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# Fall Newsletter



Tony Davis sails the Arey's XFC 22 in Little Pleasant Bay.

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## Tony's View From the Pond

The fall sailing season can be a magical time on Pleasant Bay. I had one of those magical late afternoon sails in early October with a friend in her Arey's 14. We set sail at the sailing school moorings with a reef and beat our way up and through The Narrows. Once through, we shook the reef and had a beautiful run back to Namequoit Point. While enjoying our conversation, we were focused on the sail to avoid an uncontrolled jibe. We watched the sun start to set, ending another day of warming the waters and showing off the fall colors.

A week later, I took a skiff out to watch the harvest moon rise between the Islands; a fitting end to a great season of sailing and good times on the water.



The harvest moon sets over Nauset Beach this past October. Photo by Tony Davis.

I'd like to thank all of our customers for your support. Also, a special thanks to those who participated in the video tribute that my family surprised me with to celebrate Robin and my 30 years at Arey's Pond Boat Yard.

Lastly, if you're looking for a local cause to support during the end-of-year giving season, please consider becoming a member of the [Cape Cod Maritime Museum](#). The museum preserves maritime history and is an educational resource offering programs, events, and exhibits in Hyannis. I have been volunteering for the museum in their [current restoration of a historic Surfboat](#) used by the US Lifesaving Service on the outer Cape.

- Tony Davis

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## Thank you from Julian

I would like to thank the crew and customers of Arey's Pond who've shown love and support with the birth of my first child, Lena, this year. 2022 has been an absolute whirlwind; between my wedding finally coming to fruition and welcoming little Lena.

The team at Arey's Pond stepped up in my absence and I cannot thank them enough. We have an amazing group of hardworking, but more importantly, caring individuals who I look forward to working with everyday. Let's see what 2023 has to offer!

- Julian Davis

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## Celebrating Thirty Cat Gatherings



Catboats sail in the 30th Cat Gathering. Photo by Anita Winstanley Roark.



The 30th Cat Gathering was held in honor of Tony's father, Henry (Harry) F. Davis, who died in February of this year. Harry's legacy, despite over 30,000 miles sailing the oceans of the world, will reside in his love of trees and nature. He was one of the founders of the Friends of the [Boston] Public Garden, a non-profit organization. His landscaping company volunteered care for the trees in the Boston Common for many years to save them from being cut down due to the maintenance required to keep them healthy.

The 30th Cat Gathering began with a warm-up race on Friday to familiarize newcomers and welcome veterans to the course. The breeze was a perfect and steady 10 knots from the WSW. We were also able to try out our newest design, the [XFC 22](#), and she had her very first sail with builders aboard. She proved she will be a fast catboat when she officially debuts in the 2023 season.



The XFC 22 sails in the practice race skippered by designers Tony Davis and Bill Nash, and crewed by builders Leslie Gouveia, Dustin Page, and IYRS boatbuilding intern, Andrew Ryan. Photo by Nancy Bloom.

Saturday, August 20th, was a beautiful sunny day. We had a steady morning breeze building from the southwest. This year's tides required a morning start, and after the first cannon, the 30th Cat Gathering was underway. With over 90 boats finishing, it was one of the best gatherings ever. With the new course and a steady southwest breeze at 10 knots, everyone seemed to have a great time.

It was fun for those who were just out for the parade of sail, and it was competitive for those who wanted to do well in their class. There were lead changes at Mark A and Mark C and the committee boat had several photo finishes to contend with.

After the event, sailors returned to Arey's Pond and were greeted by live music by the Bert Jackson Band. Later in the day, race participants came back to the boat yard for the evening awards ceremony and after-party. The after-party was catered with food from Brine Restaurant, The Kitchen Café and Friends Market, with live music by Brian Sances.

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Thank you all who participated in this year's Gathering. The proceeds from the event went to [Friends of Pleasant Bay](#), a non-profit dedicated to preserving and protecting our bay, and [Sipson Island Trust](#).

Mark your calendar!

Next Year's Cat Gathering is Saturday, 26 August 2023.

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## Arey's XFC 22 Wins Best in Show

# WoodenBoat Show

BEST IN SHOW 2022  
PROFESSIONALLY BUILT SAIL



The XFC 22 on the dock at the Wooden Boat Show in Mystic, CT.

This past June, we attended the [WoodenBoat Show](#) in Mystic, CT. This show is one of our favorites every year. It is a great mix of new and restored wooden boats presented by builders and designers. It takes place on the Mystic Seaport Museum campus, which is a must-visit location for anyone who loves classic boats and maritime history.

The 2022 WoodenBoat Show was extra special because we brought our newest design, the [XFC 22](#), a catboat built for racing and performance. It was very well received by show attendees and we were honored to receive the award for Best Professionally Built Sailboat.



Arey's XFC 22 sails by at golden hour!



## Historic Catboats in the Arey's Pond Shop



Builder's plate on the 300th Arey's Pond 14' catboat.

This spring and summer our boatbuilding team was busy finishing up the third hull of our [19' Caracal Catboat design](#), the [award winning XFC 22](#), two [16' Open Cockpit Lynx Catboats](#) and two [14' Arey's Catboats](#) including hull number 300 of that design!

Our Caracal design is in the process of being made into a mold so that we can offer this catboat in fiberglass. Many customizations will be available and we're excited by this addition to our line of fiberglass catboats!

There has been a lot of interest in our Caracal design over the years and this mold will allow us to get the base price down 20% from the cold-molded wood hull. With this hybrid-method of a wood deck and cabin built to a fiberglass hull, we will still be able to customize the boat to meet the owners' specific needs.



New owners of Caracal hull number three 'ANDIAMO' before their inaugural sail.



DOLPHIN's transom in the boatbuilding shop at Arey's Pond.

Our current major restoration project is a catboat nearing her 130th birthday! DOLPHIN is a 29' wooden catboat, built by George Huxford on Martha's Vineyard in 1893.

She has undergone multiple restorations since her original build, most recently in the

1990s. The work our shop is doing on DOLPHIN now is more of a renovation than a restoration. While some repairs are being made, the major work we're doing will re-configure the cockpit and cabin to make her the perfect boat for [Catboat Charters](#).

We are expanding the cockpit to accommodate more charter guests, installing a head, re-powering the boat with a new Beta 30 diesel engine, along with many other smaller modifications. We can't wait to see this beautiful piece of history sailing the waters of Martha's Vineyard once again!



DOLPHIN in the boatbuilding shop at Arey's Pond.

Across the yard another historic cat is getting a face lift. CONJURER is a wooden catboat built by the Crosby Brothers in 1909 and restored by our boat yard over a decade ago. We are now replacing the deck and cabin tops, along with a variety of cosmetic upgrades. Overseeing the majority of the project is a familiar face, Kate Preston.

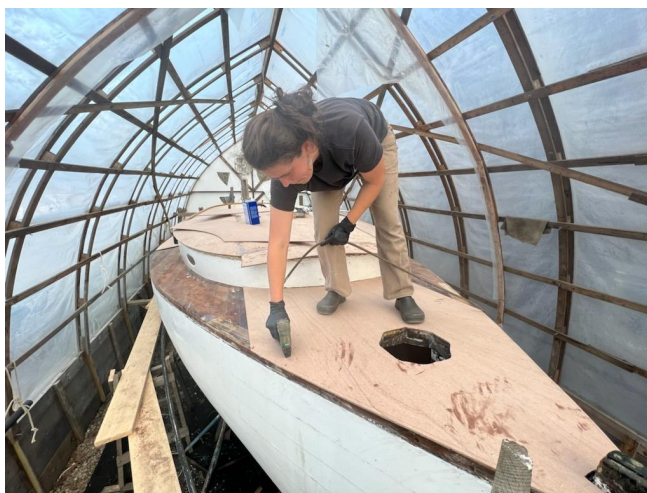


CONJURER, skippered by owner Fred Villars, in the 30th Cat Gathering this past August. Photo by Anita Winstanley Roark.

Kate returned this fall (along with her lovely vizsla, Beacon) to help us complete this project and get her hands dirty in a field and industry she loves. Kate graduated from [IYRS](#), and spent the summer of 2018 interning at Arey's Pond. With a gap in her work schedule, Kate reached out this past spring to ask how she could be of assistance if she came back for a few months. Returning and supportive friends and colleagues is an important part of any business, especially wooden boatbuilding. It was a pleasure having her back on campus and we look forward to seeing her soon.



We are thrilled to be witnessing all the love and care being put back into these old classics. We thank the individuals and communities who support these projects and keep traditions alive. We can envision both Dolphin and Conjurer raising their sails and journeying together to the Vineyard next summer. That would be a sight to behold!



Boatbuilder Kate Preston installs the new deck on CONJURER.

## Electric Motors Help Protect Pleasant Bay

Electric power in boat propulsion is the future, and advancements in technology are being made every year. As you may know, [Pleasant Bay is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern \(ACEC\)](#), and as boaters it is our responsibility to reduce our environmental impact on the Bay as much as possible. Sailing, rowing, paddling, or using an electric auxiliary motor, is the cleanest way you can enjoy the Bay while protecting its fragile ecosystem for future generations.

Here at Arey's Pond we are the leading US dealer for [OceanVolt](#) electric engines. OceanVolt is a great choice for customers who like the clean look and smooth ride of a direct drive motor, and have access to a 110V shore power connection. This year we launched a 16' Open Lynx and 19' Caracal Catboat, both with inboard electric OceanVolt engines, and we have another Caracal with OceanVolt in production.

This past September we attended the [Newport Boat Show](#) and we were very grateful to have [Torqeedo's](#) North America Sales Manager, Jim Sinnott, with us. He answered customers' questions and demonstrated the Torqeedo Travel 1103 in a test tank.



Inboard electric OceanVolt engine in a Arey's Pond 19' Caracal launched this summer.



Arey's Pond display at the Newport Boat Show in August.

Torqeedo specializes in small outboard electric engines, but also offers larger outboards and inboard pod drives. So far in 2022, we have sold 19 outboard Torqeedo engines to customers all over New England. **If you are interested in purchasing a Torqeedo from us, we offer free shipping, which is an even better offer than you'd get purchasing directly from Torqeedo.**

One important reminder that Jim had for Torqeedo owners is that the engines need lower unit serving every 5 years. This involves replacing the motor caps and gaskets to prevent water intrusion. It is also recommended that Torqeedo engines used in salt water are rinsed with fresh water regularly.

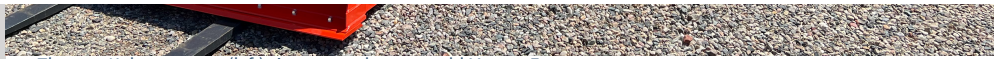
The most common issue we hear about from customers with these engines is the E30 error code due to cross threaded connections with the battery and tiller. One change Torqeedo owners can make to help with this issue is installing a [throttle cable extension](#) and a [motor cable extension](#), both of which can be purchased from Arey's Pond. These parts will allow you to store the handle and battery under your cockpit seat with all the cables attached, or if you want to disconnect them you can easily reconnect the cables in the comfort of the cockpit.

## Our Antique Massey Ferguson Gets an Assistant

This spring we added another tractor, a Kubota, to our lineup to assist (not replace!) our trusty Massey Ferguson.







The new Kubota tractor (left) sits next to the trusty old Massey Ferguson.

## PERFECT LAST MINUTE GIFT: Arey's Pond Sailing School Lesson or Rental!



In the early morning, Arey's Pond Sailing School boats sit on their moorings in Little Pleasant Bay.

The [Arey's Pond Sailing School](#), led by Head Instructor, Catherine Sawyer, had a very successful summer. We welcomed two new instructors, Ryan and Zoe, who rounded out our sailing school team and assisted in getting many people out on the water.

Our rentals and private lessons take place on our [14'](#) or [16'](#) Arey's Catboats in Little Pleasant Bay. Our certified instructors specialize in working one-on-one with students on catboats, the traditional sailboats of Cape Cod. Catboats are perfect boats to learn to sail on because they are very stable and have only one sail. Our catboats can accommodate up to three students at a time.

For those with adequate previous sailing experience, we offer two hour and half-day (four hour) rentals on our 14' and 16' catboats. Both models offer space for up to four adults and are sailed in beautiful Little Pleasant Bay.

Two hour private sailing lessons start at \$144, with additional students for \$24/each (up to three total). Catboat rentals are \$140/2 hours or \$225/4 hours. Gift cards can be purchased over the phone by [calling 508-255-0994](tel:508-255-0994) and we will email you a copy to print out and give to your recipient.

Call to Purchase a Sailing School Giftcard

## Summer Sailing on Pleasant Bay



A catboat sails through the Hog Island creek at a Wednesday Night Sail this past summer.

**Arey's Pond Wednesday Night Sails**

For years now, Arey's Pond has hosted Wednesday Night Sails from the last week of June through the second week of September, spending the evening sailing around the Bay. Sometimes the wind and tide would take us through The Narrows, other weeks it was more suitable to sail around Little Pleasant Bay, or through the Hog Island creek.

Our Wednesday Night Sail community continued to grow this summer and we hope you'll join us! [Click here to sign up for Wednesday Night Sail reminder emails.](#)

### **Namequoit Sailing Association**

Arey's Cats had a very successful season participating in the [Namequoit Sailing Association](#) (NSA) racing series that Bill and Maura Terrell organized this summer. This year they had shorter courses and more races each Sunday. The NSA series is competitive and lots of fun. Congratulations to all the sailors, including Phil Dickinson in his Arey's Open Lynx 'ELLE', and Tony Davis in Arey's 14 'Slippery 1', who each took overall winners by points for the two classes.

### **Chatham Yacht Club**

The [Chatham Yacht Club](#) program is another great summer series that happens every Saturday at 1 PM. There are several classes of boats that sail, but they have a 14' catboat class which is competitive and led mostly by Arey's 14's, along with Compass Cats and Handy Cats. The winners in this season's series were Allison Coleman 1st, Ann Carson 2nd and Tony Davis 3rd, all sailing Arey's 14's.

## 2023 Events Calendar

Spring Commissioning Forms Open  
March 1

Spring Seminar  
Date TBA

WoodenBoat Show  
June 23-25, in Mystic, CT

APBY Wednesday Night Sails  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, last week in  
June thru second week in  
September, weather permitting, meet at  
Arey's Pond

Namequoit Sailing Association Series  
Sundays in late June through August

Chatham Yacht Club Regatta  
August 5-6, on Pleasant Bay, MA

31st Arey's Pond Cat Gathering  
August 26, on Pleasant Bay, MA

Newport International Boat Show  
September 14-17, in Newport, RI

United States Sailboat Show  
October 12-16, in Annapolis, MD



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