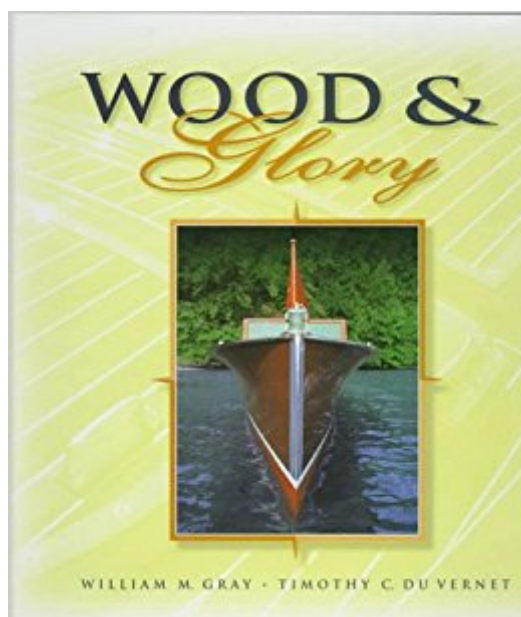


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# Wood And Glory: Muskoka's Classic Launches



## Synopsis

A pictorial tribute to hand-built recreational boats. Not so very long ago, the best pleasure boats were built, not manufactured. They were hand-built to order, of the finest materials: oak, cedar and elm from the Boreal Forest; fir from the Pacific Coast; mahogany from the Honduras; the Philippines and the east coast of Africa. Many of these one-of-a-kind boats were built in the Muskoka Lakes district. Wood and Glory takes readers back to that special era of boating that flowered before World War II. These classic center-drive displacement launches (many still in use today) constitute a distinguished part of the boating legacy on North American waters. Vintage-boat owners and boat-show enthusiasts will love the fine craftsmanship in this wonderful collection of photographs and classic boat history. The book features text and photos on: Classic boats by renowned builders Ditchburn, Duke, Greavette and Minett-Shields The best hand-built boats from the turn of the century until World War II Unique cruisers, runabouts, streamliners, V-bottoms, hard-chines and more. Wood and Glory is an excursion to a time of mechanical innovation and design elegance.

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Anyone with an interest in history and/or custom-built wooden boats will enjoy [this book]. (Glenn Perrett Cottage Times 2004-10-07)A remarkable historical account of Muskoka's wooden boating heritage. (The Muskokan 2008-06-13)

William Gray's family has been summering and boating on Muskoka's Lake Joseph for over a

century. Gray has written on several diverse subjects but has always had a particular interest in the history of Muskoka and especially that of its wooden launches. His previous books include Lake Joseph 1860-1910, The Boatbuilders of Muskoka (with A.H. Duke), and Soldiers of the King: The Upper Canadian Militia 1812-1815. Timothy Du Vernet is a well-known freelance photographer on the Muskoka Lakes and is the photographic editor of Classic Boat magazine. He has a long association with the Antique and Classic Boat Society.

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