

A. F. Theriault & Son Limited, the oldest and largest privately owned shipyard in Nova Scotia, is located in the Acadian community of Clare. The business was founded in 1938 by Augustin (Gus) Theriault and his wife Elizabeth, who had a few employees and a small mill. They cut their own wood, hauled it to "la Yard" and virtually built the entire boat themselves. As the business grew, facilities were continually updated and adapted to the trends and changes in the boat building industry.

Gus' four sons - Ernest, Arthur, Russell and Larry - have all worked in the company all of their career lives. Ernest joined in 1959, Arthur in 1962, Russell in 1966, and Larry in 1977. Each had an important role in the company; **Ernest**: human resources, ship repair, and sawmill, **Arthur**: office, finance, and estimating, **Russell**: ship construction, **Larry**: stockroom, inventory and marketing.

The brothers carried on their father's legacy and skilfully expanded, adapted, diversified and modernized the boatyard into the twenty-first century. To date, more than 1000 boats have been built - fishing, pleasure, ferry, workboat, etc., ranging from 17 feet to 185 feet - of wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass and advanced composites. Ship repair is also a very important part of the business; their five marine railways can accommodate vessels up to 200 feet for a wide variety of repair work.

The Theriault brothers' life long dedication to building world class quality boats and providing excellent service to their local, national and international clients are some of the many reasons for the company's long term success in the Acadian community of Clare.

Quotes:

"Rien n'est impossible si tu décides de le faire."

"Nothing is impossible if you set your mind to it."