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HUCKINS CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF CUSTOM YACHT BUILDING

Huckins Yacht Corporation marks 2008 as its 80th year of legendary custom yacht building. Recognized as one of the oldest continuously family-owned yacht builders in the United States, Huckins Yacht Corporation has been a forerunner in the marine industry ever since the company's founder, Frank



Pembroke Huckins, developed the planing hull in 1928. At the onset of World War II, Frank designed and built the famous PT boats. The PT boats were designed for use by the Navy during special, top-secret operations.

Today, Huckins Yacht Corporation is led by third-generation owners Cindy and Buddy Purcell, who share Frank's passion and commitment for the art of boatbuilding. Together, with the help of the world's finest craftsmen, Cindy and Buddy carry on Frank's innovative spirit and fearlessly push the engineering envelope. Huckins launched its first jet drive boat in October 2006, a Linwood 56. The results were so favorable, two additional jet drive yachts were commissioned – another Linwood 56, which recently launched, and the first Atlantic 44 jet drive.

"This is such a special place and we feel so fortunate to be able to come to work every day and continue the legacy started by my grandfather," said Cindy Purcell. "He was so far ahead of his time, especially as it applies to yacht building. It's challenging but invigorating to carry forth that kind of forward thinking."

In recognition of almost a century of success, the Purcells hosted an 80th anniversary celebration in May 2008 at the Huckins yard in Jacksonville, Fla. The celebration highlighted 80 years of success – including the construction of 457 custom yachts, impeccable service of all yachts and the countless friends that were made along the way.



Visit www.huckinsyacht.com to see more photos of the event.

TWO NEW JET DRIVE YACHTS SCHEDULED FOR 2008 COMPLETION

Huckins Yacht Corporation just launched their newest boat, the Linwood 56 Jet Drive, and they plan to debut the Atlantic 44 later this year. The Linwood 56 is the second of two jet drive Linwoods designed and built by Huckins. The first, *Integrity*, hit the water in October 2006. The newest Linwood 56, *La Belle Hélène*, was christened by Cindy Purcell's daughter, Field, and blessed by Curt Dunkle, an Episcopal Priest close to the Huckins Family.

"At Huckins, we believe that a boat should be christened the first time it touches the water," said Cindy Purcell. "It's good luck. We host a ceremony and say a prayer in its honor."

After the ceremony, *La Belle Hélène* was sea trailed. With twin Cummins C-series engines of 730 hp each, it ran and performed beautifully, reaching a top speed of 39 MPH.

Above deck, the Linwood 56 shows off a beautiful navy hull. The hull sides have been extended aft to form a sleek curvaceous transom that integrates to the swim platform displaying a sleek, refined look. The deck is host to a stunning, built-in table with the compass rose inlaid in ebony and maple. *La Belle Hélène* also comes equipped with a dinghy and davit mounted on the bridge roof, ready for an adventure through shallow waters and tucked-away spots.

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Below deck, the forward stateroom contains twin births. The aft stateroom is tucked away for complete privacy. Fully-equipped with a queen birth, large, spacious closets and his-and-her sinks - as well as a full tub with shower in the head - *La Belle Hélène* is the ultimate in custom luxury. Huckins is very excited about the Linwood's debut.



In addition to the Linwood 56 Jet Drive, Huckins plans to launch the first Atlantic 44 Jet Drive this fall. The Atlantic is the jazziest of all 44 models. It has all the bells and whistles. The exterior features a retro design, while the interior will present a whole new look and feel.

The Huckins craftsmen are currently working on the joiner work, cabinetry and preparing to set the engines. ☺



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We have a lot of exciting news here at Huckins. We just celebrated 80 years in business! Our Anniversary celebration was such a huge success; we are more than thrilled to celebrate 80 more.

We are currently working on two new custom yachts - the Linwood 56 Jet Drive and the Atlantic 44 Jet Drive. In addition, we have several service projects on our plate, including creating a custom fiberglass hardtop and transforming a 1961 Bertram Moppie into a brand new boat. In other words, we're keeping ourselves busy. Visit our Web site to see more photos of some of our latest projects.

Cindy Purcell