

# Lasting Legacy: A Fast-Running, Downeast-Styled Newcomer



WHEN SEPH LIMEHOUSE, a chief designer at Scout Boats in South Carolina, passed away in 2014 at a young age, he left behind not only a grieving family, but also his design and molds for a beautiful 17-foot powerboat with a downeast flair, called *Edendriver*.

Before he died, Limehouse's wife, Leigh, promised she would find a production builder for his legacy boat. Hamlin's Marine in Hampden, Maine, is a dealer for Scout and other brands, as well as providing service, storage, and marina amenities. One day, when Hamlin's owner Dan Higgins was at the Scout yard, he spotted *Edendriver* gleaming in the sunshine. He was hooked by her looks. After going for a ride, he was ready to commit Hamlin's manufacturing subsidiary, Puffin Boats, as her producer.

"This boat is different," said Higgins. "We ran it under windy, rough conditions. It was true to its New England style with South Carolina DNA: It cut through chop and there was no pounding. It has excellent lateral stability. At one point,

I ran it like a jet ski and topped out at over 40 miles per hour—way faster than a downeast boat."

Hull No. 1 of Hamlin's Edendriver will debut in Rockland, Maine, at the Maine Boats, Homes & Harbors show in August 2016. Leigh will be involved with the boat's styling and promotion.

"The fact that we're building the Edendriver is serendipitous," said Higgins. "It's a beautiful boat."

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