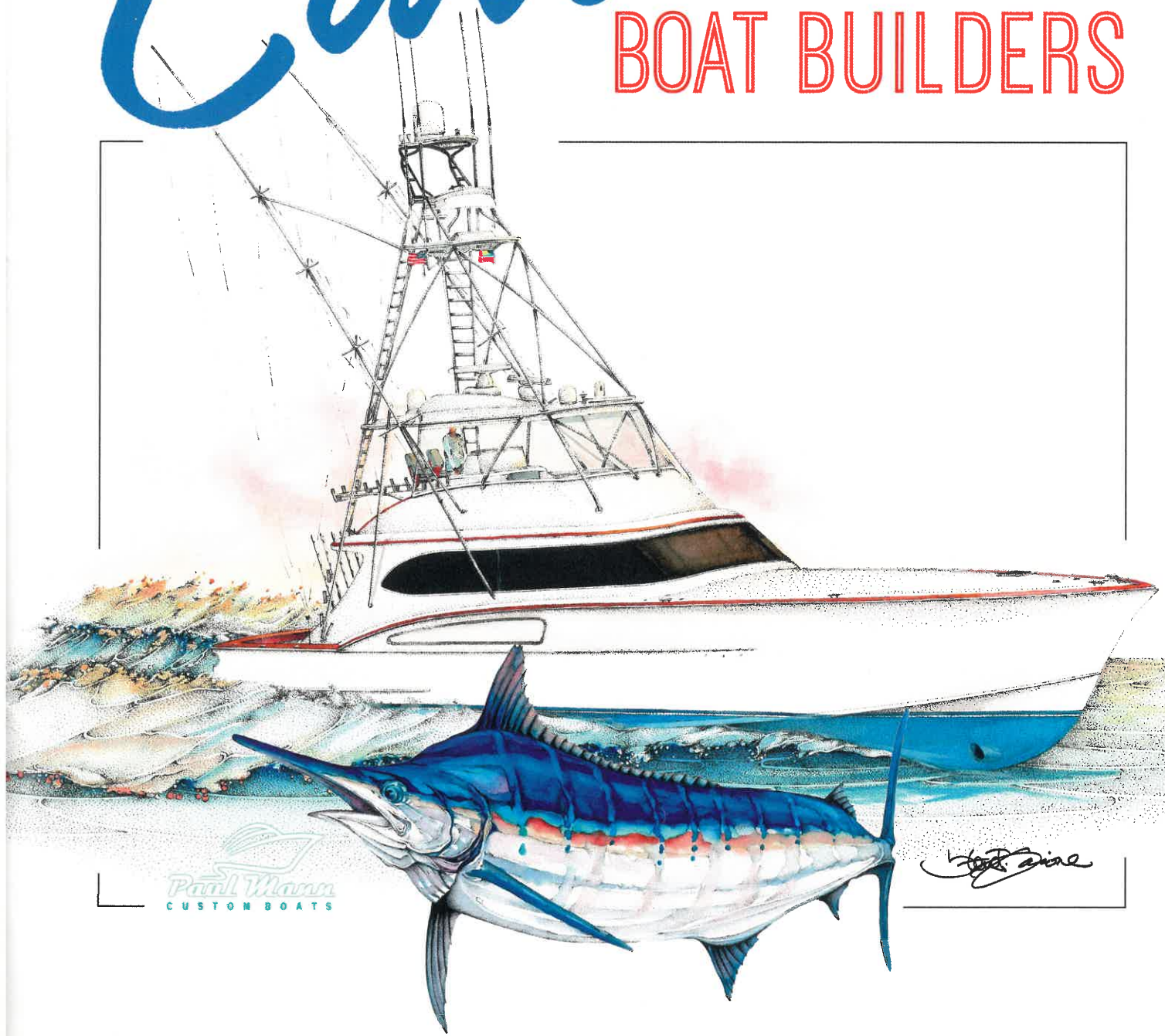


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BOAT BUILDERS



Paul Mann
CUSTOM BOATS

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A Tribute To
**PAUL
MANN**





IF YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO VISIT WITH PAUL MANN for just a little while, you realize that he is

a very passionate person. Whether talking about offshore fishing, duck hunting in Canada or building boats, he has the same contagious enthusiasm that only a very few people possess. That's just the way Paul is... he is as much at home behind the wheel of a 53' charter boat going through Oregon Inlet in the face of a strong NE wind ("just another fishing day on the Outer Banks") as he is with a hammer in his hand working on the hull of a 70' custom sport fishing boat.

AS WE ALL KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO CUSTOM SPORT FISHING BOATS YOU CAN'T BEAT THE OUTER BANKS,

and, when it comes to Outer Banks boatbuilders, you can't beat Paul Mann. Like his website says, "Only the best can be Mann made!"

PAUL MANN HAS A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION as a professional, hard-working, knowledgeable boatbuilder. For the past 32 years Paul and his wife Robin have been immersed with the business of building great sport fishing boats and they have certainly succeeded at this task! But it doesn't stop there. They are also renowned supporters of the Outer Banks boatbuilding industry and sport fishing all around the world. They are also widely recognized for their enthusiastic support of many civic and community causes on their beloved Outer Banks.

PAUL MANN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GREAT BOATBUILDING LEGACY ON THE OUTER BANKS.

BORN IN 1959, Paul tagged along as a youngster with his father, uncles and older brothers who were all passionate fishermen. In 1972, Paul's family returned to his roots of Dare County and two years later, at age 15, he began working as a mate on the charter boat Playboy at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. By 1977, Paul had become a capable fisherman, taking over as captain of his first vessel, the 32-foot Lijo at the Salty Dawg Marina in Manteo.

PAUL DESCRIBES HIS EXPERIENCES simply as "fishing is in my blood." While mating for Sunny Briggs on the Bishop II he then began to work with Sunny in building boats. Paul continued to work and learn from Sunny during the winter months until he started charter fishing full-time on a 42-foot Hatteras Yacht named the Madd Hatter.

IN THE WINTER OF 1986, Paul assisted Captain Bobby Sullivan who was working on his second charter boat, Marlin Fever. A year later, in 1987, Paul used Sullivan's workshop to build his first charter boat, appropriately called the Madd Hatter. During this project Paul gained enough confidence and experience to try his hand in the boatbuilding business.

IN 1988, PAUL STARTED MANN BOATWORKS that would later become Mann Custom Boats, Inc. in 1992. Paul purchased property in Manns Harbor to build a workshop only later to discover it was his Father's homestead before the depression. Paul described how he symbolically built the shell of the building in only seven days and on the eighth day he started building a boat, a 53-foot charter vessel named Gannett. Mann proceeded to build more well-known charter boats: Grand Slam, Tarheel, Outer Limits,

Hog Wild, Pelican, Prime Time, Qualifier and the Hunter.

PAUL THEN MOVED FORWARD in the industry building many private sportfishing boats including the first 60' sportfishing boat from the area to exceed 40 knots, the Quintiki. Since 1988, Paul has built more than 40 boats from 53 feet all the way to over 81 feet.

When Paul began constructing boats he used juniper boards with the traditional plank-on-frame techniques. Paul knew that he could improve the construction process and through research, trial and error, and hard work he took this approach to a whole new level. Paul designed his own hulls, constructed the battens, stations and frames, and was so involved in every step of the building process that he could customize each boat just the way the owner wanted. Paul quickly earned the

reputation as a "hands-on" boatbuilder who produced custom sport fishing boats of the highest quality, function and performance.

AS THE TECHNOLOGY IN BOATBUILDING EVOLVED into using computerized jigs and composite components, Paul adapted and became an industry leader. His wealth of knowledge gained as a life-long fisherman, charter captain and astute craftsman, was put to good use. With details that are "built by the hands and crafted by the heart" it is no surprise that Paul Mann's boats are recognized around the world as the standard for truly custom boats.

BUT EVEN WITH EVER-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, one thing has stood the test of time and that is the passion, determination and drive that has served Paul throughout the years, especially this past year during recovery from neck surgery. And, it will undoubtedly guide him through his next chapter as well.

TODAY, ACCOLADES FOR DESIGN AND CRAFTSMANSHIP continue to be bestowed on Paul Mann and his custom boats. In this tribute, the Dare County Boatbuilders Foundation recognizes and acknowledges Paul Mann's contributions to the boatbuilding industry and to the Outer Banks. Paul Mann is truly a legend in the history of the "Carolina Flare."

