



*The lobster boat Star Fisher, built in 1997 for Steve Rosen of Vinalhaven by Peter Kass of Johns Bay Boats???. The 40'x14 1/2' cedar on oak Star Fisher runs a 500 hp Mann. The wheelhouse is not split as in many of Kass' boats, but it has the trademark detailing with galley and bunks down forward.*

## Peter Kass: Wooden Boats

After 25 years of building boats, about 30 lobster boats, the rest power pleasure boats with lobster style hulls, Peter Kass says he could do three times the business if he could "find the people who knew how to do this work." The two men in his shop have 30 years' and 20 years' experience respectively. Kass is a wooden boat builder who started out working at Harvey Gamage's yard, Goudy and Stevens, then later with Bruce Cunningham.

Kass built his own shop on the west branch of Johns Bay in south Bristol in 1981. His boats are known for their good looks includ-

ing details around the wheelhouse, or a laid Douglas fir work deck or comfort details down forward. At the 2001 Stonington Lobster Boat Races, there were eleven Kass-built boats in a memorial race for their designer Carroll Lowell.

Kass says his yard is small enough to keep close tabs on every process. Attention to every detail, from all the systems, to his subs, to doing his own metal work, have enabled him to refine his building process without adding time to it. In between building about two boats a year, he repairs and maintains boats he has built. ↴