

Events:

- Maine Boat Builders Show, Mar 17-19th.
- Dock & Mooring Deposits for 2007, Due Mar 15th.
- Newport International Boat Show, Sept 13-16th.

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Our Website

www.greatislandboatyard.com

Great News from Great Island

Yard Expansion – We have a lot of great ideas for this summer if we can get the bank and the Town of Harpswell to agree! We won't spoil all of the surprises but a new 10,000 square foot storage building and two double walled fuel tanks are planned to be the main projects!

Weather Information – The Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System has launched a new weather buoy at the mouth of the New Meadows River. You can now see Quahog Bay wind speeds, water temp, wind direction, air temp and trends by clicking on the "Weather" link on our web site.

GIBY Customers Save \$20K Thank you and congratulations to all of the customers who participated in the Winter Service Promotion Plan. We are thrilled to be giving over \$20,000 in volume based labor discounts this winter!

New Docks – We built eight new main docks this winter and have now replaced over 40% of the docks in the last 18 months.



Marine Refrigeration – GIBY has invested in the equipment, training and EPA license to install and service marine refrigeration systems from 12VDC to engine driven compressors.

Stored Mast Protection – If you unstepped your mast, you will be pleased to know that it is safely stowed away under a shrink wrap cover this winter.

New Crew Members and Greater Efficiency – We've grown to 14 craftsmen on the full time crew with a lot of new experience to complement our strong historical base. Kevin Holt joined the crew most recently, bringing over 25 years of glass repair, Awlgrip and boat-building experience. Kevin led

three jobs to completion in his first month on the job and we realized that we were on new levels of both quality and efficiency in our paint bay. Mark Collar joined the crew in December, bringing seven years of boat yard experience. We initially hired Mark as a finisher but we were delighted to discover his exceptional skills in many areas around the yard. Tracy Morris has moved into a new role as the Parts Manager for GIBY. She brings a high level of energy, attention to detail and persistent follow-up to our parts and Yanmar service. We've also expanded Mark Salmons' responsibility to act as a working team leader on projects. This allows technical and parts decisions to be made close to the job, in real time while enabling Bob Sharp to spend more time with customers.

Friends of Casco Bay – For 17 years, Friends of Casco Bay has been working to improve and protect the environmental health of Casco Bay. The Great Island Boat Yard will focus 100% of our charitable giving and volunteerism on this important cause in 2007. Stay tuned to learn how you can contribute.



New trailer increases hauling capacity to 35 tons , 59 feet!



ABYC
Setting Standards for Safer Boating

Certifications and Qualifications

We believe that merging traditional craftsmanship with annual training in the most current products and boat building standards will improve our ability to serve you.

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Did you know that by the end of this winter the GIBY crew will have the following certifications and product training?

Certifications

- ABYC Electrical Tech
- ABYC Marine Diesel Tech
- EPA Refrigerant Recovery
- ABBRA Top Coat
- NMEA Basic Electronics
- NMEA Adv. Electronics
- U.S.C.G. Captain OUPV
- Coast Guard Welder
- OSHA Fork Lift
- OSHA Travel Lift

Product Training

- Marine Air Systems
- Grunert Refrigeration
- Sea Recovery Desalination
- Espar Heaters
- Master volt Electrical
- Yanmar Engines
- Styer Engines
- Edson
- Raymarine Electronics
- Awlgrip Paint

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1973 Herreshoff
Rozinante Ketch

"simple yet elegant"

Featured 06/07 Winter Projects

There are many wonderful projects under way this winter, and we take great pride in all of them. The few that we chose to feature highlight some of our new capabilities as well as some very interesting boats!

Renovating a Classic Wooden Herreshoff -

Of all of L. Francis Herreshoff's designs, the Rozinante may best represent his philosophy – "simple yet elegant." Of the low head room, Herreshoff said, "most of the sailors that I have known sat down when they ate and preferred to lie down when they slept." While the glass versions can be seen from time to time on the market, the classic wooden construction is becoming increasingly rare. We are very proud to be working with Peter and Ann LeBourdais to complete a structural and cosmetic restoration of Delphinus, a 1973 cedar over oak frame Rozinante. The restoration will include: the installation of several new frames; dropping and refastening the ballast keel to perform repairs on the timber keel; sectional deck repairs; rebuilding mast steps; and complete refinishing of all paint and varnish. The project will be



Tom McGrath laminating up new frames for Delphinus.

completed over two years with the hull structure and finishing taking priority this winter.

Collaborating on the Final Details

– Dick and Barbara Currier decided to work with GIBY to complete the final phase of their five year restoration of Owl, a 1965 Rhodes Reliant Yawl. Reliants are classic sailing yachts, designed by Phillip Rhodes and built from '63 to '76. Some say that the Reliant was a culmination of Rhode's insights after four decades of designing sailboats.

Many are being restored today. The Landing School and French & Webb completed the first phases of this exceptional project. GIBY's work started with a three page list of systems and carpentry work including: designing and fitting out the galley; performing interior joinery improvements; installing rigging components; and completing a host of systems modifications. We wish the Currier's the best of luck this summer and in particular in the Figawi & Halifax races where Steve will join on as crew.

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Training and ABYC Certifications Pay Off – We met Rich and Teri Bolton at the Newport Boat Show in September and were thrilled when they decided to sail their recently acquired Tartan 4600 up to Great Island for the winter. As you might expect, this offshore racer / cruiser has some serious systems and Rich and Teri have justifiably high expectations on how these systems should perform. We resolved operational issues and made improvements to the: heads; water maker; DC charging; DC distribution; and refrigeration systems. We also installed: an entertainment system; tank monitors; additional AC & DC outlets; a battery monitoring system; and an Automatic Identification System. Later this year, we will be working with NE Rigging to install a leisure furl boom system. When you make over 1,000 terminations in one job, with zero tolerance for error, it's comforting to be working in compliance with our ABYC certification.

A Trans-Atlantic Agenda – “Ramble” is a boat with an interesting past and a promising future. She is a 36 foot yawl designed by Ted Hood and built in Japan in 1961. Later



1965 Rhodes Reliant Yawl, Owl preparing to move inside for the final touches on her five year restoration.

that same year, Ted sailed her to an overall first place finish in the Marblehead to Halifax race and was also awarded the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy. John Reid, her present owner, purchased the boat in 2004 and has been working with Great Island Boat Yard for the past three winters to complete structural and systems modifications in preparation for an Atlantic crossing and a Mediterranean cruise. It's down to the wire now with just four months until departure. We started above the sheer line this year, removing all of the deck hardware, starboard toe rail and house top glass. In addition to putting this

all back together in a water tight fashion, we will replace the starboard toe rail, reinforce the rudder, and completely refinish all surfaces inside and out. Great Island is working with Bayview Rigging to complete many modifications to the rig and sail plan in preparation for her Trans-Atlantic Voyage.

Maine Make-Over of a Maine Built Trawler – Jim and Carol Foyles purchased their 36' Saberline trawler in CT and brought her home to Maine for a cosmetic make-over. We removed, stripped and refinished all of her cap rails, eyebrows and trim before re-bedding everything back down. We sprayed the hull with flag blue Awlgrip and accented the sheer by replacing her gray rub rail with bright white rails and one inch stainless trim. New teak quarter rails and more one inch stainless finished out the job in style. We went over the engines and drive train thoroughly and added a few new systems including a stereo system and GPS. You'll see “Caledonia” on the docks this summer, but you might not recognize her.



1961 Little Harbor 36, Ramble at anchor in Oyster Bay, NY

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Mark Salmons and the crew continue to disassemble Ramble. Don't worry John....she'll be ready!



36' Saberline, Caledonia with Flag Blue Awlgrip topsides



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Message from the Rowe Family

We've all seen the sign on the Maine Turnpike just over the border from New Hampshire that reads, "Maine, the way life should be." We saw it for the first time when we drove north from Boston in March, 2005 in search of a boat yard to call home. Our reaction at the time was more than a little skeptical as we drove into what we perceived to be a significantly over-taxed, slightly underdeveloped wilderness devoid of many of the conveniences that existed in our turbo-charged lives. After one year, we're thrilled to confirm our opinion that Maine is indeed a wonderfully underdeveloped wilderness devoid of many of the conveniences we never really needed. We now find ourselves driving within the speed limit, leaving our keys in the car, and building sand castles on the beach with our boys on Christmas Day. As for the taxes, we are thrilled to see the state of Maine recognizing the marine trades as a "strategic core competence" and putting a portion of our taxes to good use in an \$18 million program designed to create jobs and advance technology in Maine's marine trades. On a more local level, the town of Harpswell also appears to be serious about preserving the working waterfront and the centuries of marine heritage represented here. Lastly, but certainly not in order of priority, we feel very fortunate to have been welcomed into the community of the Great Island Boat Yard. The crew, the customers, and our peers in the Maine Marine Trades Association make this a wonderful place to live, to work, and to raise our family.

Thank you.

Steve, Stephanie, Gavin & Keegan Rowe



The ice closes in on Orr's Cove.



Keegan & Gavin Rowe playing ON the Five Islands Wharf