

## Successful Designers' Forum Hosted by Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding

*Sold-out crowd visited Lyman-Morse, the Farnsworth Art Museum and 250 Main Hotel for a day of yachting discussions and entertainment*

Presented by Lyman-Morse with support from the Cruising Club of America

Thomaston, Maine: Lyman-Morse Boatbuilding, with support from the Cruising Club of America and the Ocean Cruising Club, hosted 120 guests for a Designers' Forum on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Nine recognized naval architects arrived from across the country to participate. Guests came from throughout New England to attend.

"We think the industry has a lot to talk about right now— whether it is the America's Cup going back to monohulls; the state of our sport; or what's next for all of us in this business?" said Drew Lyman, President of Lyman-Morse. "This has been a great day and we look forward to hosting more events like this in the future."

The event began with an Open House at Lyman-Morse in Thomaston, with designers on site to showcase their latest work. After a break for lunch, a capacity crowd gathered at the Farnsworth's Wyeth Center for a Designers' Panel Discussion and Q&A segment. The themes for the two 45-minute discussions were Yachting Today and Tomorrow. John Hanson, Founder and Publisher of Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors Magazine served as moderator for the Today segment. Doug Zurn, Zurn Yacht Design; Chuck Paine, CW Paine Yacht Design; Jay Paris, Jay E. Paris Naval Architecture; and Robert Stephens, Stephens Waring Yacht Design covered topics ranging from the pros and cons of custom versus production boats; designing to the rule and the place of sailing and boating in today's busy world.

Aaron Porter, Editor of Professional Boatbuilder led the Tomorrow session with panelists Peter Boyce, C. Raymond Hunt; David McCollough, McCollough Yachts; Scott Jutson, Jutson Marine Design; and Jim Taylor, Jim Taylor Yacht Designs. Catamarans versus monohulls in the Americas Cup and the effect on the market; the greening of the marine business and types of boats we'll see in the future were some of the topics covered.

Besides the designers and naval architects, the events were attended by other notable people in the industry including professional sailor Cam Lewis, yacht interior designer Martha Coolidge, Kevin Burns, designer for Back Cove Yachts, The Landing School's Jaimie Houtz and Scott Teas architect of 250

Main. Afterwards, guests continued the discussion at a festive reception at 250 Main Hotel catered by Café Miranda.