

THE NORDIC TUG OWNERS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007



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Northwest Rendezvous

Spring is here, and it's time to get our tugs ship-shape for the upcoming cruising season. It is also that time of year to register for our upcoming **Northwest Rendezvous**, which will take place at **Roche Harbor Resort from May 31st through June 3rd, 2007.**

As many of you know, Roche Harbor is one of the more popular spots in the San Juan Islands. It has a fascinating history with both British and Canadian connections, and has been a US Customs port of entry since the late 1800s. This is a wonderful venue to savor the rich blend of island history, tradition and patriotic spirit.

We plan to have a welcome reception on Thursday, a continental breakfast on the dock each morning, a series of informative lectures, lunches on both Friday and Saturday, evening dinners and entertainment.

The goal is to provide a venue where you can socialize with friends, meet new owners who have recently joined the Nordic Tug family, swap stories, ideas, problems and innovations, and learn from one another and from our invited guests.

To register, please visit the **Nordic Tug** web site, click on News & Events, click on Events, Northwest, and fill out the form. A registration package will be sent to you. The registration fee for this year is \$85 US per person.

Unlike last year's event, there is no need to reserve a slip at Roche Harbor. Your committee will do that for you. Mark your calendars, we hope to see you there.

Jim McDougall, NORDIC QUEST
J.McDougall@North60.com

Northeast Rendezvous

Mark your calendars for the **7th Annual Northeast Nordic Tug Rendezvous** in Essex, Ct **July 25 to 27, 2007.**

All Nordic Tug owners (even if you're not from the northeast) are invited to come and share in the camaraderie of this annual three-day event held at Essex Island Marina. Among the many favorite programs are the cruising presentations (after the Pot Luck Dinner on deck), seminars, boat hopping, Lobster/swordfish fest at the Essex Yacht Club, and the colorful parade of Nordic Tugs for the short cruise on Friday to Hamburg Cove for a "huge raft-up photo opportunity". Many tuggers continue the optional cruise to Long Island for the annual Les Petites Bateaux Raftup.

Call 888-447-6944 for additional details or email Connie@wildeyachts.com Reservation forms can be downloaded on www.wildeyachts.com

Dock reservations can be made by calling Essex Island 860-767-1267 and those attending on wheels can make Inn reservations at www.thegriswoldinn.com or by calling 860-767-1776.

The historic and quaint village of Essex is located 6 miles north of Long Island Sound on the beautiful Connecticut River.



San Francisco Bay Area Rendezvous

The San Francisco Bay Area Nordic Tug Association (SFBANTA) is looking forward to presenting our Rendezvous on May 17-20th at Coyote Point Yacht Club in San Mateo, CA. This year we will be featuring the NT 26 - *The Beginning of a Legend* - and hope to have some local NT 26's in attendance.

We will be able to berth all our boats at one dock (there will be no docking fees to registered attendees) which faces Coyote Point Yacht Club. At the Yacht Club building, we will be able to listen to a program that will address cruising in the San Francisco South Bay, listen to Bud Norquist tell about his experience in leading three Nordic tug cruises in Southeast Alaska, learn how to protect our loved ones with an abbreviated CPR training session, participate in a "Tug Tweaks" competition, and spend plenty of time enjoying the good company of fellow Nordic Tuggers.

The \$95.00 per person price includes two breakfasts, two lunches, and three dinners. A poltuck breakfast is planned for Sunday morning. We will have a signup form and more details available on our website: www.sfbanta.org. We can be contacted easily by email: info@sfbanta.org

Southeast Area Rendezvous

SENTOA will hold its 2007 Rendezvous in St Augustine on the 17th, 18, and 19th of April. Jack Nostrand has put together a top notch rendezvous you tuggers won't want to miss. As an additional bonus we are planning a follow on cruise on the St Johns river right after the Rendezvous. The latest info has been posted on our web site. Check it out at <http://www.sentoa.org/> and get your reservations in early.

Chip & Louise Worster Co-Presidents SENTOA

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Chesapeake Bay Area Rendezvous

The Chesapeake Bay Area Nordic Tugs Rendezvous will commence on Sunday afternoon, May 6th and run through Wednesday morning, May 9th, at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, located directly on the Tred Avon River at Oxford, Maryland. Since the TAYC has no permanent slipholders, we will have access to all the slips, which will provide a unique opportunity to have all our Tugs concentrated in one area. Additional information is available at <http://www.members.aol.com/ntches2007/index.htm>

For more information, the preferred method to contact the organizers is via e-mail at NTChes2007@aol.com. If you need assistance by phone, contact Sharon Hines at Annapolis Sailyard (410) 268-4100.

Great Lakes Area Rendezvous

Calling all Great Lakes Area Nordic Tug Owners!

You are cordially invited to the First Annual Great Lakes Area Nordic Tug Owners Rendezvous on West Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City on June 29th through July 1st, 2007.

The three-day trawler event hosted by Bay Breeze Yacht Charters and Sales will be packed with educational seminars, networking and sharing, exploring the quaint harbors and towns of northern Lake Michigan, making friends and just plain having fun.

All Nordic Tug owners registered for the Great Lakes Rendezvous will be eligible to win "A Package for Two to attend any one of the 5 Trawler-fests around the country in 2007" - a prize worth \$780 to the lucky winners in attendance.

Organizer Dan Spyhalski of Bay Breeze, a cruiser/instructor for many years on the big lakes, and a chef and former restaurateur, has planned the weekend right down to the menus. Highlights of

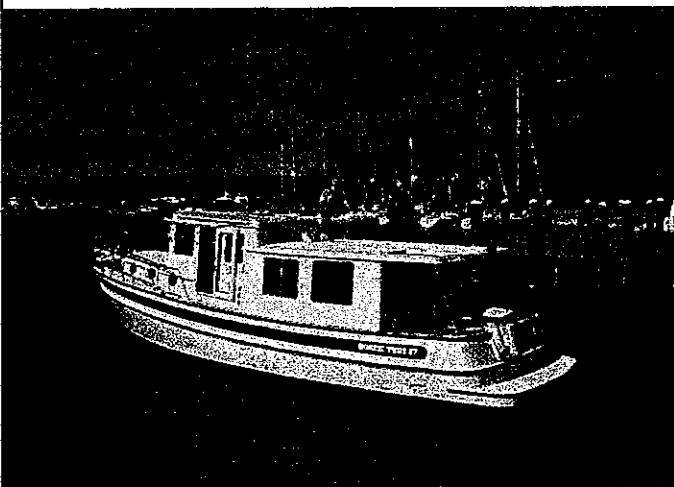
the two days will be presentations by company representatives and seminars by experts on the latest trends in boating, operations and safety.

"Bay Breeze has invited Captain Jack Klang to give a seminar on the aspects of cruising, along with representatives from Cummins and insurance providers," said Captain Dan. "Plus The Watershed Center - the non-profit organization that monitors water quality on the bays - will display their working tugboat and the official 'BayKeeper' will give boaters pointers on keeping our waters clean and healthy."

A Rendezvous boat parade is also planned for tug owners who are expected to cruise to Traverse City from around the Great Lakes region.

Rendezvous participants can browse the Bay Breeze Nordic Tug inventory during the weekend, including a new 2007 NT-37 (see below).

To secure your spot at the Great Lakes Nordic Tug Owners Rendezvous in beautiful Traverse City, contact us today by Email info@baybreeze.com or call 1-877-941-0535 or visit our website, www.bbvc.com



From the editor: For you 37' tug owners: Did you know that if you multiply 37,037 by any single number (1-9), then multiply that number by 3, every single digit in the final answer will be the same as that first single number multiplier?

President's Corner

Hello from "Nordic Tug Land", where the excitement never ends! As always, there is plenty going on. I'll try to just touch on the high points here.

First of all, we need to say thanks, and good-bye to Laura Kaestner, our former head of Marketing. Many of you got to meet Laura at boat shows, rendezvous' and other events. She did a fine job for us, and we wish her well in her next adventure.

Laura is replaced by the very happy return of Tammi Anderson. A former member of the Nordic Tugs team, Tammi hit the ground running, and, as always, is doing a great job on more projects than I even knew needed doing. For those of you who haven't gotten to meet Tammi yet, you're in for a treat. You'll know her by the great attitude, boundless energy and fantastic smile!

On the facilities front, we are finally moving forward with new 30,000 square foot production facility, originally planned to begin several years ago. Not only will this allow us badly needed room for growth, but it will be configured to really facilitate the construction of our larger Tugs much more efficiently. The exciting technical details are too lengthy to discuss here, but as the facility is completed, we will likely schedule an open house for those who would like to see and learn more. As a part of this same project we are also doing a 7,500 square foot addition to our state-of-the-art lamination facility. This additional space will be used for all infusion-molded parts, house tops and other small parts.

Thanks to all of you for your continued loyalty and enthusiasm! Happy Tugging!

Jim Cress
President
Nordic Tugs, Inc.

News, Ideas, Odds & Ends

After an inquiry on SENTOA about replacing the door latches on an older "wooden door" tug, **Bob Shamek, from the Nordic Tugs factory**, suggested checking the Phoenix Lock Company web site at: <http://www.phoenixlock.com/StoreFront.bok> "They carry a large inventory of brass products."

Jim Wood, WHY KNOT (32-006) reports that the latches may be found at ACE Hardware. They're listed as "screen door" latches.

Carey Cook, LEE-LOO (32-138) has prepared fairly detailed check lists for commissioning, getting underway, and winterizing his tug. He is also working on preparing a diagram showing the location of all of the thru-hulls, vents, and such on his tug. He has offered to share these documents (MS Word) with tuggers who might be interested in same. Contact Carey at CCook@sandc.com

Jim & Mim McCrea, NORTH STAR (37-134) have modified the helm seating on their tug to remove the sliding bench seat and now have a Stidd "Slimline Admiral" seat on a floor mounted pedestal in its place. The benefits are better visibility due to a little higher seating position, ability to reach the controls while still having a back rest, and now, arm rests, as well as a foot rest integral to the chair. Anyone interested in such a modification can obtain photos and more information by contacting Jim & Mim at: mcc272@aol.com

Mary Anne Pisano, TUG-N-TIME (32-983) sent me a nice note to report that she had recently ordered some items from the Nordic Chandlery, and was especially pleased with the service she received from "Kay". Mary Anne said, "I purchased one of the belts and she actually went in the stock room and measured several of them to be sure I got the correct size for my husband! I also had a special request to purchase just an "emblem" of the Nordic Tug logo (as I put a hole in my husbands favorite RED shirt and thought the emblem could cover up the hole!) This was a "first" for them and she went

out of her way to find me one and send it. The Chandlery just goes along with all the other quality service we get with the Nordic Tug!"

Rechargeable Batteries

John Scarborough, **RIVERDANCE (32-209)** sent me a note that he recently had the battery on his portable VHF radio rebuilt and upgraded by **Primecell**, a company in Pennsylvania. They were reasonable and fast. Check out their website at www.primecell.com

EDITOR'S FOLLOW-UP ON ABOVE: Based on John's comments, I sent Prinecell two battery packs (from two very old Apelco hand held VHF radios) that had "died" many years ago. I didn't have the heart to throw the radios away even though the batteries would no longer hold a charge. The two old packs were upgraded from NiCd to NiMh with greater AH capacity and over-charge protection at a cost that was less than the purchase price of one new Apelco battery pack or the least expensive new hand-held VHF radio. Turn around time was 18 days from Washington to Pennsylvania and back to Washington. Great service at a great price.

Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD)

Chuck Leavitt **SEAHORSE (26-112)** reports a discussion on ULSD characteristics can be viewed at www.fppf.com/featuredproduct.asp

SENTOA – ON LINE RESOURCE

SENTOA – South East Nordic Tug Owners' Association. The SENTOA list is a web-based resource intended to facilitate communications among all Nordic Tug owners, as well as past and prospective owners. Check this link for more information:

<http://lists.samurai.com/mailman/listinfo/sentoa>
If you feel the SENTOA List is a useful source of information and would like to help them defray the cost of operating it, a suggested voluntary contribution of \$15.00 would be very appropriate.

Please send your donation to their Treasurer, Diane Keltner, 1802 Oak Park Circle, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. SENTOA has about 265 subscribers at the present time. This newsletter is sent to 750+ addresses. Because of that difference in readership, a number of the postings from the Sentoa list are being published in this newsletter.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

An interesting statistic: Of the 750+ subscribers of this newsletter, less than 10% (72 to be exact) have made a donation in support of it since I took over the publishing in June 2006.

If you haven't sent any money during 2007, please send in your donation of \$10 – or more if you feel generous. Printing costs and postage for your newsletter add up quickly. Please let me know about address changes promptly, as well as changes in boat names, ownership names, homeports, phone numbers, E-mail addresses, etc. If you had a change, send the information by E-mail to: ceb@oz.net or by "snail mail" (US Postal Service)

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Port Orchard, WA 98367
or call me at: Tel: 360-895-3825

Please check the fleet list for accuracy. There are many tugs listed by "Hull Number", some of which I have names of owners but not the name of the tug, or an E-mail address/USPS address to contact the owner(s). Please let me know the name of your tug if yours is listed by "Hull Number". Any suggestions, changes, additions or comments regarding your newsletter are solicited and welcome. Just send me an E-mail at ceb@oz.net or if you're not "on-line" use the mailing address noted above.



Buy, Sell, Trade

FOR SALE: Ann Graf (Abacus, 42-005) writes that she has a custom made **Nordic Tug saloon dining table** for sale. The table is 49"l x 32"h, 29"w at one end and 22"w at the other. It is a very strong, stable, well made table in like new condition. The top is composed of solid teak strips, laid at angles designed to catch the light, with teak fiddles on all four sides. The table is located in San Jose, California. \$300.00 For photos and more info, contact Ann at 408-997-1954.

FOR SALE: MISS LULU (32-101) is for sale in San Diego. This is the cleanest, best-kept 1997 tug on the market. Already has updated 6KW generator and A/C. Light engine hours on 220 Cummins. Refrigerator and freezer, gas stove, microwave/convection oven, GPS, Radar, bow thruster, windlass, full canvas. Many extras and in excellent condition. \$189,000 Contact Frank Dwinnell at 858-292-1713

FOR SALE: MARGEDA (26-080) - 1984 - Green hull (Awl-Gripped), ivory cabin, 85 HP Perkins with 800 hours, most available factory options, Origo alcohol/electric stove, AC/DC fridge, water heater, VHF, knotmeter, depth sounder, GPS, battery charger, Kahlenberg air whistle, Calkins trailer. Fresh water boat, inside storage every year. \$85,000 Boat is located on Lake Superior. Call Bob Burbank at 651-459-4218

FOR SALE: 5KW Phasor diesel generator (less than 800 hrs) - \$300.00 obo. Also a **300 watt inverter** for \$100.
Contact Leonard Bucklin, TOOT-SEA (26-153) lenhv1@charter.net

FOR SALE: Dick Seymour, Sea Mischief II (37-106) has upgraded the two saloon heat pumps in his tug to new 16K BTU heat pumps. He would like to sell the units he removed. They consist of two (2) 12K BTU Reverse Cycle Heat Pumps, Model number: VCD 12K/1-HV, Product number: 205-311520, Serial numbers: K03-

VC01121 & 42394539, along with Vector Compact I/O Control - right hand configuration. Both units are virtually brand new and have been checked out by the regional Marine Air distributor. Price is \$500 each, including shipping. Contact Dick by E-mail at: Reelmagic@Optonline.Net or telephone 914-245-4208.

FOR SALE: Exhaust hose - Over 30' of Trident-Flex SAE-J-2006, Lloyds 03/60002, 250f, 3" ID. Cost about \$11/foot, \$200 takes it all, plus shipping, or you pick up. Contact J. Hebda, Grand Isle, VT by E-mail at railroad@sover.net or by phone at 802-372-5724

FOR SALE: 1981 26' Nordic Tug Hull # 26021 SHERRY LYNNE Green hull, ivory cabin, 88 HP Yanmar with 1600 hrs, SITEX Video Sounder, Raymarine VHF, Bristol stove, Furuno 1621 Radar, Garmin GPS Map 2006/2010 Chart-plotter, work tug model with large open aft deck, currently being used for trolling in Alaska, Located Yakutat, AK. Asking \$50,000. Contact Matt Wheeler 907-784-3338

FOR SALE: 2001 42' Nordic Tug Hull # 42032 HEART TUG Blue hull, ivory superstructure, 330 hp Cummins with 397 engine hours and 46 Gen set hours. Always in fresh water. Currently located near Syracuse NY stored indoors. Full details at www.nordictugs42.com or call George or Jeanne Duranske at (218) 751-2236 or (218) 444-4300

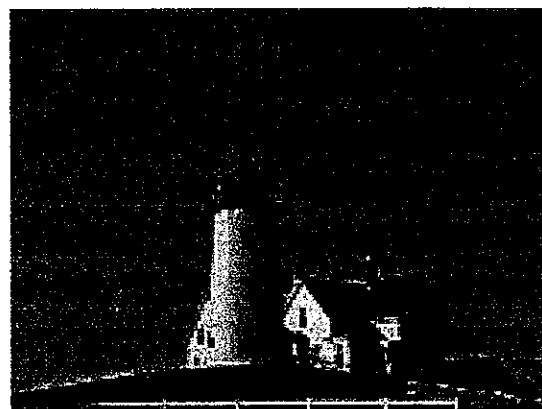
LEASE/RENTAL: Pat and David Carnes, new owners of 1998 42' Nordic Tug Hull # 42012 **LEGEND**, are happy to announce the formation of **Legend Charters LLC**. Legend Charters LLC will be operating the M/V Legend out of Juneau, Alaska with customized skippered multi-day bareboat charters. Legend Charters Captains are USGC Licensed and have over 75 years combined experience on the waters of Southeast Alaska. Of special interest to Nordic Tug dealers, owners and potential owners, is Legend Charters Nordic Tug Operation/Experience Program. This confidence-building instruction program allows clients to obtain hands-on experience with a larger Nordic Tug, and at the same time hone their navigation and boating skills. This is not to mention catching a

fish or two at the same time!

Vessel particulars may be viewed at: www.alaskalegendcharters.com and contact made through: information@alaskalegendcharters.com

FOR SALE: Walter Albach has sold his tug (VAIETUGO, 32-090) and has the following items available for sale to interested tuggers.

4 gals. Delo 400 15W40 motor oil \$30
 1 gal. Fleetguard ethylene glycol concentrate \$14
 2 raw water impeller kits for 210 Cummins Turbo-diesel engine \$55
 2 engine oil filters \$13
 2 engine fuel filters \$10
 1 Raycor fuel filter \$11
 3 fresh water filter cartridges \$55
 1 MAC PowerBook laptop computer with MacSea Navigation Program and electronic charts for Puget Sound and British Columbia \$600
 63 paper charts from Olympia, Washington to Juneau, Alaska \$300
 Chart Kit—Pacific Northwest—Region 15 \$100
 Contact Walter at 425-454-2032 for more details



Can you guess the name of this lighthouse?

E-mail your answer to ceb@oz.net

Be sure to include your name and mailing address.

Correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a valuable prize, yet to be determined

Dealer News

WILDE YACHT SALES NEWS FROM ESSEX, CT

Spring 2007 begins with a three day *Open House April 20, 21 and 22* from the Lighthouse Office of Wilde Yacht Sales on the Connecticut River in Essex Harbor. Tours will be taken aboard 2007 32', 37' and 42' Nordic tugs at our docks. Cummins reps will "talk engines" with potential tuggers and tug owners will share cruising ideas with others during the 3-day event. Sea trials will be scheduled by appointment for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 5th annual *"Traveling Tug Tour"* is on the calendar for *June 23 to July 8*. Wilde Yacht Sales' tug "Wilde One" will leave Essex on Saturday morning with cruise stops scheduled "east" for Block Island, RI, Cuttyhunk, MA, Red Brook, MA, Provincetown, MA, Scituate, Boston, MA, Plymouth, MA, Onset, MA, Padanaram MA, Newport/Jamestown, RI, ending in Watch Hill, RI. Nordic Tug owners are encouraged to participate at any stops or the entire cruise. Please call 888-447-6944 or email info@wildeyachts.com for additional information.

Wilde Yacht Sales, headed by owner Ben Wilde with teammates Bill Boyer, Connie and Don Connor, Alannah Dutchess and Paul Tortora, is an exclusive Nordic Tug Dealer, in operation since June, 2000.

SKIPPERCRESS YACHT SALES

Greetings from the great Northwest! It's been a busy and eventful season for SkipperCress Yacht Sales. As those of you in the Northwest are undoubtedly aware, we've had quite a winter. I know many of you from other parts of the country are certainly used to this sort of thing, but for us spoiled souls that are accustomed to a gentler, more temperate winter, it's been really exciting. Imagine watching after a whole fleet of Nordic Tugs in 40 to 60 knots of wind and all the conditions that come with that. Quite a challenge, indeed!

In January, we were a part of the Seattle Boats Afloat Show, where we showed 32', 37' & 42' Nordic Tugs. As always they met with rave reviews from a most

appreciative audience. By the way, my favorite part of this show is the chance to meet with our extended family of recent and long-time Nordic Tug owners. It's always fun to hear about their recent cruises, and how they are "living the dream". One of the really rewarding parts of the show is when we're talking with a customer, and all of a sudden, a long-time NT owner joins the conversation with their own experiences. The sincere enthusiasm that is always a part of those conversations always amazes the potential customers because they understand that these people aren't trying to sell them anything. Thanks to all of you for that! It reminds me of what a special breed of folks are attracted to Nordic Tugs! Not surprisingly, this was our most successful Seattle Boat Show ever, in terms of sales.

More recently, we participated in the Anacortes Boat Show, right here in our home marina. As a very local community event, this show has a different, more intimate feeling. Again, Nordic Tugs were felt by many to be the "star of the show".

Next big upcoming event is the Northwest Nordic Tug Owners Rendezvous, being held this year in magnificent Roche Harbor. Last years event was attended by more than 200 people on 80+ Nordic Tugs. Needless to say, we are looking forward to an especially wonderful event again this year. Come on up and join us!

Thanks to all of you who have allowed SkipperCress Yacht Sales to help you "live the dream". Have a truly wonderful cruising season!



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Northeast Nordic Tug Owners' Association Rendezvous

It seems it was just yesterday a handful of tuggers got together at what turned out to be our 1st NENTOA rendezvous. This year was our 7th! Tuggers from 12 states and the Turks & Caicos spent three wonderful days talkin' tugs, meeting old friends, and making new acquaintances.

The weather cooperated, too, making our three-day event most pleasant indeed. We congregated in the historic Connecticut River Valley town of Essex - with its picturesque Main Street looking much as it did in the late 1700s when shipbuilding was the mainstay of life in the small town.

Our rendezvous began on Wednesday, July 25, with 19 tugs chugging into Essex Island Marina. Thirteen tugs were in nearby marinas. Nine crews came without their boats. Tuggers came from Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, California, and the Turks & Caicos.

We had three wonderful days together, with lots of social time intermixed with seminars and presentations.

The rum party and the potluck dinner was followed by a brief association business meeting. George Bevad was elected Commodore for the 2007-08 year; the team of Dick & Mable Seymour and Newell & Marilyn Sly will fill the Vice Commodore position. The evening's entertainment began with a delightful dialog between ventriloquist Burt

Prater and his friend Road Kill. Dick Seymour (Sea Mischief III, 42-090) showed slideshows of the aircraft carrier Intrepid and the rose show at New York's Bronx Botanical Gardens, and Ruth Jansson & Bette Conner (Annie B, 32-172) showed the second half of their movie-Cruising the Inland Waterways-from Ottawa, Canada, to Connecticut via Montreal, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and Lake Champlain.

Thursday - rise and shine. Breakfast at 8 - welcomes by Commodore George, our friend and dealer Ben Wilde, and Nordic Tug's Bob Shamek. Bob talked about the latest from the factory and showed the group a slide show of the soon-to-be newest addition to the Nordic Tug fleet - the NT49. Norm Philips (Spray, 37-139) presented a short movie of a NT 37 making a circle turn, then making the same circle turn after the installation of an articulating rudder. John Baczek (Puffin, 32-266) showed a step-by-step slideshow explaining how he filled in the chine to eliminate the bow slap that bothers so many tuggers.

Two sessions of hour-long seminars followed: Nordic Tugs, Cummins, Insurance, Best Tug Add-Ons, Healthy Galley for Two, Chart Plotter Demo & Tips, and Medical Issues Afloat.

Nothing was scheduled for the entire afternoon, allowing time to visit, read, rest, swim, or stroll the quaint streets and shops in town. At 5:30 the tuggers gathered at the cocktail lounge of the nearby Essex Yacht Club where trays of hors d'oeuvres were abundant. Tuggers bought miles of raffle tickets with high expectations, swelling our coffers and once again eliminating

(See NENTOA 'Vous, page 7)

So. California Nordic Tug Owners Association Rendezvous

The Southern California Nordic Tug owners group held its second annual rendezvous on September 29th and 30th in Long Beach, CA. Attendance included Mr. Jerry Husted, founder of Nordic Tugs and 15 Nordic Tugs with approximately 40 owners, family members, and guests. The tugs included models from 26 to 42 feet from ports between San Diego and Marina del Rey.

Nordic Tugs, West Marine, Ballena Bay Yacht Brokers, and the Fiddlers Green restaurant of San Diego generously sponsored the event. Saturday afternoon was time for the owners to socialize on the dock over a pizza lunch with drinks sponsored by Fiddlers Green. Mr. Steve Rock, owner, represented Fiddlers Green and helped tend the very informal bar on the dock. The evening's events included happy hour and buffet dinner at a dockside restaurant.

The after dinner program included remarks by Mr. Husted and a slide show by one of the owners covering a recent 38-day cruise in a 32-foot tug from San Diego to the Sacramento delta. The program concluded with an opportunity drawing in which everyone won at least one of the items donated by West Marine and the Nordic Tugs Store as well as distribution of a gift item for each boat from Mr. Lenard Lee, owner of Ballena Bay Yacht Brokers.

Following the activities in Long Beach, several of the tugs participated in a group cruise to nearby Catalina Island and took moorings in Avalon harbor.

The group plans to hold a rendezvous in 2008 with place and date to be determined.

For further information, contact **Mr. Michael Dickinson** by e-mail at: mdickinson@socalsurveys.com

2007 SENTOA RENDEZVOUS AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

The Historic A1A Ale House in downtown St. Augustine was buzzing with chatter and laughter as 42 "Tuggers" renewed old friendships and made new ones while sharing boating adventures on April 17, 2007. Ten Nordic Tugs were docked at the marina.

Roundtable discussions and presentations occupied most of the next two days. Each session gave the attendees new information and an opportunity to ask questions.

SENTOA Officers for this year are Commodore Bill Keltner, "Tugnacious", NT 37-022, Vice Commodore Alan Smith, "Omega", NT 32-324, and Treasurer Diane Keltner. Many thanks were given to Louise and Chip Worster, "Chip Ahoy", NT 26-145, who were at the helm the last two years.

SENTOA 2007 Follow on Cruise

Following our 2007 SENTOA Rendezvous in St Augustine, nine tuggers steamed North to Jacksonville then South on the St Johns River. Bill and Diane Keltner were designated our official guides for the cruise. They were able to enhance our cruise by providing local knowledge to many gunkhole locations. Among the interesting stopovers was the Outback Crab Shack with their 1500' floating dock that is free to boaters for an overnight tie up if you eat there. We also had free docking in the City of Palatka. A side trip to Crescent Lake treated us to a Jimmy Buffet type restaurant called Three Bananas.

An overnight stop in a small river town called Welaka provided us with another free docking and a visit to an excellent maritime museum. The owner and curator, a Mr. Richard Speas is a very talented craftsman who also makes custom brass whistles. After a demo on the quality and sound of his brass whistles, four

of us decided to buy an example of his art to be mounted on our tugs.

Hontoon State Park, located on an island on the St Johns, was a special location where the overnight docking fee is less than \$7.00 which includes 30 amp hookup and water. The group decided to relax here a few days before heading back down (north) the river. There was a small wild life museum and many nature trails to explore. We all enjoyed the local facilities and took several side trips including a day trip to Blue Springs.

The St Johns River provided us with sightings of alligators, eagles, manatees and various wild life and fauna. The river is easy to navigate and is a great destination for a quiet relaxing cruise.

Tuggers joining us this year were: Bob Cross and Mary Mervin on "Proud Mary", Terry and Karen Johnson aboard "Green Bean", Jerry Talbot with "Lady Diane II", Doug and Leslie Folkerth finishing up the Great Loop on "Happy Clamz", Bob and Emily Wiggins arriving by trailer on "Tugaloo", Roger Jones and Peggy Haretos, their dog Brandy, aboard "Seren Clare", Alan and Annette Smith on "Omega", our guides Bill and Diane Keltner on "Tugnacious", and Chip and Louise Worster with their Jack Russell named "Tugger" aboard "Chip Ahoy".

2008 SENTOA RENDEZVOUS

April 22-24, 2008 is the date for the SENTOA (Southeast Nordic Tug Owner's Association) Rendezvous to be held at FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE YACHT BASIN in historic, Punta Gorda, FL. Mark your calendars and check www.fishville.com to see what the area has to offer. You may want to come early and/or stay after the Rendezvous to take advantage of activities and new cruising areas to explore. Please contact Rendezvous Chairs George and Minnie Osteyee, mlosteyee@aol.com, with program and general suggestions.

NORTHWEST RENDEZVOUS

Once again, the Northwest Nordic Tug Owner's Association Rendezvous was a huge success. This year's event was held in Roche Harbor on San Juan Island from May 31 to June 3. We lucked out and were blessed with beautiful weather throughout the entire event. Approximately 75 boats and 180 attendees were present.

The planning committee did an outstanding job and put together an event that was both informative and fun.

The event kicked off with a welcome reception on Thursday evening and featured continental morning breakfasts; a BBQ lunch hosted by Cummins; lectures; a variety of hilarious games including dinghy golf, a blindfolded dinghy race and a crazy bathing suit contest; as well as a fun-tastic luau with a buffet dinner that featured a pit-roasted pig.

Joe Franett and Bob Shamek, from Nordic Tugs, presented the tank test video and preliminary plans for the new NT49. It created quite a buzz amongst the owners!

Throughout the rendezvous non-owners, attracted by the intriguing sight of so many Nordic Tugs all docked stern in, took a stroll down the dock and commented on how neat the boats were.

2008 NW RENDEZVOUS

June 19-22, 2008 are the dates of the Northwest Nordic Tug Rendezvous to be held in Port Townsend, WA, at the Hudson Point Marina.

Editor's note: Be sure to check the Nordic Tugs web site to register for the rendezvous in your area of the country.

<http://www.nordictugs.com/event.s.cfm?showNav=news>

San Francisco Bay Area Nordic Tug Association Rendezvous

13 Nordic Tugs gathered at Coyote Point Yacht Club for SFBANTA's 7th Annual Rendezvous on May 17-20, 2007. The Rendezvous program included presentations, roundtable discussions, vessel safety inspections, contests and raffles. But there was ample time for tuggers to socialize, exchange stories and just "hang out" on the boats.

We were most fortunate to have Jerry and Nancy Husted as our honored guests. Jerry talked about the history of Nordic Tugs, an intriguing story that many owners had never heard. He also brought the latest news from the factory, including the development of the new NT 47.

Nancy regaled us with the remarkable story of her adventures rowing a dory from Seattle, WA to Ketchikan, AK. Other presentations included earthquake safety, navigating the ever-windy "South Bay" and cruising to Southeast Alaska.

Useful information interspersed with "war stories" made for lively roundtable discussions. Subjects ranged from anchoring and mooring techniques, to head repair, to the new 5-bladed "anti-cavitation" Nordic Tug propeller.

It was difficult to choose from among the dozens of clever items that were submitted for the annual "Tug Tweaks" contest. But ultimately, the winners were Scotty & Carol Scott for their "keyed" laptop stand (pictured) and TV/DVD stand, both cleverly designed to "stay put" in rough water.

Galley skills shined as delectable hors d'oeuvres emerged from the tugs each evening, and again at the Sunday pot-luck breakfast. These were complemented by the wonderful food and beverages provided by Cook's Catering and CPYC.

On Sunday, SFBANTA members held our first annual meeting and elected Scotty Scott President, Bud Sheble Secretary, and Cathy Robie Treasurer for the 2007-2008 term. Up to 4 additional directors will be selected.



2008 SFBANTA Rendezvous

Planning is underway for the 2008 San Francisco Bay Area Rendezvous which will be held at Rio Vista, May 16-18, with boats expected to begin arriving on the 15th.

Contact us at info@sfbanta.org and please visit our website www.sfbanta.org

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another controller for your "spares" locker. Hope this will prevent you and your first mate from doing the welded windlass shuffle in your jammies. Let someone else entertain the fleet.

Alan Smith, OMEGA, 32-234 reports: I use **Rain-X** in my washer fluid on the tug and the car. It is a product made specifically for windshield washers. I think it is an ounce of Rain-X to a gallon of water. Really helps keep the salt from cruding the glass. It's available at Wal-Mart stores' auto dept. Beats the heck out of the "rub on" style Rain-X.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

If you haven't sent any money during 2007, please send in your donation of \$10 – or more if you feel generous. Please make checks out to Charles E. Billings. Printing costs and postage for your newsletter add up quickly. Please let me know about address changes, as well as changes in boat names, ownership names, homeports, phone numbers, E-mail addresses, etc. If you had a change, send the information by E-mail to: ceb@oz.net or by "snail mail" (US Postal Service) to:

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Please check the fleet list for accuracy. There are many tugs listed by "Hull Number", some of which I have names of owners but not the name of the tug, or an E-mail address/USPS address to contact the owner(s). Please let me know the name and home port of your tug if yours is listed by "Hull Number". Any suggestions, changes, additions or comments regarding your newsletter are solicited and welcome. Just send me an E-mail or if you're not "on-line" use the mailing address noted above.

And the winner is:

George Knapp, ELLIE BELLE, NT32-189, of Brooklin, ME, correctly identified the lighthouse photo in the Spring 2007 issue of your newsletter as **Nobska Light**, at Woods Hole, on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. His prize is on its way. Thank you to all who entered the "contest".

FALL CONTEST

Can you correctly identify the lighthouse photo to the right? If so, E-mail your answer to ceb@oz.net. Don't forget to include your name and mailing address. All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a valuable prize, yet to be determined.

BUY, SELL, TRADE

Herb Nickles, SNORRI (37-049) sent a reminder that there is a **FOR SALE** page on the SENTOA website. There are currently eight Nordic Tugs listed for sale by SENTOA members – check the Sentoa website at: www.sentoa.org/for_sale.html for more great buys. If you have a Nordic Tug (or major accessories) for sale and you want to list it on the SENTOA website, please contact him at: captain@allhandsandthecook.com

FOR SALE: OMEGA, 32-234 Nordic Tugs 32+ one owner, bought new 2/3/04 Fly Bridge/ two helm stations, Bimini top, 270 Cummins (1000 hours) 2.2 gph at cruise. Full Raymarine nav suite, sonar, gps, radar, chart plotter, autopilot/remote. Two air conditioners, diesel furnace, electric heater, hot water, shower, Corian counter tops, freezer and refrigerator Northern Lights gen set with 381 hours 2000 watt inverter, 4 new house batteries. Island bed. Microwave oven. Propane oven and stove. 1 ¼" Rails, Tigress lofrans windlass. 200 ft of chain. Bruce anchor plus fortress style. Hard bottom dingy w/ 8 ½ hp yamaha (10 hours).. Tank tender. Flat TV and wired for cable. AM/FM CD player and Bose speakers. Canvas covers for pilot house windows and doors. MUCH MORE. Ready to loop! Tug located in Little Harbor, Florida. Contact Alan at omega32@earthlink.net Asking \$225,000

FOR SALE: Mistral 26-089 is an exceptional 1984 tug, with extensive functional and cosmetic upgrades. \$89,000. Details and pictures at: www.pbase.com/mrogoza/nordic_26. Call Mike Rogoza at 360-352-4270 or E-mail at rogoza1@comcast.net



DEALER NEWS

Wilde Yacht Sales, located on the waterfront of Essex Harbor, in Essex, CT, is beginning its 8th year of success as the New England dealer for Nordic Tugs.

Following three major boat shows, FALL is a very busy time at this office with an annual open house featuring rides on the 32', 37 and 42' 2008 Nordic Tugs. Several of the sea trials had 12 prospector tuggers aboard as well as 2 sales team members during this 3-day event.

The recent completion of a new office building on the waterfront next to the Lighthouse gives the dealership three additional offices for sales staff. The Lighthouse, also Wilde Yacht Sales offices, will get new cedar siding and windows before winter. The 2nd floor of the light house features a showroom where buyers can select carpets, upholstery, blinds and accessories for their Nordic Tug.

The Nordic Tugs at the Wilde docks as well as some wintered in the parking lot will be decorated with wreaths, roping and lights for the holiday season. The highlight for everyone of a holiday visit to Essex is the annual Trees in the Rigging Parade, November 25. One of the 30 boats registered for this year's parade is **Nordic Tug 32-295 "Isle of Barra"**.

The offices are staffed all year, Monday through Saturday, 9 to 4, and Sundays by appointment. Visit us on the web at: www.wildeyachts.com

Bay Breeze Yacht Sales is rolling into FALL 2007 after completing the late summer and early fall boat show circuit. Bay Breeze attended the Michigan City Boat Show and displayed the first 2008 Nordic Tug 42 to hit the Great Lakes. We also participated in the Sandusky Cedar Point show, Metro Beach show and the Grand Haven show over the period of two weeks. We've been busy! We are looking forward to the off season boat

shows and planning the **2008 Great Lakes Rendezvous** scheduled to take place the third weekend of **June**, at a destination yet to be determined.

SkipperCress Yacht Sales

As a Nordic Tug dealer, the high point of our season has to have been the 2007 Northwest Nordic Tug Owners' Rendezvous. Thanks to the skills, dedication and tireless efforts of a great Rendezvous committee (to whom I owe an eternal debt of gratitude!), we had one of the most successful events I've ever been privileged to attend.

While I couldn't begin to describe the entire 'vous in detail without taking up way too much of your newsletter, suffice it to say that with 75 Nordic Tugs on the guest dock at Roche Harbor Resort, and over 200 people in attendance, it was truly an event to remember! As always, it was a tremendous family event (4 generations of my family were present on 3 Nordic Tugs!) with children, grand-children, pets and old friends having a weekend of fun, food and great learning opportunities; truly the Nordic Tugs phenomenon at it's finest! Thanks to all who helped (committee members, sponsors and volunteers) and all who attended.

As I stood on the dock admiring such a great gathering of Tugs, one of our long-time friends and Tug owners asked if it made me feel proud. Truth was, and is, pride never entered the picture. The overwhelming emotions then as now, were humility and tremendous gratitude that so many families would allow us to share in their dreams. Thank you!!

Although anti-climactic by comparison, we also had a great season including Trawler Fest, the Boats Afloat Show, the Victoria Inner Harbor Show in BC, CANADA, and the Anacortes Boat Show. Together with the great support of our Tug family, these have all resulted in the most successful season of our 14 years in business. Thank You!!

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the need for association dues and all the associated bookkeeping chores. The lobster/steak/sword/vegetarian dinners were served under a big tent harborside with the traditional firing of the cannon, moment of silence, and the lowering of the flag at sunset

Friday morning, after a full buffet breakfast, Jim McCrea (North Star, 37-134) held a captain's briefing explaining mooring availability in Hamburg Cove. Later that morning, 18 tugs went to the cove for a relaxing afternoon of swimming and kayaking, getting ready for the 5 o'clock BYOB cocktail party on Ben Wilde's host boat.

Fair weather continued on Saturday, and six tugs left the sleepy cove for an apres rendezvous cruise to Three Mile Harbor on Long Island-and beyond.

A NordicTug rendezvous is more than the sum of its parts. It is a gathering of self-sufficient, independent people who share a love of boats and cruising. Many tuggers are life-long sailors with years of expertise who enjoy sharing their knowledge with like-minded boaters. We are a talented bunch with a stay-young, adventure-loving attitude mixed with a healthy respect for the sea. Come to our rendezvous next July and catch the spirit!

-Ruth Jansson, NENTOA Newsletter Editor

Odds & Ends

Jim Moore, RILEY, 37-085, reports: When anchoring our 37, I always felt comfortable with available battery capacity and took no pains to reduce 12v loads overnight. Actually, I felt it was beneficial to deep cycle batteries to give them a little exercise. With anchor light on, house lights, fridge, interior step lights for safety, LPG regulator, etc., I always felt that starting the generator first thing would ensure satisfactory battery reserve to begin the day, notwithstanding the inverter remote always

showed the battery state as mid-range or on rare occasions in the "red" zone.

On a recent morning, with the genset running to top off batteries and power the reverse cycle heaters, main diesel running, I started the windlass to weigh anchor. When I released the switch momentarily to wash down the anchor chain the windlass did not stop. I tapped the foot switch a couple times and it kept running. Doesn't take long to realize you have a problem. I ducked back in the wheelhouse, switched off the windlass breaker on the 12v panel and it kept running so I charged down the steps to switch off the breaker on the starboard side of the bunk and it stopped. My wife and I managed to retrieve the anchor with her operating the breaker and me tapping my foot on the deck to indicate start/stop.

I called Dan Hilsinger at Nordic Tugs and he said it was either the windlass controller or a brush "hung up" on the windlass motor. He referred me to Imtra and I explained my problem to the Imtra tech. He started out by saying if battery voltage is low it can cause the contacts in the controller to weld together, notwithstanding the alternator on the main diesel and the charger in the inverter, powered by the genset were in operation. Pretty well described my situation so when at a dock I went back under the bunk (after disconnecting the fwd battery cables), removed the controller, disassembled it and, voila, the contacts had welded together. They came apart readily (actually while I was disassembling it) and I reversed the moveable contact so the welds did not mate, reassembled it and everything worked fine. Imtra tech had said the surface imperfection around the weld would probably cause it to happen again so I did order a new controller.

Lesson learned; when at anchor, switch off all but necessary 12v loads, top off the batteries as late as possible, and bring the batteries up to full voltage in the morning before operating the windlass. You'd probably do well to order

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The President's Corner

What an exciting year!! The high points include our first "CE Certified" Nordic Tug going to our first "over-seas" dealer, (who sold it on the first day of their first boat show showing Nordic Tugs!), 2 new buildings and an entirely new model (the exciting new 49' Nordic Tug) being developed.

Our new dealer in England, Nordic Tugs UK, will be representing us not only in the UK, but in Western Europe, as well. Their first show involving a Nordic Tug was the Southampton Show (England's largest) held September 15th thru 24th. As mentioned above, they sold their first Tug early on the first day of the show. Buyer #2 was somewhat dismayed when buyer #1 made his decision, so he followed suit before the show was over, resulting in an order for a "sold 37" to be delivered ASAP. I attended the show personally, and was happily amazed at the great response to Nordic Tugs in that end of the world.

We also have new export markets in the early development stages in Australia and New Zealand. These should become real in the next few months.

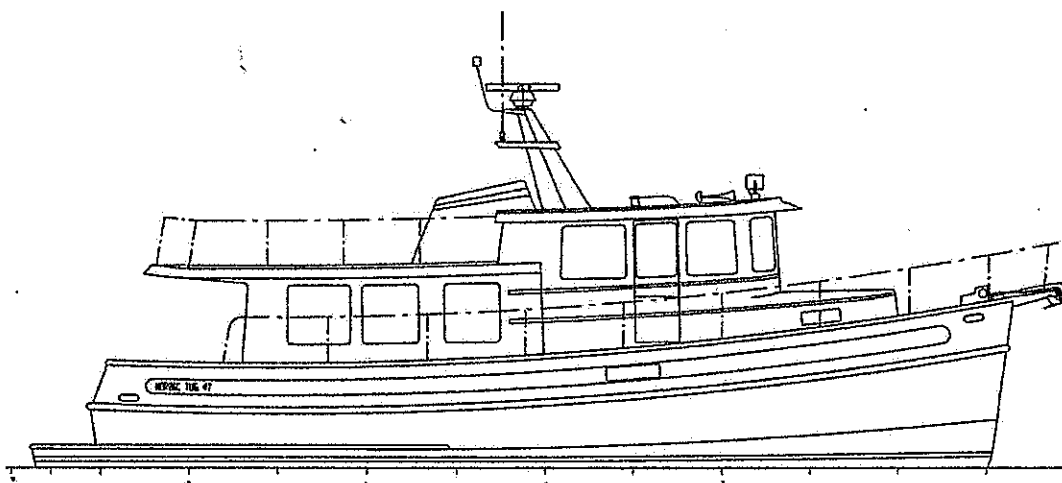
Another major project this year has been the completion of 2 new buildings:

a 7,500 square foot addition to our lamination facility and a new 30,000 square foot assembly building, which can only be inadequately described as "world class". The addition to the lam-shop is in full operation, and we have begun moving in to the new assembly building. The first Tug to move in for completion is Nordic Tug # 54-07. Yes, 54; it's a long story.

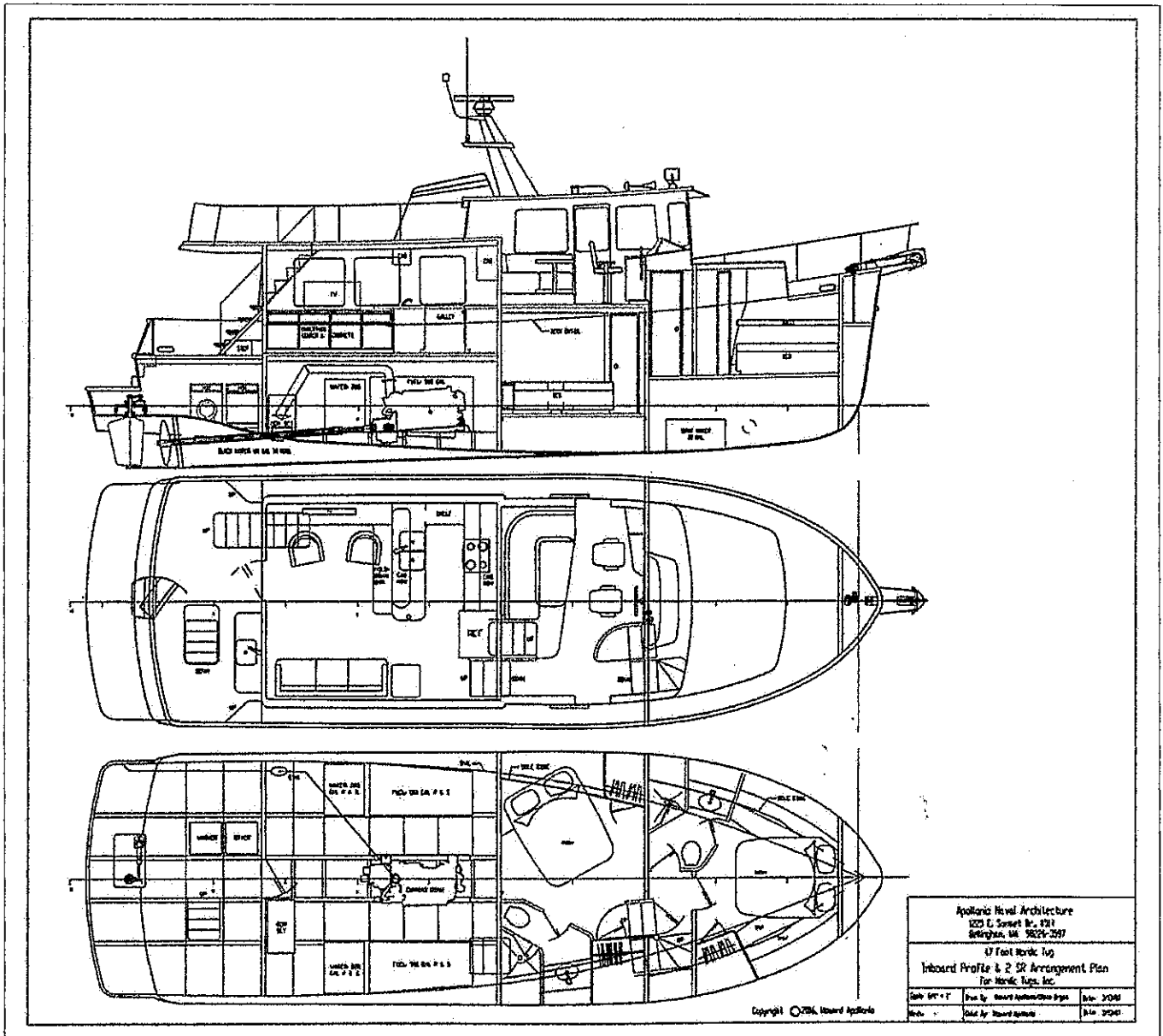
And the news many of you have been awaiting, our new 49' Nordic Tug is progressing nicely. The hull mold is scheduled to deliver to Nordic Tugs during the 1st week of November. We have the "plug" for the deck finishing up at our own shop right now, and construction of the deck mold should begin in the next few weeks. God willing, this should all lead to completion and launching of the first 49 Nordic Tug in late May or early June of 2008. A preliminary plan and profile is shown below and on the next pages. Please note, "PRELIMINARY" means just that; subject to interpretation (ours) and change!

Thanks for another great year! Happy Tuggin!

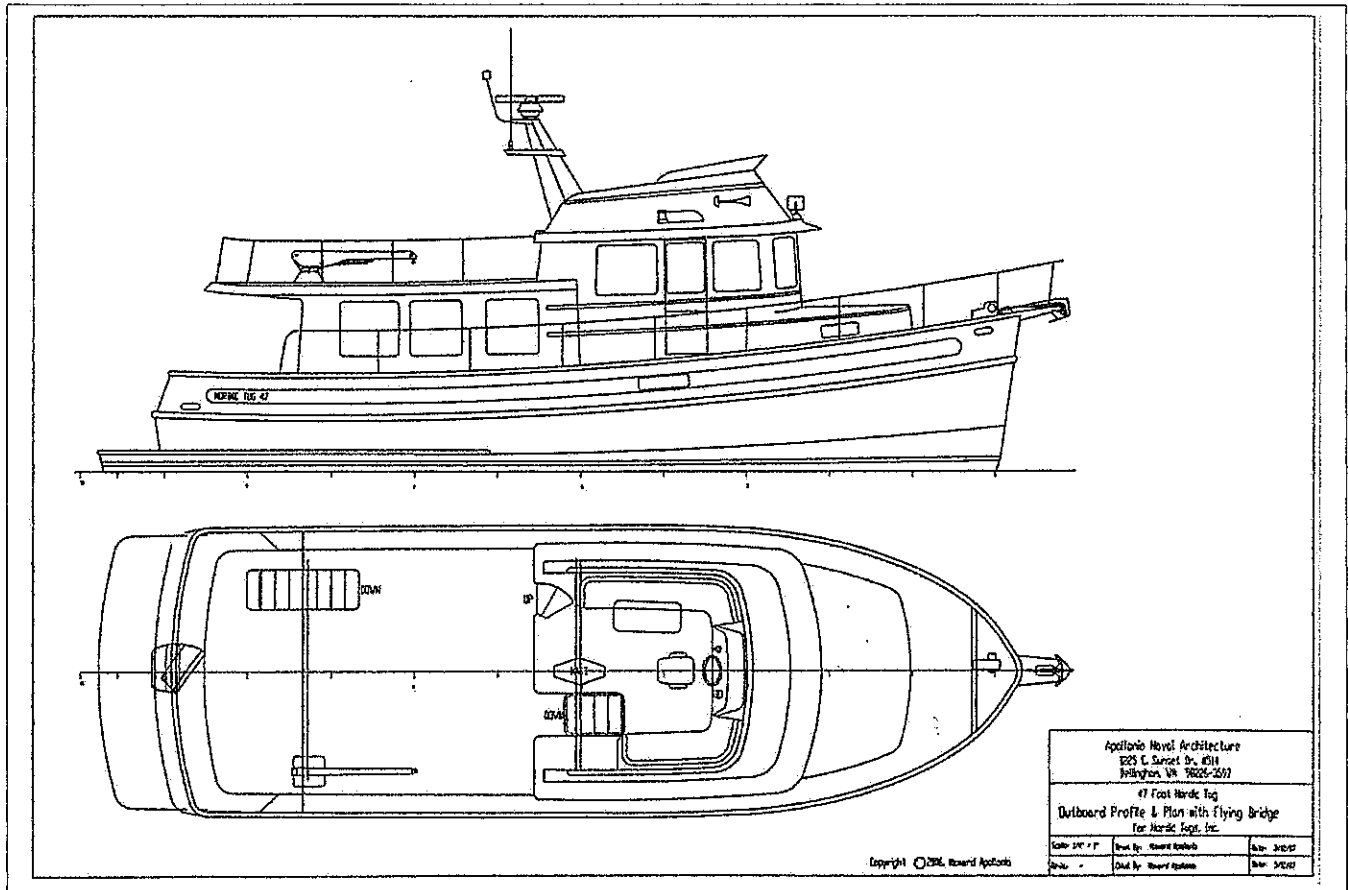
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49' Nordic Tug – PRELIMINARY Inboard Profile & 2 Stateroom Arrangement Plan



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49' Nordic Tug – PRELIMINARY Outboard Profile & Plan with Flying Bridge



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