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AREY'S POND BOAT YARD

Expansive Feel In a Custom Wooden Catboat



IN 2018, Arey's Pond Boat Yard took on its largest custom catboat design and build ever. That effort paid off when the boat, named *Libellule*, won Best in Show at the 2019 WoodenBoat Show in Mystic, Connecticut, and was featured on the November/December cover of *WoodenBoat* magazine.

Libellule is a 24' wooden catboat. The primary request from *Libellule*'s owner was for a full galley that would be the heart of the boat, and a comfortable cockpit to act as an entertainment space.

To fulfill the owner's vision, a few feet were added to the length of an existing design. The hatch was redesigned to open up the companionway significantly, giving the interior an expansive and cohesive feeling. A gimballed stove, granite countertops, pressurized hot and cold water, and refrigerator complete the galley.

Libellule is one of the first catboats that Arey's built with a jib. It also has a carbon fiber mast, removable bowsprit and many high-quality and custom leather rigging items. *Libellule* was just one of three major new designs in 2019. The yard also launched a wooden version of its popular 16' Open Cockpit Lynx. Named *Mistral*, it spent the summer sailing on Pleasant Bay.

Other projects? Arey's Pond debuted a brand-new 17' Sloop Rigged Catboat by "stretching" a 16' Open Lynx hull—a first-time exercise that was a great success! Many other 14' and 16' custom fiberglass catboats splashed; the yard began production on a wooden 14' cat and 23' cat; and the company's website was re-designed.

Arey's Pond is always looking for challenging projects, from skiffs to 38' powerboats.



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