



S.W. Boatworks

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NORTHEAST

Maine yard introduces labor-saving device; boatbuilder is under the gun to build 46-footer

By Michael Crowley

S.W. BOATWORKS in Lamoine, Maine, is finishing off two 44' x 17' 6" Calvins as offshore lobster boats. One will be the first boat rigged with an electronic valve-switching system to control flooding and dewatering in the lobster tanks. It was the idea of S.W. Boatworks owner Stewart Workman and is, he says, "the only one that I know of."

"It's convenient," Workman adds, because the switching is done from the wheelhouse, instead of having the sternman "go down there and hanging over the engine, with loose gear on, turning valves on and off."

That Calvin 44 is going to a midcoast Maine fisherman. The other is for a lobsterman on Maine's Cranberry Island. Both boats will have a 750-hp John Deer for power.

The most recent launching at S.W. Boatworks was another Calvin 44. That was the Deborah Ann for Ted and Deb Christie on Westport Island. The Deborah Ann went in

the water in November and like the two Calvin 44s currently under construction has a 750-hp John Deere, which pushed the Deborah Ann up to 24 knots.

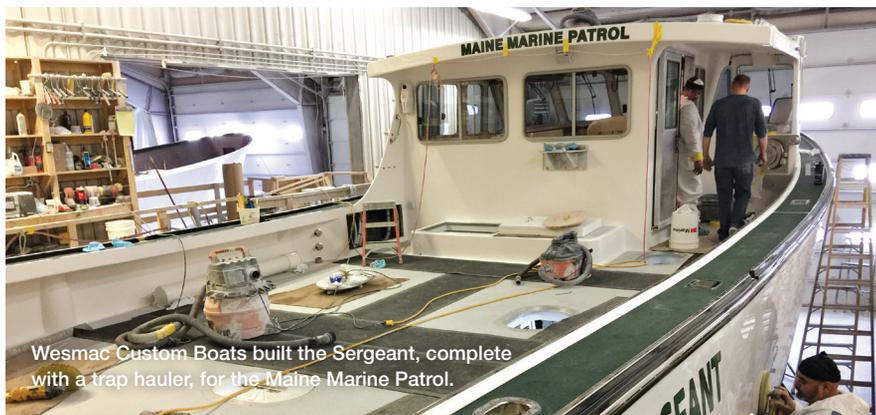
S.W. Boatworks has sent a few boats to fishermen outside of Maine. A 42' x 15' Calvin went down to North Carolina to be finished off for a crab fisherman. "That's the first 42 for crabbing," says Workman. Another 42 Calvin hull and top went to Stock Island, Fla.,

for lobstering. And a few years ago, a 34' x 13' Calvin went to Alaska for the salmon fishery.

As soon as S.W. Boatworks finishes the 44 Calvin going to midcoast Maine, the crew will start on the boatyard's first 48-footer. She's for a Vinalhaven, Maine, lobsterman and will be powered with a 1,000-hp C18 Cat.

It's not the largest hull offered at S.W. Boatworks. That would be a 50-footer. The first one is currently being finished off in Boothbay with a 900 Scania. Both the 48 and the 50 are stretched versions of the Calvin 44. The extra length is added in the middle of the hull. "I don't add onto the stern," Workman says.

The building bays at **WESMAC CUSTOM BOATS** in Surry, Maine, have a variety of fisheries-related boats under construction, including lobster boats, a tuna boat, research



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