

A.F. Theriault -

Pleasure catamarans, 100 ft. steel longliner part of 2000 production

Whatever your requirements for a boat, be it for pleasure or commercial purposes, The A.F. Theriault & Son Ltd. yard in Meteghan River, Nova Scotia, can fit the bill.

During the past year they constructed a 100 foot long steel longliner for a client in Sambro, N.S.

They also delivered two catamarans, one of them a 48 foot aluminum production and the other a 62 foot fibreglass model, both destined for recreational

purposes.

"We also built two 60 foot steel cabin cruisers and a 45 foot lobster boat and a combination lobster and scallop fishing boat," Arthur Theriault said in an interview.

Theriault's is one of the largest boat-builders in Atlantic Canada, employing 130, which makes it one of the largest employers in the District of Clare in southwestern Nova Scotia.

They build in wood, fibreglass, steel

and aluminum. The company has two marine slips and is heavy in the repair end of the business. They have a marine equipment shop.

So far 2001 doesn't look that bad. "We have a lot of orders pending. Under construction are two 65 footers; one of them a steel pleasure boat and the other a multi purpose fishing vessel.

There has been much talk of late about a national shipbuilding policy. While this would benefit large compa-

nies like the Saint John Shipyard and the Halifax Shipyard, there could be some help for smaller boat builders.

"I don't think such a policy will only cater to large shipbuilders. If there is something in there to help in infrastructure, then I think the policy could benefit companies like ours," he said.

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A 48 ft. and 62 foot cabin cruiser built by A.F. Theriault & Son in 2000.

