

# Blue Sky for John & Sandy White ... and Katie

The thing is, John and Sandy White's old Blue Sky was a perfectly good lobster boat – John takes care of his stuff and the boat was in great shape. It probably would've seen him through his lobstering career.

But then came Katie, their dog. And if you wanted to take little Katie down the bay, you really needed a split wheelhouse, which the old Blue Sky didn't have, so ...

John and Sandy's model of choice was a Calvin Beal 36 hull and top from SW Boatworks in Lamoine, ME. "I've fished around a few of them," says John. "They're good looking and they put their time in." Atlantic Boat Co. took things from there,

finishing the 36-footer to the White's specs.

Billings Diesel put together Blue Sky's power package: a 625-hp D11 Volvo Penta paired up with a 2.05:1 Twin Disc 5082A marine gear.

A 30"x32" 4-blade from Nautilus Marine pushed the 36-footer 28.8 knots on launch day. "Nautilus was right on the money with that prop," says John. "Between that and the job Atlantic did in lining everything up, she runs really smoothly."

Blue Sky's 2-1/4" driveline was supplied by R.E. Thomas Marine Hardware; the dual-station

steering and hauler came from Marine Hydraulics Engineering Co. Freeman and Bomar hatches from Hamilton Marine are set into the platform; R.E. Thomas deck plates provide access to the fuel fillers (a total of 300 gallons capacity) and the Humphree trim tabs.

Blackmore Electronics provided Blue Sky's electronics, while Esposito's Welding did all the metal fabrication.

After launching at Atlantic Boat, Blue Sky tied up at nearby Brooklin Boat Yard to have her woodwork finished up. The Whites praised the work of Starr Blackwood in particular: "Incredible; he's great at what he does,"

And Katie? She gives things two paws up. ■



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Sandy, John, and Katie the dog. "It's really Katie's boat," says John.

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