

Javin Edward joins Vinalhaven lobster fleet

SW Boatworks of Lamoine, ME has plenty of models in its stable to choose from, including its full line of Calvin Beal hulls, the Young Brothers' molds, and Ernest Libby's 34' and 38' designs.

But the shop also aims to please, and when Vinalhaven lobsterman Harold Poole decided that a 46' Wesmac hull was the way he wanted to go for his new boat, SW was glad to oblige.

The hull and top for Poole's Javin Edward, which is named for his son, who will be 3-years-old in December, was built by Wesmac Custom Boats in Surry, then transported to SW to be finished. Poole had nothing but praise for shop owner Stewart Workman and his crew.

"I can't brag them up enough," he said. "Stewart's very particular and wants to know just how you want things done. And if you need anything afterwards, he's right there."

The Javin Edward tops out at 29 knots, courtesy of a C18 Caterpillar (1000 hp @ 2300 rpm) provided by Billings Diesel & Marine in Stonington, a quick ride across the bay from Vinalhaven. The big Cat is coupled to a 2:1 500A ZF marine gear spinning a 32"x37.5"x4 prop.

Poole is impressed with the Wesmac's seaworthiness.

"The hard chine makes her really steady side-to," he said. "And she's easy going into a head sea - doesn't pound at all."

One big question arose when I met Harold's wife, Sarah, who is obviously expecting another addition to the family.

"It looks to me like you're going to need at least one more boat to name," I said, nodding towards her tummy.

"Yep," said Harold. "Next time. I'm keeping this one for a while, though." ■

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Brian Robbins photos
Above and left, the Javin Edward, a 46'x14'6" Wesmac, was launched in July. At right, the boat's towheaded namesake at the rail, along with his mother Sarah and father Harold.



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