



Eddie Winfrey, sales with Veneer Technologies of Newport, left, and Jack King, sales manager for Atlantic Veneer in Beaufort, second from left, present Tate Lawrence, vice president of Jarrett Bay boatworks, second from right, and Randy Ramsey, president of Jarrett Bay, a plaque Thursday, recognizing that company's recent achievement by winning the Veneer Technologies Craftsman Challenge in Las Vegas, N.V., in July. (Helen Outland photo)

Craftsmanship earns recognition for Jarrett Bay Boatworks' team

BY HELEN OUTLAND
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BEAUFORT — Jarrett Bay Boatworks employees got a pat on the back Thursday for achieving a top honor for their craftsmanship.

In July, the company delivered its newest and largest custom sport fishing yacht built to date at the facility, the 77-foot *Blank Check*.

And that yacht's interior custom work yielded first place in the prestigious 2013 Veneer Technologies Craftsman Challenge in the cabinetry division, an announcement made during the Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers Fair held July 24-27 in Las Vegas, N.V. The win came with a \$1,000 cash award.

Jack King, sales manager, at Atlantic Veneer in Beaufort, and Eddie Winfrey, sales from Veneer Technologies Inc. of Newport, both veneer suppliers to Jarrett Bay, were on hand at the boatworks six miles north of town to honor those employees.

"The Veneer Technologies Craftsman's Challenge has

allowed all of you to show your work on a national stage, to compete with the best woodworkers in the country and at the highest level," Mr. King told the employees as he presented an achievement award plaque. "Your work was truly amazing."

Along with the plaque recognizing the achievement, Mr. King also presented Jarrett Bay a \$500 store credit from the mill outlet.

Mr. Winfrey said the challenge offers everyone throughout the industry a chance to see what is being accomplished with veneer products.

"We are the largest manufacturers of veneer products in North America," he said. "We ship all over the country. We have this contest so folks can send in their works of art. It recognizes excellence in veneer applications."

He said judges are chosen from throughout the industry.

These judges are impartial and selected winning entries worldwide from people who use veneer products in the best way while achieving the entrants' goals.

Vice president of Jarrett Bay Tate Lawrence said there were many entries in the competition.

"We simply don't have the words to express how proud we are of the guys who built this boat and the level of their work," he said. "This was a team effort by every craftsman in this building. I want everyone to be acknowledged."

He said the *Blank Check* had a slow start, but she had earned her place.

"It was actually started several years earlier for another buyer, but with the downturn in the economy, it was never completed," he said. "It had been sitting here for sale for a while when the Doyle family purchased it."

He said the real work began Jan. 1 starting with Gary Davis designing the interior after going through thousands of veneer samples to pick the ones with just the right character. Tony Mikurt, finish carpenter, and his crew took the helm and brought the design to life.

The job was all but complete when James Avery worked his

magic with the varnish, sanding and polishing layer upon layer to achieve the mirrored finish.

Mr. Mikurt said the work that began at the start of the year was finished July 1 to meet the customer's expectations.

"We worked seven days a week," he said. "There were many hours away from family."

Mr. Lawrence said the completion of the yacht was a total team effort and brought its own reward.

"The owner told us if we could do what we said we could do, he'd buy another boat," said Mr. Lawrence.

The Doyle family kept their word.

The framed-out hull for the Doyle family's soon-to-be new 84-foot sportfishing yacht fills the south side of the large workshop.

Following the presentation, employees were treated to a luncheon catered by Fat Fella's BBQ and Grille of Newport.

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Newport maps out job search details

BY MIKE SHUTAK
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NEWPORT — The town council is beginning its manager search, with the help of the East Carolina Council.

The council met Wednesday with Judy Hills of ECC to discuss the particulars of their application process to hire a new permanent manager.

Town Finance Officer Tim White has been serving as interim manager since July 1, after Dick Casey, the previous full-time manager, retired.

During Wednesday's meeting, councilmen agreed on the qualifications they want ECC to use when advertising the town's full-time manager position.

Applications for the position will be accepted until Sept. 27. Ms. Hills will be accepting applications by email; applicants should send an email letter of interest and application to jhills@eccorg.org.

Commissioners, the N.C. League of Municipalities, the Virginia League of Municipalities and the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

The council is looking for applicants who at least have a bachelor's degree. It would be helpful for the applicant to have at least three years experience with government management or other, comparable experience. Strong communication skills and computer skills are also needed, as well as experience in finance, budgeting, planning, economic development and customer service. Experience seeking grants, managing grants and team building is also desired.

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BRIEFS

Historic panel to convene

The Beaufort Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the train depot.

The board will hear a request from Heather Sink and Lisa Tucheck, 121 Craven St., for a new, free-standing sign.

Earlene Lawrence of 305 Orange St. will request demolition of a dilapidated building on a lot next to the main house.

Orientations announced

Following is a list of remaining school orientations and open houses for the 2013-14

school year:

- Beaufort Middle**
Open house for all students, parents, 6 p.m. Sept. 12.
- Broad Creek Middle**
Open houses by teams will take place in the fall.
- Carteret PreSchool Center**
Open house for all students and parents, 6-8 p.m. Sept. 26.
- Croatian High**

Open house for all students and parents, 6-7 p.m. Sept. 17.

- Morehead City Middle**
Parent Night for sixth-graders, 6:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Parent Night for seventh- and eighth-graders, 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12.

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