



Edmund d'Eon began building boats in 1921 when he was 29 years old. He built open lobster boats in the summer – first for himself and later for other fishermen - and fished them in the winter. The original boat shop, located in Edmund's back yard, was 45' x 24'. At that time, the boats were constructed of pine planking, oak ribs, and spruce framing with rock maple keels. The boats ranged in size from 26' x 10' to 40' x 12'. They were powered by car engines that you actually had to shift - Chevrolet and Buick being the most popular.



During the summer of his 17th birthday Camille, Edmund's son, began boatbuilding with his father. He recalls one of the first boats he built with his dad – a 40' x 12' open lobster boat he was selling locally for \$750.00 (without the engine). The day she was launched, two gentlemen from Cape Breton happened to be aboard. They sat in the stern for 15 or 20 minutes then promptly offered Edmund \$1500.00 for the boat. Being a man of his word, Edmund sadly refused the offer as the boat was already promised to a friend.



Photo of the building in the 1950s when the shop was built



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Maurice d'Éon

Michel Surette