

REFITTING *the Industry*



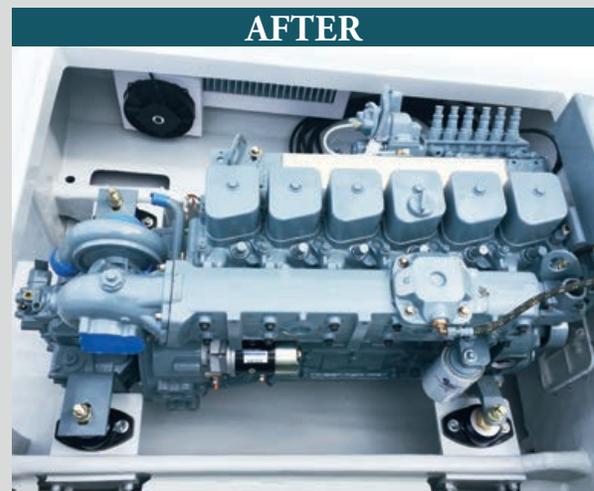
If you own a boat long enough, eventually the time will come when you have to decide whether it's time to sell or invest in restoring her to her glory once again. While a shiny new boat is always nice, many times owners find a boat that they simply can't part with. Maybe it's the harmonics of a boat that always raises fish, a rock solid construction, customized layout or some other compelling feature. Whatever the case may be, every once in a while there are boats irreplaceable. When it comes to restoring or refitting a boat, no matter what the size, finding the right contractor with the experience and expertise to meet or exceed your expectations is paramount.

All Points Boats (APB) was founded 21 years ago by owner, Nate Goodwin. Since that time, he has grown the business into a destination full service yacht refit facility in Fort Lauderdale, FL. APB employs an average of 50 tradesmen annually in marine construction. The foundation of the company was built on working with

composites. They specialize in large structural repairs, extensions, carpentry, cabinetry, cosmetic and performance modifications. APB's in house welding and machine shop was formed six years ago and has quickly risen to be one of the leaders in repair of larger yachts classed with Lloyds, ABS, Rina, DNV, and the US Coast Guard. They specialize in class welding and hold numerous certificates for every type of welding. With a vast team of journeyman pipe fitters, plumbers and mechanics they are well positioned to handle anything that is thrown at them. Repowers, major equipment installations, propulsion and plumbing systems are just a few of the services APB provides in addition to the full service machine shop. The team is well versed in all forms of materials and fabrication, aluminum, steel and cupronickel (copper nickel).

APB is currently underway on the reconstruction of a 1981 32' Blackfin Sportfish. The vessel was severely damaged in Hurricane Sandy. The project has been

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engineered with the assistance of Donald Blount & Associates (DLBA) of Virginia and Drawings Fabrication & Details (DFD) of South Florida. Goodwin says “This project has given us the opportunity to demonstrate our expertise in composites and overall boat construction.” The hull was completely gutted, all wood and old core was removed. When planning the project it became apparent that the vessel would perform better at the desired speeds with an extension and the addition of tunnels and Humphree Interceptors. It was decided to extend the hull 3 feet incorporating the new DLBA tunnel design and flush mounting the interceptors. The entire hull was re-laminated with Adtech ProBuild Epoxy and all foam core replaced by vacuum bagging. Certified Diesel has supplied APB with new Cummins QSB5.9 480hp engines, which should produce speeds in excess of 40 knots. Voyager Marine and Simrad have joined the project and will be completely outfitting the boat with the latest they have to offer. Currently APB is fitting the stringers and engines finalizing the machinery installations. Expected launch is in early 2017.

While the majority of APB’s business revolves around vessels in the sportfish and yacht class, they are capable of taking on exciting boat projects of all sizes. In fact, they recently finished a

complete restoration of “Swords Inc.” a 2004 29’ SeaVee. The level of detail that went into this project was incredible. When you build a boat for a commercial fisherman there are many factors to consider - safety, reliability, and functionality. When APB began the project the goal was to build a boat that could withstand the test of time. Every aspect of the boat was planned out and customized for the owner’s ease of use and durability. The vessel was completely disassembled, tanks replaced, engine completely

rebuilt and horsepower upgraded. APB laminated the hull to the cap, fabricated a new console with mist eliminators into a watertight engine compartment. All the wiring, hoses, plumbing and fixtures were replaced. All deck hatches were made watertight, fish boxes insulated, dry box storage created in the console, custom trim tabs and running gear were fabricated as well. An upgraded Simrad electronics package was installed with a flush mount 3k transducer. The list goes on of the modifications performed to this fishing machine. The finishing touch was a beautiful new paint job with materials provided by Awlgrip. The level of quality, safety and dependability delivered with this project is a testament to the caliber of work that an APB customer can count on regardless of how big or small the boat is. ★

