

The initial boat building venture of the fledging company sees the firm building a versatile craft which Mr. Wilby says can be purchased either with or without sails. Complete with sail the craft will sell for "about" \$365, or with oars only around \$270.

This means that the customer can buy his dinghy one year and add the sail the following year. The craft is outfitted with a transom for fitting of a three horse power outboard motor.

Extremely light, the complete dinghy weighs only 65 pounds and can be easily carried on a car top. It will be marketed all across Canada.

With "preliminary" production problems out of the way Mr. Wilby expects to turnout an average of four dinghies per day with present staff.

However, with the arrival of automatic equipment for the spray application of resin, production is expected to jump to 10 or 12 craft per day.

The 32-foot ocean going pleasure craft which Mr. Wilby hopes to build will considerably lower the cost of owning this class of boat, he said.

With inboard marine motor and completely fitted for sleeping four persons, Mr. Wilby expects the craft will retail for between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

This figure, he says will be about \$2,000 lower than the cost of other comparable craft.

Also the \$365 price for the fibre glass dinghies now being built will be considerably less than for a comparable craft built of aluminum.

And the fibre glass construction has definite advantages for boat construction.



## Fibre Glass Dinghy

Peter T. Wilby, president of Belleville Precision Mouldings, checks transom fitting on fibre glass dinghy at Coleman Street plant.

It is remarkably resilient and an ordinary bump against a rock does no damage. And the 65 pound weight makes for easy handling for car top moving.

Still another prospect for the new Belleville boat building firm is the construction of boat houses with fibre glass pontoons.

The craft, capable of sleeping eight persons would be manufactured for sale in the United States.

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