered to mooring customers daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 'SURPRISE,' our fully electric launch, powered by the solar panels at the waterfront, ran all season.



'SURPRISE' our (very quiet) electric launch, powered by renewable energy from solar panels.

For the third year in a row, September rolled in with a hurricane threat, resulting in the end of the season for many sailors with boats moored outside the pond. We thought the mid-summer tornado would be enough from Mother Nature, but no luck. We always have to keep an eye on the sky.

27th Annual Arey's Pond Cat Gathering



Catboats race in light wind at the 27th Annual Arey's Pond Cat Gathering.

Mid-August always means the Annual Arey's Pond Cat Gathering is near! This year's Gathering on the 17th of August was ruled by light air again. There was just enough wind to get 77 boats (mostly catboats of a variety of designs) around the course. The proceeds of this year's event went to the Friends of Pleasant Bay's efforts to Purchase Sipson Island for use as public land (as opposed to development). You can learn more about their efforts by [clicking here](#).

We had some beautiful big cats grace the course, all chasing Pandora and the Arey's Pond Caracal, 'An Cat Mathair'. The Marshall 18, 'Ripple,' sailed by the Terrells, the Compass Classic 'Tenacity,' sailed by Bill Watson, and the Arey's Pond 14, 'Stormer,' sailed by Mark Wiatrowski, all took line honors. [Click here for more Cat Gathering Results](#).

Next year's date is Saturday, 15 August 2020. As was the case this year, the finish line will be at The Narrows in Pleasant Bay.

We hope the access to Pleasant Bay from Nantucket will remain safe and convenient for a fleet of other large cats planning to join the gathering.

2020 Arey's Pond 14 Worlds

Plans are in the works for the first-ever Arey's Pond 14 Worlds event, which will be held on the Friday before, or the Sunday after, the Cat Gathering, depending on which day has the best wind. Stay tuned

for more information about this new annual event; we hope to see it grow!

NEW APBY PRODUCT! Leathered PVC Gaff Saddles



Leathered APBY gaff saddle on 'Nothin' Fancy', a recently launched 16' cabin Lynx.

We are excited to introduce our new and improved gaff saddle, based on the Marshall 15 design. The new saddle features custom bronze hardware, genuine saddle leather, and focused craftsmanship. This tested design is a worthwhile investment for all gaff-rigged vessels.

Our leathered-saddle brings enhancements to a gaff rig that are seen throughout the sailing experience. The saddle improves sail shape, making it possible to point higher and sail more efficiently to windward. This makes it especially valuable for catboat sailors on the racing circuit. Additionally, sailors experience increased simplicity when lowering and raising the sail, as well as the elimination of trapped halyards within gaff jaws or an open saddle. While these attributes relate directly to performance, the greatest improvement is to longevity. Gone are the days of broken wooden jaws, expensive repairs, and lost parrel beads. Once installed, our sturdy, compact gaff saddle will last years with little maintenance.

The Arey's Pond leathered gaff saddles are built by hand in our rigging and canvas shops and are customizable for vessels of almost every size. The saddle is made using high quality PVC and a custom bronze bracket, which is unique to Arey's Pond. Each gaff saddle is hand-leathered for a traditional look.

2020 Events Calendar

Cape Cod Boat Builders Show

February 7-9, 2020 in Hyannis, MA

APBY Spring Seminar

April, TBD, 2020 in South Orleans, MA

Mystic Wooden Boat Show

June 26-28, 2020 in Mystic, CT

APBY Wednesday Night Sails

Wednesday Events at 5:30pm in July & August, weather permitting

Namequoit Sailing Association Races

Sundays at high tide in July & August

28th Arey's Pond Cat Gathering

August 15, 2020 on Pleasant Bay, MA

2020 Arey's Pond 14 Worlds

August, TBD, 2020 on Pleasant Bay, MA

Newport International Boat Show

September 17-20, 2020 in Newport, RI

We would like to sincerely thank our customers, who year in and year out support what we do at Arey's Pond. We are a very small business in the big business of boating on Cape Cod. We strive to treat each customer as members of a big family of people who love small boats, small bays, and the joys a day on the water can provide. We want to make that experience as easy and rewarding as possible.

Please check in over the winter and visit the crew in boatbuilding and maintenance, wishing you all a

great fall and Holiday seasons.

Sincerely,

All of us at Arey's Pond Boat Yard



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