

# Story Art Boats

By Peter Owens

## About the boats...

My ceramic boats have a story to tell. The boats are based upon artistic renderings of mostly prominent historical designs.

I populate the boats with people and write stories about those people as they navigate through life aboard their boats.

A number of the boats were shown at the Centre Street Gallery near the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The stories have appeared in the *Northwoods Anthology*, *Dan River Anthology*, and several issues of *Messing About in Boats* magazine.

I also photograph the boats in local waters and sell framed photos, make cards, and/or include the photos with the published stories.

My goal is to create a fleet of boats, their respective stories, their photos, and interesting historical information and generate a book.

The boat sculptures are usually about 15" long, made of clay, kiln fired and glazed. Each is one-of-a-kind, created during a lengthy, multi-stage process



Beetle Cat

## Order your own custom ceramic boat

A number of people have asked me to create boats for them. These have been boats or ideas about boats that have special meaning for them. In some cases I've asked for photos of actual boats showing friends, family, loved ones, dogs, or characteristic poses.

One client sent me photos of an aluminum skiff showing a husband, wife, and the family dog on the wife's lap, all of them out for an evening cruise on the St. Lawrence River. The client wanted me to create an artistic version of this daily summer ritual so that she could give it to the couple as a gift.

## A guy with his foot on the tiller

Another client liked my Cotuit skiff but wanted to give her husband, an avid sailer, a skiff sailed by a guy with his foot on the tiller:



Aluminum skiff



Guy in Cotuit Skiff

The boat above proved a great success, prompting great mirth while provoking fond memories. The client was delighted. "We were amazed!" the client said.

# To order a custom boat

**Your name:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Do you have photos?**

**Do you have special characters/people you'd like to include?**

**Would this be a gift?**

**Would it require shipping?**

## About the artist and writer

I'm a professional writer and designer, book author, and professor of professional writing at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. I've published three books, three nationally award-winning computer software programs, and hundreds of articles, many on nautical subjects. I earned my masters and doctorate at Harvard, my B.A. at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. I'm an avid sailor, rower, and kayaker. I've lived on Cape Cod since 1972 and currently live on Long Pond in Marstons Mills. My novel, *Rips*, is set on the St. Lawrence River where I own a small island and where I've traveled each summer since I was six. I've built boats and restored them...all of them small but real.

## Pricing:

Most custom boats cost about \$350 with a 5% sales tax for Massachusetts buyers.

Shipping is done professionally and costs about \$25 or \$30 more.

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Please visit **[www.powens.com](http://www.powens.com)**  
"Story Art" to see other boats and sample stories.

## Process and timing...

Please allow 45 to 60 days for me to complete and ship the order.

I will assess the cost in advance and notify you with a quote. I will discuss any issues or difficulties and try to give you a description of the boat you order or point you to similar boats.

I will begin work after receiving one half the the quoted cost, the balance upon completion.