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CAROLYN (22' AP catboat) was one of the first boats to start the sailing season at Arey's Pond this year.

We've won our first Classic Boat Award!





We're honored to announce that Libellule, the 24' catboat we launched last summer, has won the Classic Boat Award for Spirit of Tradition Under 40'. We are particularly proud to have been competing against three other beautiful boats that were true to the spirit of tradition. It is not often we see a working boat design win this class. This is the first Arey's Pond build to win a Classic Boat Award, and the second to be nominated.

We could not have won without the outpour of support from our community and catboat fans across the world. Thank you to everyone who voted for Libellule!

[View All 2020 Award Winners](#)



The race committee starts a fleet of catboats at the 26th Annual Cat Gathering in 2018.

Cat Gathering Rescheduled - NEW DATE ANNOUNCED!

The [WoodenBoat Show](#), which we attend every year, has been rescheduled to August 14-16 in Mystic, CT. In order to accommodate both events, we have moved the 28th Annual Cat Gathering to August 21-22 and we have postponed our new AP Worlds event until 2021. This change has a silver lining as we can now attend the [Maine Boats, Homes and Harbors Show](#), August 7-9, in Rockland, Maine. We haven't attended in years and look forward to the opportunity to visit with our Maine customers.

News from the Pond

All of us at the Pond wish all of our customers safety and strength through this difficult time. We have all had our lives flipped upside down in one way or another. We hope the news from Arey's Pond will brighten your day as we anticipate a great summer of sailing.

[Read Our COVID-19 Policy](#)

The Crew

Our administrative, boatbuilding, and service teams have been extremely busy as we continue to work through the lockdown. Our administrative team is working from home and our service and boatbuilding crews are working on a rotating schedule. This has allowed everyone to work alone in their respective shops. We have had to sacrifice efficiency and speed for safety and while it is challenging, we are doing our best to meet our spring commissioning deadlines.

Our protocols for interaction when mooring customers and visitors come to the pond are evolving and are being developed according to state guidelines. For now, we are closed to the public during

our normal working hours (8am to 4:30pm) Monday through Friday. On weekends we are open for mooring customers only. As of now, we do not have staff on site during the weekends and our bathrooms are closed to customers. We will keep customers updated as this policy changes. Customers should regularly check [our website](#) for updates to our COVID-19 policy. Link to the policy can be found by clicking on the top announcement bar on our homepage.



Arey's Pond with a full fleet of moored catboats last summer. Photo by Nicole Benson.

Moorings and Launch Service

We are planning to provide our launch service starting in June, meanwhile the APBY dinghies will be available for access to moorings. We are working to adapt our launch service policy from past years to allow for physical distancing measures.

Until the launch service opens, we can bring customer boats to the docks with two days notice. Availability for this service is limited by dock space and weather. This service will be provided until the physical distancing recommendations are lifted. We will do everything in our power to meet everyone's needs while keeping safe and healthy protocols in place.

We have recently released a cancellation policy for mooring customers who will not be able to use their moorings due to the pandemic ([Please visit website for more information](#)).



Five of the over twenty gaff saddles that were fabricated by Matt Dooley in our rigging shop this winter.

Rigging Shop

Head Rigger, Matt Dooley, continues to be innovative and creative as he engineers rigging designs to make our boats more efficient and user friendly. This is exemplified in his recent work on the rigging design of our new 14' Arey's Pond Racing Catboat. In addition to building all of the wooden spars to fulfill orders from this past winter, Matt fabricated over twenty new gaff saddles which we will use on our new builds and for repairs and upgrades. In other rigging news, APBY owner, Tony Davis, worked with Forte Spars to design a new style of carbon mast that can be disassembled for easy trailering, especially handy when attending sailing events in different locations.

Canvas Shop

Geoff Cabral is keeping the sewing machines humming at the Cygnet Lane shop as he continues his excellent fabrication and design work. He is continually improving sail and canvas options for our line of Arey's Pond cats. Geoff has been busy washing and repairing sails and making cushions and covers for our own designs, as well as for all other styles and makes of boats. We thank all of our new and returning canvas shop customers for their business.

Torqueedo & Tohatsu

Our Torqueedo dealership continues to grow. With Peter Conway having completed a Torqueedo service training program in Chicago this past winter, we are now poised to become the first certified Torqueedo Service Center in Massachusetts. This will allow us to perform warranty work on all Torqueedo engines.

Nearly half of the boats moored in Arey's Pond are powered using electric engines, including *Surprise*, our electric launch, which is charged using our waterfront solar panels. Our goal is to have 80% of the pond powered by electric engines within the next five years. If you would like more information on Torqueedo electric engines, please [visit their website](#) or speak with our service department.



A Torqueedo Travel 1103C (without battery) on a brand new Arey's Pond Cabin Lynx in 2019. Nearly half of the catboats in Arey's Pond are powered using electric engines.

TORQUEEDO

Terry is back this spring serving as our outboard mechanic and certified Tohatsu technician. We proudly continue our dealership with Tohatsu and we're excited to announce that this past fall we re-powered our largest outboard to date. This new 150 hp Tohatsu engine went on a 25' Novi moored in the Namequoit River. Though Arey's Pond may not be well known for large engine re-powering, we offer very competitive pricing. Please consider us or tell a friend who might be looking to re-power. We are more than happy to bid on upgrades.



A 25' Novi recently re-powered by Arey's Pond with a 150hp Tohatsu. Let us know if you have a re-power project for us!

Boatbuilding

We are lucky to be busy in the very niche market of custom boatbuilding. Largely through our

attendance at boat shows (please see calendar at bottom of newsletter), we've been fortunate to attract some of the nicest people you could want to meet, who also have an interest in purchasing an APBY-built boat. We are grateful for our ever-growing customer base.

We have a lot of projects coming into our shops in the upcoming building season. Over the fall and winter we laid up a 23' custom cold-molded catboat hull (pictured in process below, now offered for sale on our [brokerage site](#)). Tony Davis and Bill Nash spent the better part of the winter designing a new 22' racing catboat. We will start production soon and we hope she will be one of the fastest 22' strip planked catboats to date. The design features modern equipment and technology combined with the lines of a traditional racing catboat from the late 1800's.



Arey's Pond Boatbuilder, Dustin Page, works on the hull of a 23' custom catboat. The hull and brand new Yanmar engine are now for sale on our brokerage site. [Learn more here.](#)

Head Boatbuilder, Leslie Gouveia, is currently building a new 14' racing catboat designed by Tony Davis and Bill Nash. This design will represent the fourth generation of 14' Arey's Pond catboats. The first APBY 14 was introduced in the early 1970's, the second design in 1984 and the third in 1996. The first model of the most recent rendition will be built in all wood and will debut at the [Wooden Boat Show](#) this August.

Additionally, we are building a 14' catboat in fiberglass that we are hoping will be the first in a fleet of 14's for a sailing program on Mt. Desert Island, Maine.



Head Boatbuilder, Leslie Gouveia, prepares to install the deck on the 2020 14' racing catboat design she is currently building.

We are also building two open cockpit Lynx catboats, one headed to Lake George, NY and one headed to Martha's Vineyard. We are drawing plans for a 29' Cruising Cat featuring all the high end details and craftsmanship that we are known for. We hope to start this project in 2021 and will report on progress.

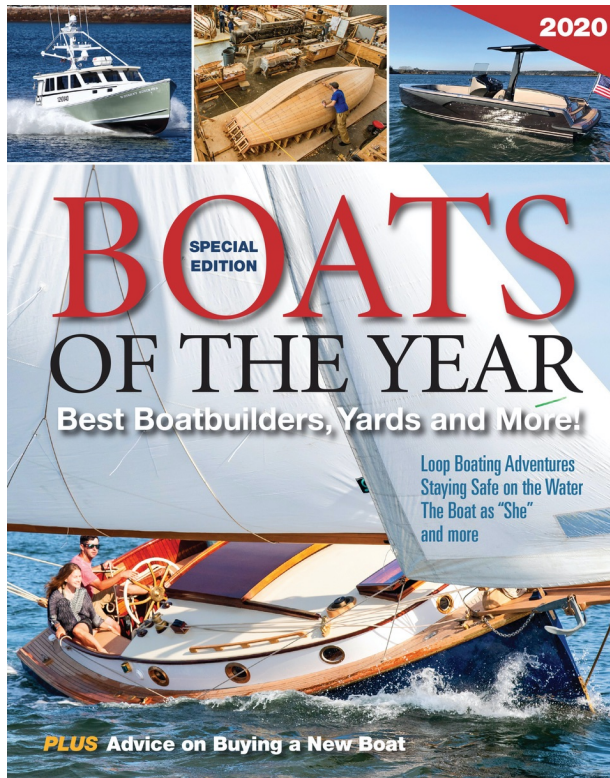
At this time we have openings for new builds in both the Lynx 16' and the Cat 14' models. Please contact us for more information.



The mahogany veneer transom on a new open cockpit Lynx catboats glows in the sunlight.

Along with many restoration and refinishing jobs, our boatbuilding shop has also been working on a major internal project. We have been building a Garvey-style work boat that was designed in-house by Bill Nash. This build is glass on wood and will be a perfect work-horse for Pleasant Bay.

AP On the Cover of Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors



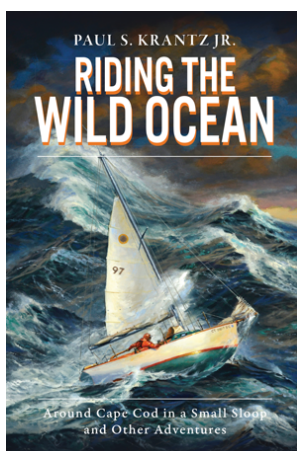


In addition to winning a Classic Boat Award, we were also honored by making the cover of Maine Boats, Homes & Harbor's Boats of the Year issue. Tyler Fields, a maritime photographer who has contributed to our website and recent marketing campaigns, shot the cover photo for this issue. Learn more about Tyler by visiting his [website](#) and following him on social media.

[Read the Article in Boats of the Year](#)

Spring/Summer Seminar

We had planned a fun Spring Seminar with guest speaker Paul S. Krantz Jr., who has had great success with his book [Riding the Wild Ocean, Around Cape Cod in a Small Sloop and Other Adventures](#). In lieu of an in-person seminar at this time, we've outlined our most important topics below. We hope to be able to hold our annual live seminar later this summer and when the coast is clear, Paul would like to join us to speak about his story. If we can't find a good date for his talk this summer, we hope he will join us at the 2021 Spring Seminar.



Safety

As always, boating safety is the first and most important topic we discuss at the seminar. The discussion includes a reminder to conduct a safety check and confirm all needed safety gear is on your boat before your first sail of the season. While safety gear lists vary based on size and type of boat, we recommend all boaters have essentials including, a VHF radio, chart, anchor, horn or hailing device, bailing pump or bucket, paddles, and properly fitted life jackets for everyone on board. It is also important to inform someone ashore of your sailing plan before you depart. Please visit the [Boat Ed website](#) for a full list of safety recommendations.

Reefing

Remember, if you sense strong wind at your departure location and think about reefing the sail, you should reef. Putting a reef in at the dock or mooring before heading out is easier than having to put one in on the Bay. For a refresher on reefing, we recommend watching [Catboat Essentials Episode 3: Sailing](#) on our website. In this episode, Tony Davis demonstrates how to properly reef the sail of a catboat.

Update on the Bay & Ocean Cuts

At the time of this newsletter (late April), channel and depth configuration of Pleasant Bay remains similar to what it was at the end of last season. We have not ventured through the Narrows yet, so we advise sailors to be aware of potentially new shallow spots on either side. The ocean cuts seem to be in the same places they were last year. The Namequoit River is all clear as it opens up near the sailing school. The low tide depth remains a concern, depending on the draft of your boat, whereas half tide or higher is clear for boats drawing two feet or less.

Sailing School Update

We hope to be offering sailing lessons, catboat and kayak and paddle board rentals this summer. In this uncertain time, we will be closely following COVID-19 developments and guidelines and we will

keep our website updated.

SUPfari Adventures has run standup paddle board tours and lessons out of Arey's Pond for the past few seasons and they are currently planning to do so again this year. You may read more about their Arey's Pond offerings on [their website](#).



*We wish you and your family the very best and look forward to seeing you soon.
Thank you for your support; it keeps us doing what we love at Arey's Pond.
Sail on.*

2020 Events Calendar

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

Learn more by visiting the [NSA website](#).

Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors Show

August 7-9, in Rockland, ME

NEW DATE! WoodenBoat Show

August 14-16, in Mystic, CT

NEW DATE! 28th Arey's Pond Cat Gathering

August 22, on Pleasant Bay, MA

Newport International Boat Show

September 17-20, in Newport, RI



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