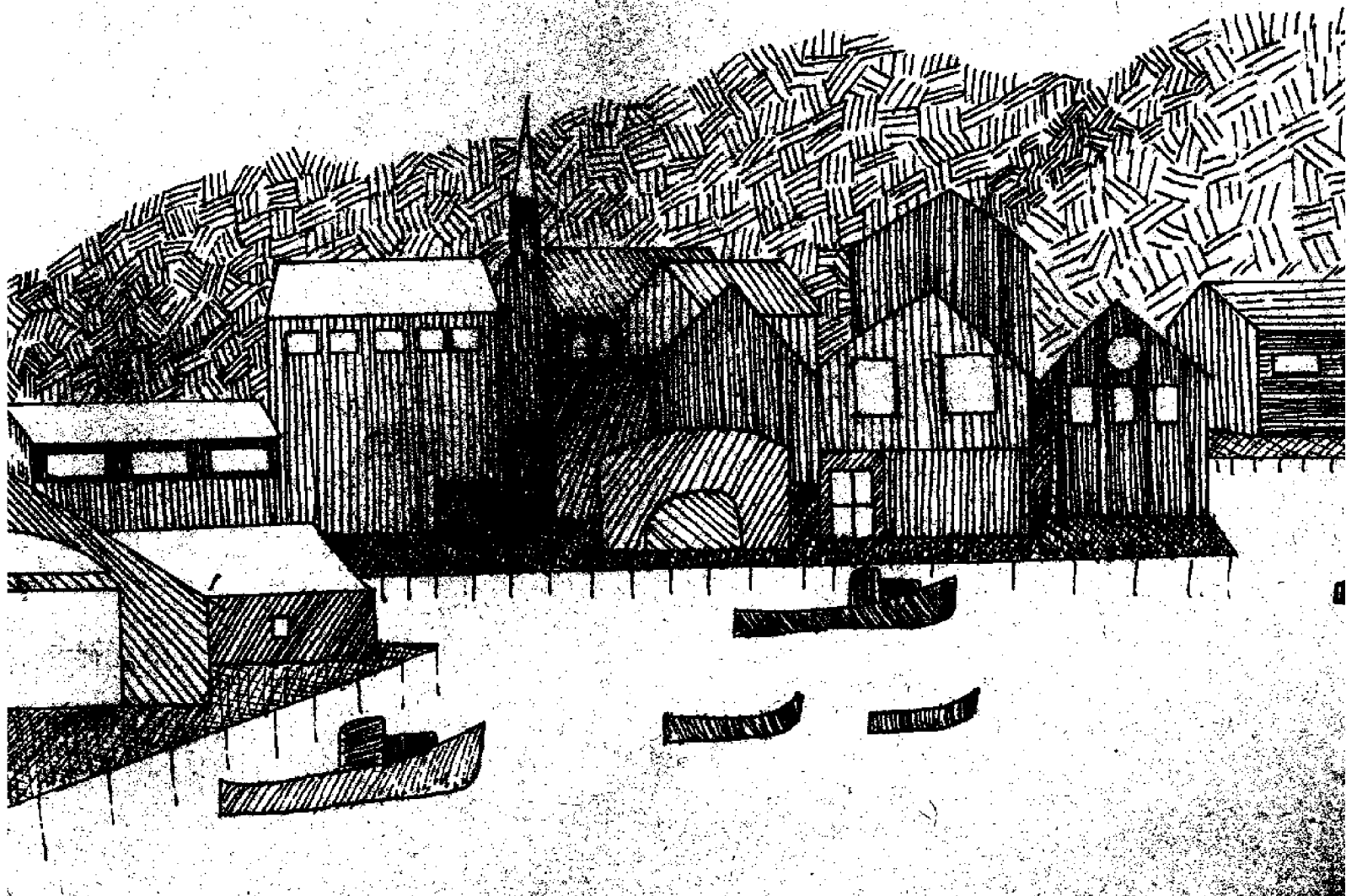




# *A Guide to Boat Builders of the Coast of Maine*

Coastal Resource Center, Inc.  
Bar Harbor, Maine

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## INTRODUCTION

The boat building industry of Maine plays a strong and important role in the coastal economy. The industry provides jobs directly to approximately 2500 people and indirectly to thousands of others. In addition the industry supplies the fishing industry with the vessels necessary to take full advantage of Maine's marine resources.

It is because of this latter economic role that the Coastal Resource Center has undertaken the project of inventorying the boat building and repair facilities of Maine. The knowledge generated in this process will be of interest to boat builders themselves, but more than that, it will help Coastal Resource Center evaluate the present and future potential of the boat building industry. Such an evaluation will be useful to the policy makers in state government who are attempting to assure that Maine people see long-term benefits from the new 200-mile limit legislation.

Thus far several steps have been taken in the project. First, to assess the boat builders' potential to produce large numbers of vessels with greater versatility, we needed to identify the present builders and their repair facilities. We started with the lists of the Maine Boatbuilders and Repairers Association and expanded them. Next we sent a questionnaire (see Appendix I) to 110 firms to ascertain basic information on size of vessels built, materials used and average number of employees. From this data we were able to draw some preliminary conclusions.

This guide is a graphic compilation of the information gathered to date. The builders are grouped according to county and by predominant materials used in construction. In addition to the addresses of each facility, preliminary information is listed on the size and capacity of the yard. Information was gathered by phone and by direct interviews. Accuracy has been of prime concern, but where necessary, estimates or interpolations have been used.

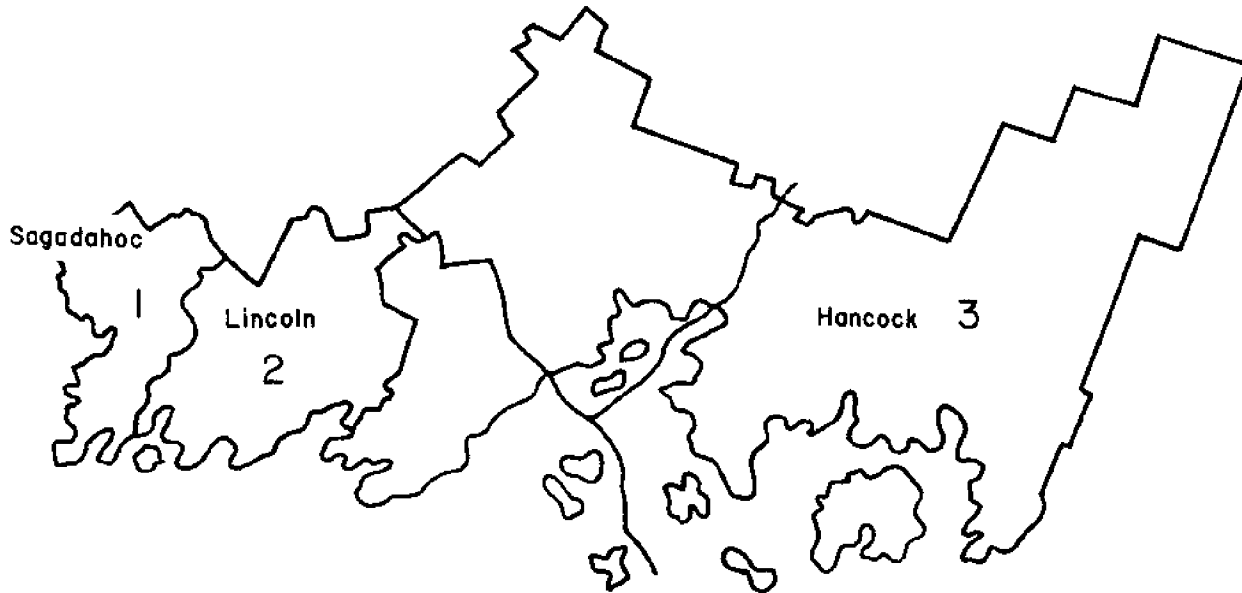
The boat builders and repairers of Maine have been most responsive. We have learned a great deal from them, and their willingness to co-operate has made the project successful in this first step. The next stage will include follow-up interviews using materials developed under a grant from the Maine State Planning Office. A second volume of this guide will serve as a report on those findings.

Because this guide is being published before the project is completed, the Coastal Resource Center and Sea Grant are most interested in having errors or omissions noted. Please write:

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# Commercial Boat Builders, Steel & Aluminum

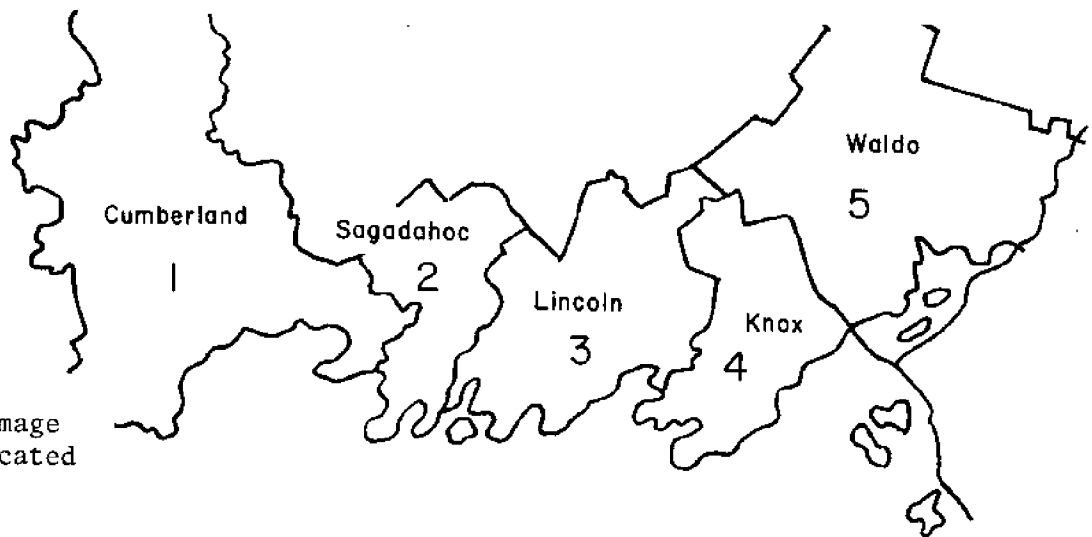


LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats*
<b>1</b>			
Bath Iron Works, Inc. E. A. Stover, Sales Mgr. 700 Washington St. Bath 04530 Tel. 443-3311	100+	4+	300+

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>2</b>			
Eastern Shipbuilding Corp. E. B. Colby, Plant Mgr. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel. 633-3970	51-100	4+	230
Gamage, Harvey F. Shipbuilders, Inc. L. J. Kelsey, Off. Mgr. Shipyards Road South Bristol 04568 Tel. 644-8181	20	2-4	150
Goudy & Stevens F. H. Cummings, Jr. East Boothbay 04544 Tel. 633-3521	16	5	150
Hodgdon Brothers East Boothbay 04544 Tel. 633-4363	20-40	4	150
Luke, Paul E., Inc. A. F. Luke, V.P. Ocean Point 04544 Tel. 633-4971	21-50	4+	75

<b>3</b>			
Southwest Boat Corp. Clark Point Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-5525	21-50	1-4	145

\* max. size boats, figures represent over-all length in feet

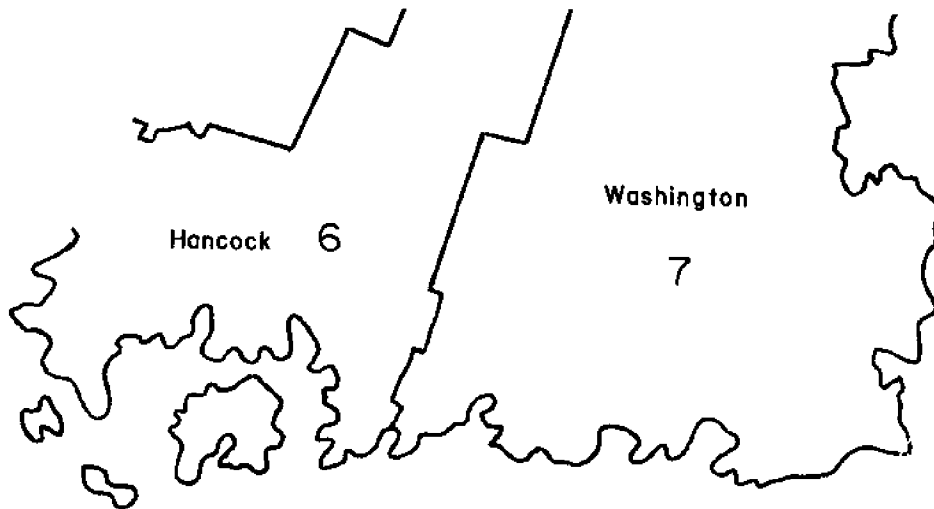


Correction: Harvey F. Gamage Shipbuilders, Inc. is located in Lincoln County (#3)

# Commercial Boat

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>1</b>			
Even Keel Marine Spec. A. Ross, Partner State Road Yarmouth 04096 Tel: 846-5718	3-5	4+	55
Fraser, John F. Co. North Windham 04062 Tel: 892-4769	6-10	4+	55
Gamage, Harvey F. Shipbuilders, Inc. I. J. Kelsey, Off. Mgr. Shipyard Road South Bristol 04568 Tel: 644-8181	20	2-4	150
<b>2</b>			
Wallace Marina & Bt. Yd. RFD 2, Box 264 Brunswick 04011 Tel: 729-1556	1-2	2-4	40
<b>3</b>			
Atlantic Boat Works 65 Atlantic Ave. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-4033	6-10	2-4	55
Goudy & Stevens F. H. Cummings, Jr. East Boothbay 04544 Tel: 633-3521	16	5	150
Jones, J. Ervin Co. Murray Hill Road East Boothbay 04544 Tel: 633-2824	1-2	1-	40

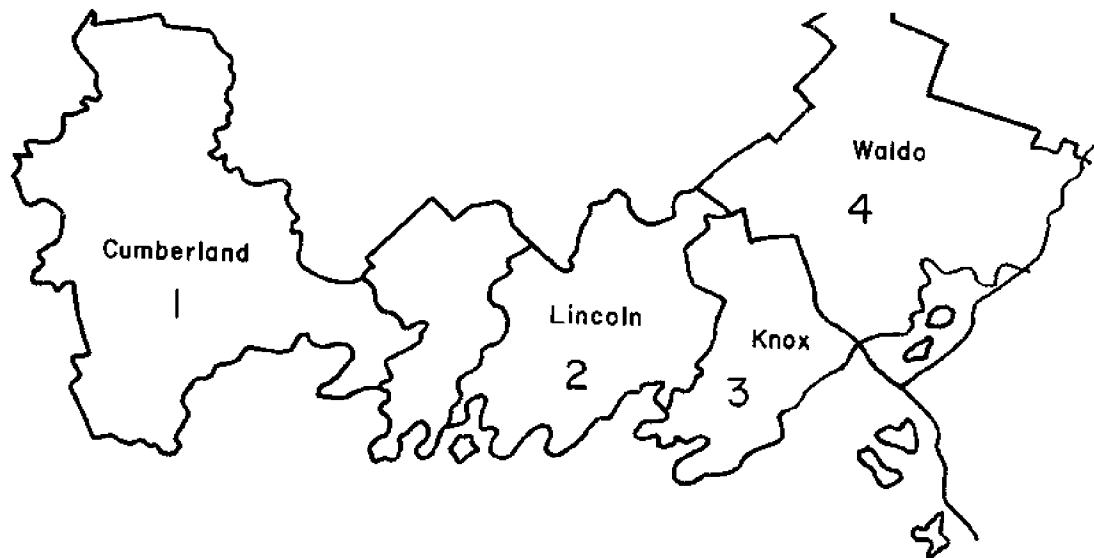
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Muscongus Marina & Bldg. Muscongus Road Bremen Tel: 529-5357	3-5	4+	40
Reed's Shpyd. J. C. Marsh, Mgr. 55 Atlantic Ave. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-5581	6-10	2-4	45
Rittall, Chetley A. Co. Union St. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-4250	3	1	60
<b>4</b>			
Lash Bros. Bt. Yd., Inc. W. C. Lash, Pres. Martin's Point Road Friendship 04547 Tel: 832-7048	4	4	40
Morse Boatbuilding Co. E. R. Morse Water Street Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-6303	3-5	2-4	75
Wallace, R.L. & Sons H. E. Newbert Thomaston 04861 Tel:	11-20	4+	135
Hopkin's Bt. Yd. Inc. West Main St. Vinalhaven 04863 Tel: 863-2551	4	1-2	37
Brown, J.O. & Son, Inc. J. E. Brown, Pres. North Haven 04853 Tel: 867-4621	6-10	1-2	43



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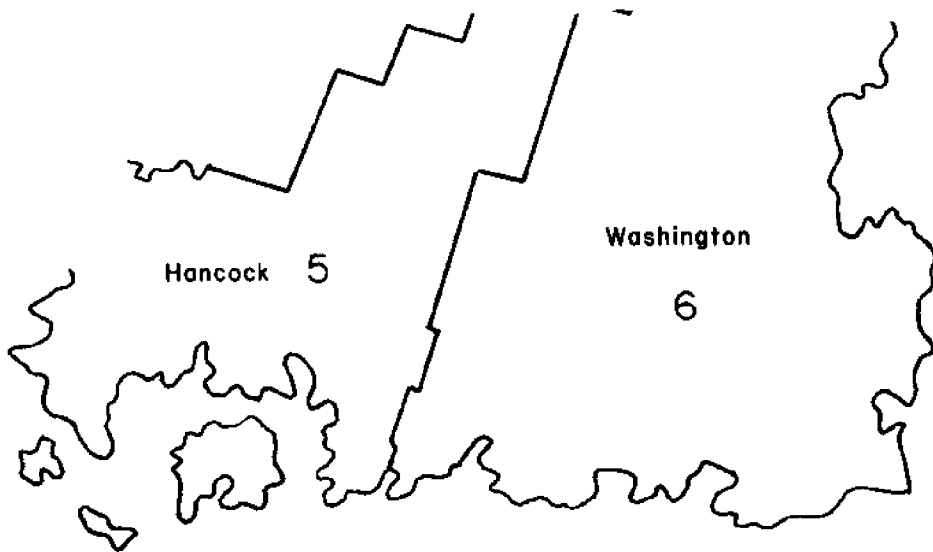
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Georges Riverboat Bldg. & Repair B. F. Day, Owner Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-2465	3-5	1-2	45
Lehtinen Boat Shop Wharf Tenants Harbor 04860 Tel: 372-6327	6	2-4	38
<b>5</b>			
Dark Harbor Bt. Yd. Corp. C. D. Creelman, Agent Box 196 Islesboro 04848 Tel: 734-2246	11-20	1-4	20
<b>6</b>			
Billings Diesel & Marine Service Stonington 04681 Tel: 367-2328	21-50	4+	55
Brooklin Boat Yard J. M. White, Owner Brooklin 04616 Tel: 359-2236	6-10	2-4	55
Bunker, Raymond Ellis, Ralph Manset 04656 Tel: 244-3294	2	2	40
Bass Harbor Boat Corp. R. F. Rich, Pres. Bernard 04612 Tel: 244-3514	6-10	2-4	60
James H. Rich West Tremont Tel: 244-3208	3	2-4	43

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
6 cont'd			
L & H Enterprises L. S. Wilbur, Owner Box 188 Manset 04656 Tel: 244-5000	6-10	4+	40
Seal Cove Boat Yard Inc. Cape Rosier Road Harborside 04642 Tel: 326-4422	3-5	4+	40
Ronald Rich Herrick Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-5489	1	1	40
Southwest Boat Corp. Clark Point Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-5525	21-50	1-4	60
Stanley, Ralph W. Inc. Clark Point Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-3795	6-10	1+	40
<b>7</b>			
Osmond's Boat Shop Beals 04611 Tel: 497-5993	2	1-	40
Beal, Mariner R. & Son Beals 04611 Tel: 497-2306	1-2	1-2	30



# Commercial Boat

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats	LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>1</b>				3 cont'd			
Fraser, John F. Co. North Windham 04062 Tel: 892-4769	6-10	4+	55	North End Marine & Fiberglass Eng., Inc. P.O. Box 342 Rockland 04841 Tel:	11-20	2-4	40
Merrill, Fred II Inc. 187 Sawyer St. South Portland 04106 Tel: 799-1541	6-10 (has lobster traps does repairs)	2	65	Georges Riverboat Building & Repair B. F. Day, Owner Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-2465	3-5	1-2	45
The Pointer Corp. W. R. Legge Littlejohn Island Yarmouth 04096 Tel: 829-5248	3-5	17	20	Lehtinen Boat Shop Wharf Tenants Harbor 04860 Tel: 372-6327	6	2-4	38
<b>2</b>				<b>4</b>			
Atlantic Boat Works R. N. Fish 65 Atlantic Ave. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-4033	6-10	2-4	55	Holland's Boat Shop Mill Lane Belfast 04915 Tel: 338-3155	2	1-2	31-40
Coastal Plastics H. A. Farmer, Pres. E. Boothbay Harbor 04544 Tel: 633-2729	6-10	4	33	<b>5</b>			
Reed's Shipyard J. C. Marsh, Mgr. 55 Atlantic Ave. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-5581	6-10	2-4	45	Blue Hill Marine D. W. McGraw, Owner E. Blue Hill 04629 Tel: 374-9967	8	1 (building & repair)	40
<b>3</b>				Brooklin Boat Yard J. M. White, Owner Brooklin 04616 Tel: 359-2236	6-10	2-4	55
Morse Boatbuilding Co. E. R. Morse Water St. Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-6303	3-5	2-4	75	L & H Enterprises L. S. Wilbur Manset 04656 Tel: 244-5000	6-10	4+	46



## Builders, Fiberglass

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
5 cont'd			
Duffy & Duffy Boats No. Brooklin 04661 Tel:	1-2	1-2	40
Newman, Jarvis W. Co. Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-3860	3-5	1-2	46
Reinforced Plastics Co. H. W. Lothrop, Pres. East Sullivan 04632 Tel: 546-2220	10	4+	30
Rich, James H. Boatyard West Tremont 04690 Tel: 244-3208	3	2-4	43
Seal Cove Boat Yard Inc. Cape Rosier Road Harborside 04642 Tel: 326-4422	3-5	4+	40
Young Brothers Co., Inc. 11 Cranberry Point Road Corea 04624 Tel:	3-5	2-4	40
Webber's Cove Boat Yard J. D. Cousins, Pres. E. Blue Hill Road P.O. Box 3 E. Blue Hill 04629 Tel:	6-10	2-4	40
Williams, John Co. Hall Quarry Tel: 244-7854	11-20	4+	55
Lyford Stanley Bass Harbor 04653 Tel: 244-3378	2	1	40

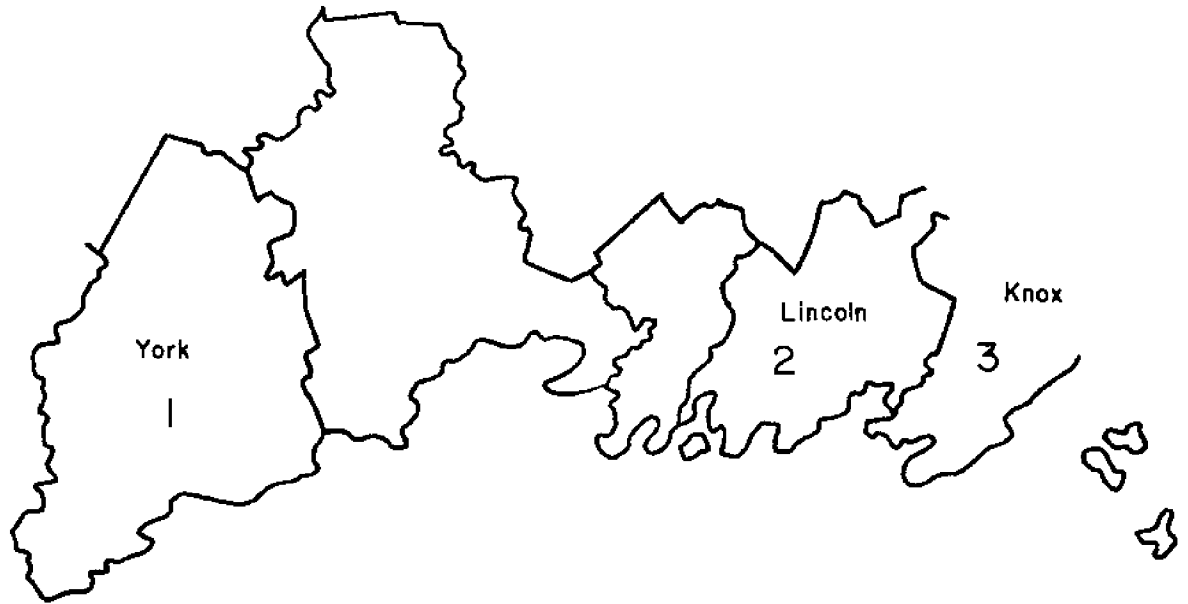
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Passamaquoddy Yacht Co. 3-5 2-4 24  
G. S. Harris, Pres.  
RFD  
Eastport 04631  
Tel: 853-2826

### Somerset

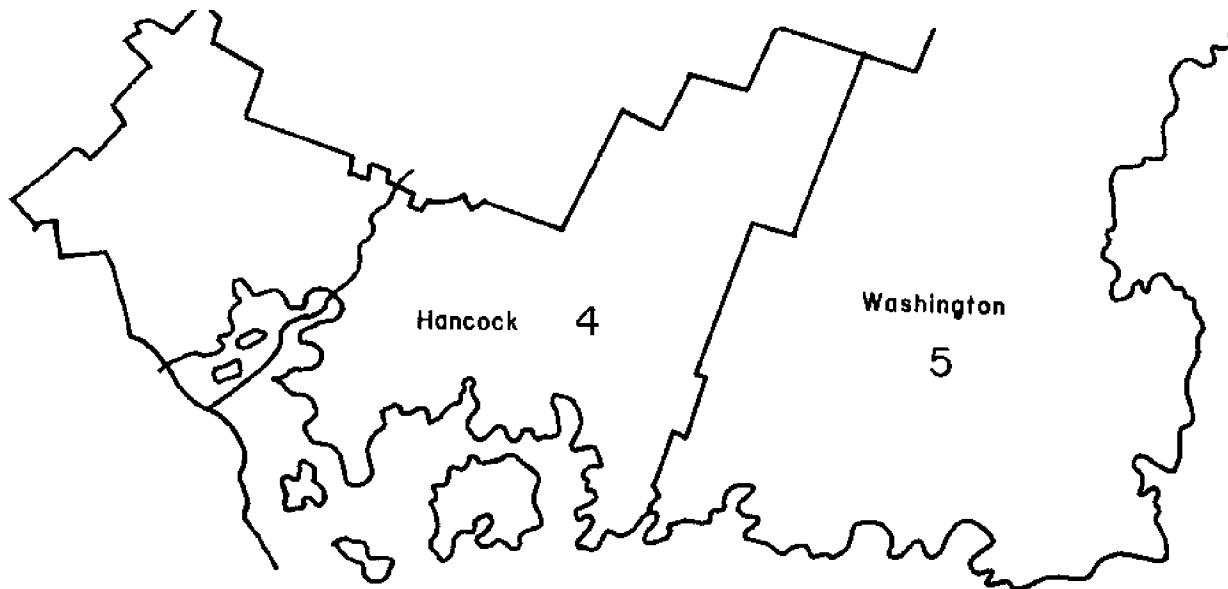
Corson Boat Co. 3-5 1-2 20  
9 Houghton St.  
Madison 04950  
Tel: 696-4210



## Pleasure Boat

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats	LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>1</b>				<b>3</b>			
Rumery's Boatyard, Inc. E. R. Rumery 109 Cleaves St. Biddeford 04005 Tel: 282-0408	11-20	2-4	55 (also fiberglass, ferrocement)	Lee's Boat Shop, Inc. O. L. Nielson, Mgr. Winter St. Rockland 04841 Tel: 594-7215	6-10	1-2	100
<b>2</b>				Penobscot Boat Works Inc. A. E. Rheault, Pres. Rockport 04856 Tel: 236-2761	6-10	1+	75
Hard Aground Boatyard Box 217 Medomak 04551 Tel: 529-5349	1-2	2-4	40	Rockport Marine, Inc. N. and L. Allen Town Landing Rockport 04856 Tel: 236-2330	3-5	1-2	55
Reed's Shipyard J. C. Marsh, Mgr. 55 Atlantic Ave. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-5581	6-10	2-4	45	Guild, S. E. Water St. Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-2309	1-2	2	28
Shew & Burnham, Inc. W. D. Shew South Bristol 04568 Tel:	1-2	4+	20				
Roth Corp., Boatbuilders N. Roth Westport 04578 Tel: 882-6938	3-5	2-4	40				
Riverside Boat Company P. Bryant Newcastle 04533 Tel: 563-3398	3	2-4	40				
Robinhood Marina Inc. Robinhood 04530 Tel: 443-5006	11-20	4+	55				

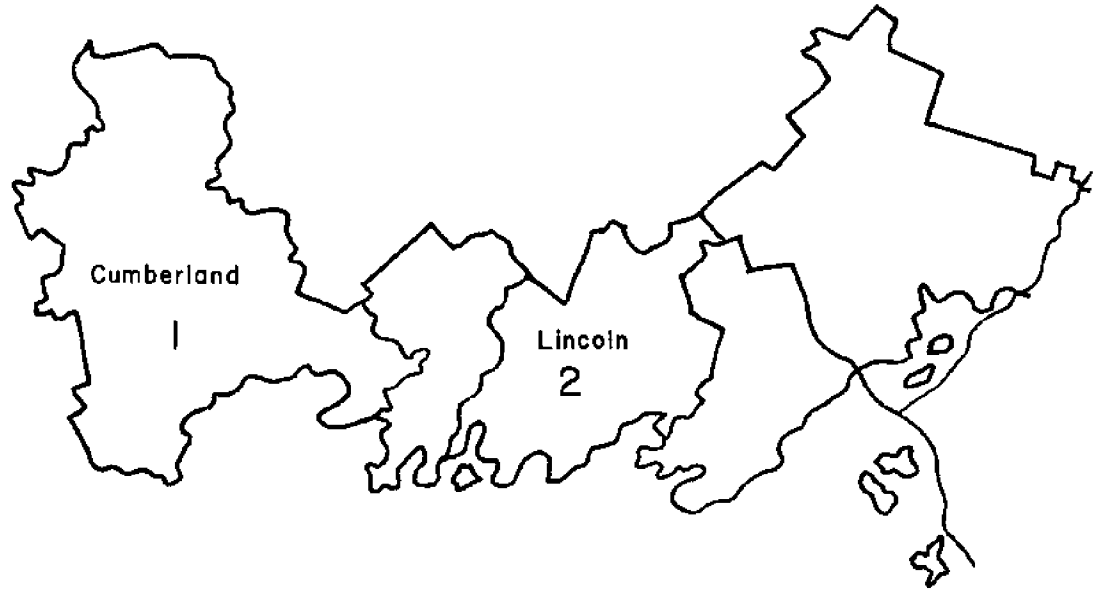




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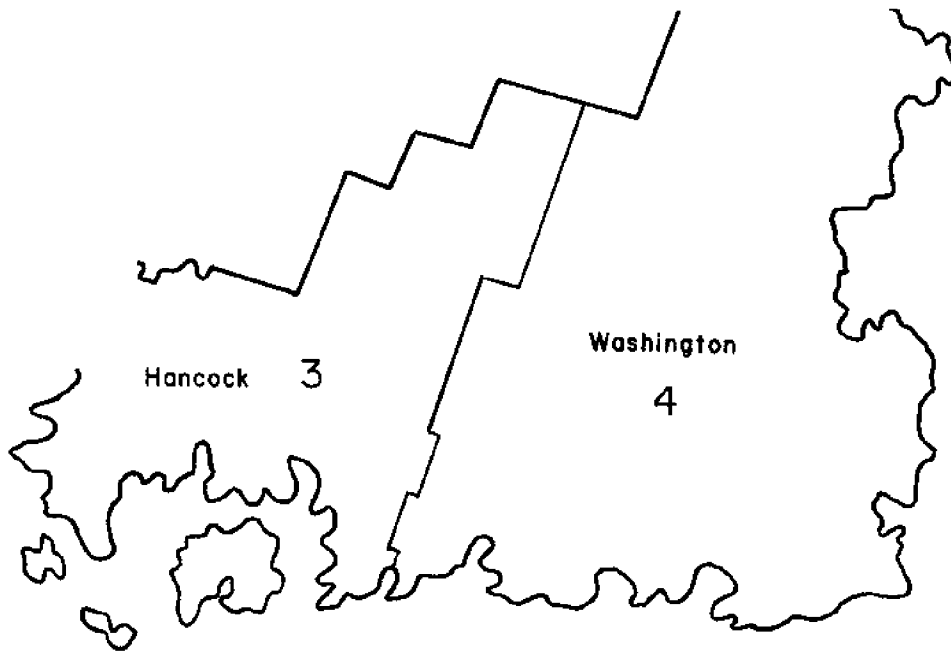
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Bar Harbor Boating Co. J. Cochran Hulls Cove 04644 Tel: 288-5797	3-5	4+	40
Ralph W. Stanley Inc. Clark Point Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-3795	6-10	1	40
Rich, James H. Boatyard West Tremont 04690 Tel: 244-3208	3	2-4	43
Bass Harbor Boat Co. R. F. Rich Bernard 04612 Tel: 244-3514	6-10	2-4	75
Ronald Rich Herrick Road Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-5489	1	1	40
Bunker & Ellis Manset 04656 Tel: 244-3294	2	2	40
L & H Enterprises L. Wilbur Manset 04656 Tel: 244-5000	6-10	4+	46

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres. owned	max. size boats
<b>5</b>			
Osmond's Boat Shop Beals 04611 Tel: 497-5993	2	1-	40
Beal, Mariner R. & Son Beals 04611 Tel: 497-2306	1-2	1-2	30



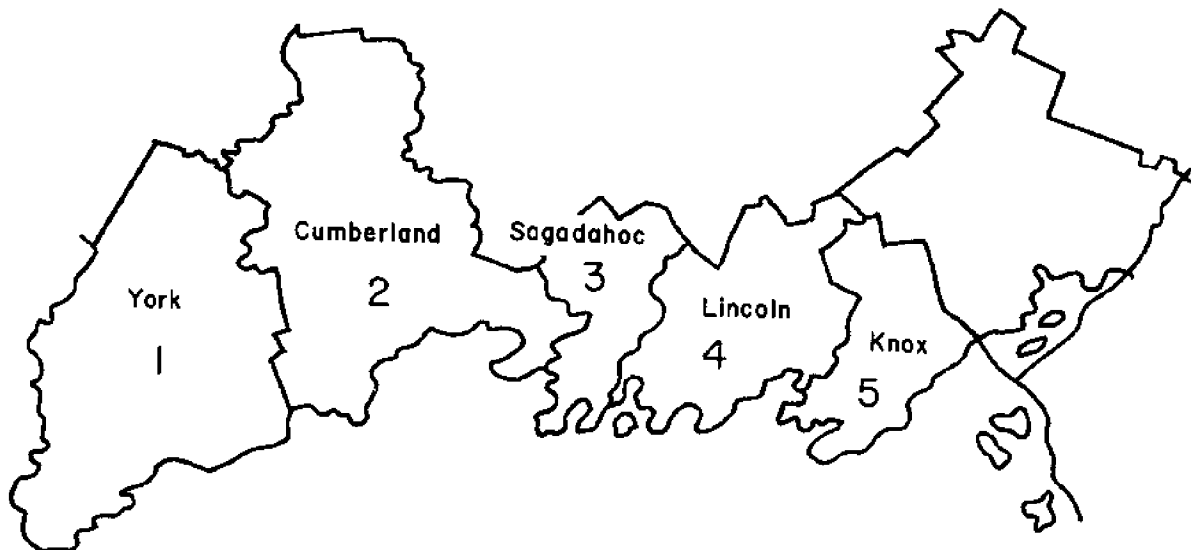
## Pleasure Boat

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Handy Boat Foreside Road Falmouth 04105 Tel: 781-5110	21-50	2-4	55	Aladdin Products Haskell Road Westport Tel: 882-5504	1-2	1-2	55
Hewson Marine Hawthorne Road South Casco 04077 Tel: 655-3831	51- 100	2-4	40	Padebco Custom Boats F. B. Cunningham, Owner Round Pond 04564 Tel: 529-5106	3-5	1-2	55
				Riverside Boat Company P. Bryant Newcastle 04533 Tel: 563-3398	3	2-4	40



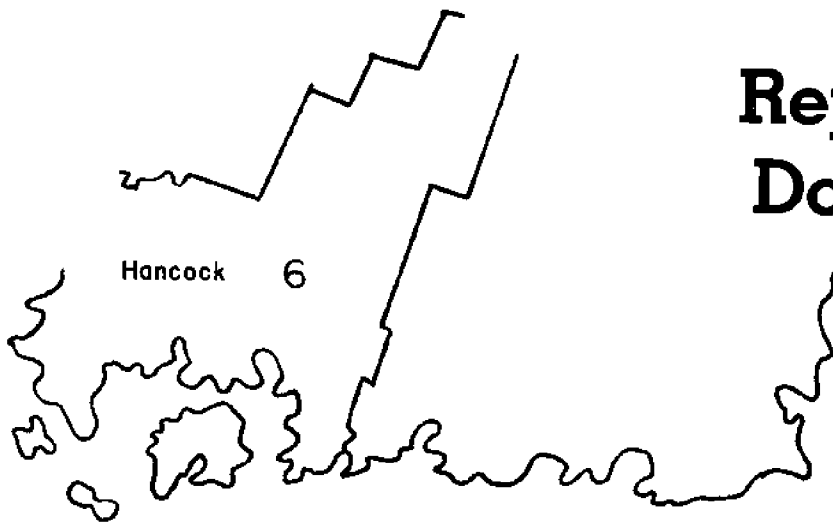
# Builders, Fiberglass

LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats	LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>3</b>				<b>4</b>			
Benjamin River Boat Yard Sedgwick 04676 Tel: 359-2244	3-5	1-2	40	Passamaquoddy Yacht Co. G. S. Harris, Pres. RFD Eastport 04631 Tel: 853-2826	3-5	2-4	24
Hinckley, Henry R. & Co. Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 744-5531	6-10	2-4	40				
Morris Boat Shop T. D. C. Morris Southwest Harbor 04679 Tel: 244-3213	3-5	1-2	40				
Pete's Plastic Boat Works N. Blue Hill 04614 Tel: 374-5681	(no information)						
The Narramissic Corp. R. I. Fowler, Owner Orland 04472 Tel: 469-2281	1-2	1-	40	<b>Penobscot</b>			
L & H Enterprises L. S. Wilbur, Owner Box 188 Manset 04656 Tel: 244-5000	6-10	4+	46	Baldwin Boat Co. E. H. Baldwin, Jr. RD 2 Orrington 04474 Tel:	3-5	4+	30
Williams, John Co. Hall Quarry Tel: 244-7854	11-20	4+	55				



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Chick's Marina B. Chick Kennebunkport 04046 Tel: 967-2782	6	2.5 (repairs)	40	Marineast R. Maguire, Mgr. 38 Ocean St. South Portland 04106 Tel: 799-8191	2	1-2 (storage, repairs)	40
Dion's Yacht Yard E. L. J. Dion Kittery 03904 Tel: 439-9582	46	1-2	75	Richway Co. Portland Tel: 892-4788		(propeller repairs)	
York Harbor Marine R. A. Jutras York 03909 Tel: 324-5622	9	2-4 (storage, repairs)		Ring's Marine Service T. Ring South Freeport 04078 Tel: 865-6143	6-10 (25 summer)	1-2	
<b>2</b>				Yankee Marine, Inc. R. Stevens Royal River Yarmouth 04096 Tel: 846-4326	4	2 (storage)	
Frost, Albert G. Co. R. Frost South Portland 04106 Tel: 883-4341		(storage, repairs)		Gowen, Inc. Portland Tel: 773-1761		(repairs)	
Golten Ship Repair, Inc. J. E. McCabe, Gen. Mgr. 400 Commercial St. Portland 04101 Tel: 774-7846		(repairs)		South Portland Shpyd. & Marine Railways Corp. 257 Front St. South Portland 04106 Tel: 799-5501		(repairs)	
Harraseeket Marine Serv. South Freeport 04078 Tel: 865-3181	6-10	2-4 (pleasure boat - storage, repairs)		Yarmouth Boat Yard J. MacDonald, Jr. Yarmouth 04096 Tel: 846-4143			
Industrial Welding & Machine, Inc. R. G. Lessard, Pres. Box 1004 Portland 04104 Tel: 773-8482	25	4+ (repair service)		<b>3</b>			
				Aero-Marine J. Carter Brunswick 04011 Tel: 729-0191		(repairs)	

# Repair, Storage, Dock Facilities



LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats	LOCATION	approx. no. men	approx. acres owned	max. size boats
<b>4</b>				<b>6</b>			
Blakes Boat Yard W. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-5040	(repairs)			Winter Harbor Marine Trading Corp. C. Bradley Winter Harbor 04693 Tel: 963-7449	5	2	(repairs)
Brewer's Boatyard, Inc. W. S. Danforth West Southport 04576 Tel: 633-2970	(repairs)			Power & Robinson Bass Harbor 04653 Tel: 244-3466	3-5	1	(repairs)
Robinhood Marina Inc. Robinhood 04530 Tel: 443-5006	(repairs)			Bass Harbor Marine Bass Harbor 04653 Tel: 244-5066	3-5	4+	(repairs)
Sample, Frank L. & Son Inc. R. W. McDougall, Pres. Boothbay Harbor 04538 Tel: 633-3171	(repairs)			Eaton's Boat Yard K. R. Eaton, Owner Duessen Lane Castine 04421 Tel: 326-8579	3-5	1	(repairs)
Todd Boat Co. West Southport 04576 Tel: 633-2970	(repairs)			Mt. Desert Yacht Yard J. Butler Mt. Desert 04660 Tel:	(repairs)		
<b>5</b>				Billings Diesel & Marine Service Stonington 04681 Tel: 367-2328	21-50	4+	(building & repair)
Lok Marine J. Cuddire Camden 04843 Tel: 236-4220	1-2	1-	(repair service)	Rich, James H. Boatyard West Tremont 04690 Tel: 244-3208	3	2-4	(building, storage, repairs)
Wayfarer Marine Corp. C. E. MacMullen, Pres. Sea Street Camden 04843 Tel: 236-4378	(repairs)						
Georges Riverboat Building & Repair B. F. Day Thomaston 04861 Tel: 354-2465	3-5	1-2	(repairs)				
Harborside West Bay View Camden 04843 Tel:	(repairs)						

APPENDIX I

Maine Boat & Ship Builders Questionnaire  
Coastal Resource Center  
8 July 1977

Circle appropriate answer.

1. Present area owned by yard, acres:  
less than one    1.1-2    2.1-4    greater than 4
2. Number of men employed, averaged over a year:  
1-2    3-5    6-10    11-20    21-50    51-100    over 100
3. Sizes of vessels built in last 5 years:  
smallest, feet of LOA: 0-20    21-30    31-40    41-55    56-75  
76-100    over 100  
largest, feet of LOA: 0-20    21-30    31-40    41-55    56-75  
76-100    over 100
4. Major construction materials used:  
wood    steel    fiberglass    ferrocement    aluminum
5. I would like to expand my yard by  
0%    20%    50%    100%    over 100%
6. I would like to increase the size of the vessels I build by  
0%    20%    50%    100%    over 100%
7. I build mostly    commercial,    pleasure    vessels.
8. I will,    will not    be interested in an in-depth personal interview.
9. I will,    will not    be interested in the results of this project.

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President, Owner, Manager

