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LIFE BEYOND FIRST CLASS



## TOP 2016 TOURBILLONS

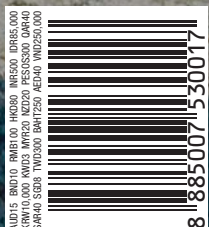
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CUSTOM BOATS | THE BESPOKE CLUB

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EHANG PASSENGER DRONE | THE AIRMULE  
HYPERSONIC FLIGHT | HOWARD HUGHES' XF-11

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ARTISAN BOATWORKS

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# CUSTOM CLASSICS

WOODEN BOATS CRAFTED  
TO STAND THE TEST OF TIME

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The team has built more licensed replicas of Herreshoff designs than any other builder since HMCo closed

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

Artisan Boatworks' specialises in the construction and restoration of custom boats

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The company was founded in 2002

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**HANDMADE OBJECTS, ONCE THE DOMAIN OF DAILY NECESSITIES**, are now increasingly looked at as revered works of craftsmanship, with makers referred to as “artisans” and their products as “artisanal pieces”. Call it bespoke or personalised, but few would argue that little beats a sleek, long-ended boat that materialises from your dreams.

What separates Artisan Boatworks from the world of modern mechanism is a team of master craftsmen who put their skills to good use. Founded in 2002 by Alec Brainerd, Artisan Boatworks specialises in the construction and restoration of classic wooden boats and custom yachts. Comprising a team of carpenters and designers, each boat that leaves the workshop is a replica of a classic or exquisite high-performance daysailer, cruiser, or racer.

Custom-built boats go through a detailed process where artisans and clients collaborate to replicate a classic using materials and techniques from bygone days. Accurate to every detail, each design follows the original blueprints of century-old classics, including the precise woods and bronze hardware used. Having travelled more than 15,000 offshore miles on his yachting expeditions, Brainerd knows what it takes to build a high performance cruiser to endure the high seas. Restoration follows a similar process where each yacht is cleaned out and varnished to restore the pre-loved boat to its former glory. Without compromising structural integrity and original design, each vessel serves as a homage to its historic origins.

## ARTISANS AND CLIENTS COLLABORATE TO REPLICATE A CLASSIC, USING MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES FROM BYGONE DAYS

Based in Maine, New England, the state’s rocky coastline and frequent seaport activities made it hard to ignore a life out at sea for the former captain. “The value in these boats is in the pedigree, not in adding unnecessary bells and whistles”, explains Brainerd. “We work within an aesthetic element and these boats continue a tradition that spans the centuries. They will always be the choice of a true connoisseur.” 