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CAROLYN, an Arey's Pond 22' catboat returns to her mooring in Oyster River

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Arey's Pond is the future of electric engines!



Torqeedo electric engines on the stern of many catboats in Arey's Pond.

Imagine this, in the future every boat in Arey's Pond under the displacement of 2500 lbs (which is the majority) will be powered by electric motors. Before too long, this will be our reality because electric engines are the future of boating. To meet demand, we are quickly becoming the leading supplier of electric outboards and inboards on Cape Cod.

TORQUEEDO

We are **Northern New England's certified Torqeedo Service Center**. Just this year, we have sold 20 new [Torqeedo electric engines](#) and installed our first inboard Torqeedo Cruise in a new AP Cabin Lynx.



The launch of our first boat with an inboard Torqeedo engine. We have installed a handful of other makes of inboard electric engines.



OCEANVOLT

We are a dealer of [OceanVolt electric engines](#) and have installed four in AP Lynx

catboats. With the upcoming addition of engines in two 19' AP Caracals, we will become **the leading OceanVolt US partner with more installs than any other US boatbuilder.**



Inboard electric OceanVolt engine in an AP Open Lynx catboat.

While the world transitions to electric power, we continue to be your local [Tohatsu](#) dealer and service center. This winter we will be re-powering multiple boats with 20-90hp engines. If you are interested in a new gas engine, make sure to order it ASAP. We are experiencing multi-month delays in order fulfillment from Tohatsu.

AP 14 Worlds & Cat Gathering



Sailors round a mark at the first ever AP 14 Worlds. Photo by Anita Winstanley Roark.

On August 21st, Arey's Pond Boat Yard hosted the very first [AP 14 Worlds Regatta](#). The one-day event proved to be competitive and fun despite some light and variable air conditions. Thirty-four AP cats, spanning the 52 years of the design's history, sailed a short windward-leeward course with an offset.

The course was ideal, with many lead changes and top finishers. Three races were sailed in the morning and two in the afternoon, which made for a full day and lots of anticipation as Hurricane Ida was bearing down on Cape Cod and predicted to land on the east coast within 48 hours. All of us at Arey's Pond are eagerly anticipating the recognition of [our AP 14 cats](#) as a new US Sailing one-design class. Sailors with 14's will be officially included in sailing events all over the country and...the world! [View results for the AP 14 Worlds here on our website.](#)



Cat Gathering participants sail through Little Pleasant Bay. Photo by Gerald Mulligan.



An Cat Mahair (left) and Pandora (right) sail in the Cat Gathering. Photo by Anita Winstanley Roark.

On Saturday, August 22nd, with Hurricane Ida still heading towards New England and expected to make landfall later in the day, somewhere between the South Shore of Massachusetts and Long Island, the crew at Arey's Pond and the Orleans Harbor Master concluded, based on the hurricane tracking models, that we would be clear to go ahead with the Gathering as scheduled. Although, we decided to not have the shore side party and awards celebration in order to give people time to prepare.

The day was perfect and the high pressure that was pushing the storm south brought us ideal conditions, sunny skies, and a consistent and steady breeze not seen in recent Gatherings.

Ten traditional sloops and 74 catboats sailed in the 29th Annual Cat Gathering. As usual, the course was a port-only start with port rounding marks. The start was a close haul through the Narrows, then a broad reach to the first mark, a beat to the second mark, a beam reach to the third mark and a final broad reach/run to the finish line in Big Pleasant Bay.

The first boat to finish did the 3-3/4 nautical mile course in 59 minutes. After that, another 83 boats followed. All of us at Arey's Pond were so grateful for the sailors who supported us in the first ever AP 14' cat regatta and the Cat Gathering despite the impending storm. Proceeds from the Cat Gathering were donated to the [Friends of Pleasant Bay](#) and [Sipson Island Trust](#) in support of their great work to preserve and protect this amazing place. [Click here to view results from the 29th Annual Cat Gathering.](#)

Next year will be the 30th Annual Cat Gathering!

Mark you calendars for August 19-21st. There will be a full

weekend of catboat celebrations.

Is your AP 14 ready for a restoration?

Arey's Pond has produced almost three hundred AP 14' cats since the early 70's. Some of our older boats are ready for a refresh! Check out the before and after photos of the restoration of a 1980 AP 14. This restoration included repainting the cockpit, topsides and deck along with repairs to the skeg, rails, and floor timbers.

Is your older cat ready for a restoration? We're currently booking major service jobs for next winter (2022-2023). [Contact our service department today!](#)

Before



After



Sail plan of the AP 14 XFC. Illustration by Tony Del Negro.

Award Winning: The AP 14 XFC

We're please to announce that our [AP 14 XFC](#) design has been recognized with two major awards.

At the Newport International Boat Show, it won the [Newport for New Products award for the Best Sailboat under 39'](#)!

A few weeks later, at the Annapolis Sailboat Show, we were nominated for [Sail Magazine's](#) 2022 Best Boats award and we eagerly anticipate the announcement of the winners in the January issue.

[Visit our website to learn more](#) about this new design.

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PRODUCTS**
BEST SAILBOAT UNDER 39'



Boatbuilding Roundup



DOLPHIN, a 29' catboat built by George Huxford in 1893 is at our yard for some restoration work.

DOLPHIN is a beautiful wooden 29' catboat built by George Huxford in 1893 in Martha's Vineyard. She has been restored many times since then, [most recently in the late 1990's](#). She is a cat with many lives and her next adventure will take her back to the Vineyard as a charter boat with [Catboat Charters](#)!

Follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates on the Dolphin project.

CARACAL, hull number three, is coming along in our boatbuilding shop. This 19' catboat will be launched in 2022 and will be the first Caracal to have an inboard OceanVolt electric engine.



Caracal hull number three in the boatbuilding shop this past November.

WELCOME DAN!

Dan Agar is Arey's Pond's newest boatbuilder. He comes to us from Cornwall, UK where he fell for the traditional working boats and pilot gigs of the area, leading him to study boatbuilding at the Falmouth Marine School. He is looking forward to getting to know catboats and the other local designs better as he settles in here.

Outside of work Dan enjoys hiking, rowing and horseback riding, as well as experiencing constant déjà vu at all the familiar town names in New England.



Dan Agar, the newest boatbuilder at Arey's Pond.

22' RACING CATBOAT

This boat is currently in production at our Orleans, MA boatbuilding shop. We're excited to share more about the design soon!

In the meantime, enjoy this animation showing the three sail plan options.



Three sail plan options for the 22' Racing Catboat. Illustration by Tony Del Negro.

Waterfront Update



September sunset over Arey's Pond. Photo by Dave Quincy.

The waterfront and office has been busier than ever managing new builds, service work and finding creative solutions to supply chain issues.

We're sad to say good-bye to a waterfront employee, Tommy Kimler. Tommy has been a great addition to Arey's Pond. His fun energy and can-do spirit have been invaluable to us over the last two years. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors!



Lola at the end of a veryyyy stressful day in the office.

Employee Spotlight: Leslie Gouveia

Head Boatbuilder

Leslie has been a boatbuilder with Arey's Pond for 13 years. She leads our Rayber boatbuilding shop and has managed the construction of many of our award winning catboats. Additionally she has been involved in historic wooden boat projects, including being the main builder on the restoration of Conjurer, a 28' Crosby Cat built in 1909.



Leslie grew up in Taunton, MA and graduated from the wooden boatbuilding program at IYRS in Newport, RI in 2003. She then worked at Mount Hope Boatworks before starting at Arey's Pond in 2008.

Over the last year Leslie finally got a chance to build something to keep! In August she finished and launched a picnic boat (see photo below) that she has wanted to build for many years.



Last winter Leslie built her dream boat, a wooden picnic skiff.



A Big Summer for Pleasant Bay Sailors

By Tony Davis

For the many Pleasant Bay, Cape Cod sailors the summer of 2021 was a special time. Every weekend starting at the end of June, through the last week of September a sailing or rowing event was on our schedule. Here is a summation of all the fun that was had.

[Wednesday Night Sails](#) have been part of the Arey's Pond summer schedule for a number of years now, this year was one of the best. Every Wednesday evening all summer long, there was great wind and weather to enjoy sailing as a group from Namequoit Point to Big Pleasant Bay and back, or if the tide was right, through the shallows and creeks on the backside of Hog Island.



Wednesday Night sailors head back to Arey's Pond at sunset one evening this past summer.

The [Namequoit Sailing Association summer racing](#) season kicked off the last weekend in June and every Sunday through August, a race or two happened in Little Pleasant Bay. A lot of fun was had mixing it up between the 14' catboats, Baybirds, 16' to 18' catboats and Rhodes 19's. This year was no exception. Despite fewer 14' catboats than years past, some great racing was enjoyed. Next season we need more 14's and Beetles!



Sailors round a mark at the Namequoit Sailing Association series. Photo by Randy Bryan.

During the last week of July, Beetle Cat racers and sailors were tuning up their Beetles for the 'big one'; celebrating the [Leo Telesmanick 100 Year Anniversary](#) of the Annual Regatta. This time tested traditionally built wooden boat keeps on giving great sailing joy to young and old salts. The regatta, hosted by the very experienced Chatham Yacht Club race committee, did not shy away from starting 70 Beetles in 6 races on one start sequence, even when later on the first day of the two day regatta the west south west breeze gusting to 15 knots challenged the majority of un-reefed beetles. The shore side evening celebration and results celebration were a class act hosted by CYC. [View results for the historic event.](#)



Telesmanick participants line up for a start in Pleasant Bay. Cormorants look on. Photo by Randy Bryan.

The following weekend, Chatham Yacht Club hosted their annual regatta on August 6th and 7th. This year was special because it was the club's 100th Anniversary, along with the 100th year of the Baybird design, which was part of the sailing fleet when the club opened in 1921. As good luck would have it, the back-to-back big anniversary weekends had ideal weather and wind conditions to get all the races in.

I was sailing in the 14' Cat class and the Baybirds were in the start before us. I got to watch their starts; what a close competition that series of races was! There were families sailing in their 50 year old boats that had won the Trophy over 50 years ago. It was not confirmed, but it was said that the Baybird Annual Regatta was the oldest active regatta in the country. The 1921 Baybird trophy was presented to the winners. [View results for the CYC Regatta on their website.](#)

The season of events wrapped up on September 25th, at the Walter Barons ([Old Wharf Dory Company's](#)) annual Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous off Mayo Beach in Wellfleet. The conditions were ideal for rowing and over 50 people attended. I rowed a Steve Smith skiff and Bob Lister's skiff. I did not get a chance to row in the [Cape Cod Maritime Museum's](#) Gig, it was too busy with groups of people rowing her all day long. Good times, beautiful boats, and another beautiful location for a boating event!



Rowers take off from Mayo Beach, Wellfleet at the Rowing Rendezvous. Photo by Walter Barons (Old Wharf Dory Co.)

It was a great summer of sailing and rowing and all of us at Arey's Pond Boat Yard are already looking forward to next year, when we will be officially introducing the new [Arey's Pond 14 XFC](#) (which recently won Best Sailboat Under 39' at the Newport International Boat Show and is nominated for Sail Magazine's 2022 Best Boats) to the racing summer series at NSA and CYC weekend racing, and our new [22' performance Racing Catboat](#) to the summer series in Dartmouth Mass, Martha's Vineyard, Bass River and the 30th Arey's Pond Cat Gathering. We are planning a three-day event the weekend of August 19th, 20th and 21st, so mark you calendars.



Seals in Chatham. Photo by Randy Bryan.

Thank you to all of our customers for their
support in 2021. Sail on!

Tony & The Arey's Pond Crew



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