

Muskoka Seaflea

The term Seaflea is a generic name given to any number of small boat designs, usually home built, and powered by small outboard motors. The typical seafleas of yesterday were 8 to 12 feet in length and powered by motors from 3 1/2 to 25 hp. Once popular, (long before the advent of personal watercraft), they were great family projects and were not only safe to drive but also the envy of any other kid on the lake who was unlucky enough not to have one.

The Muskoka Seaflea website began in 2001 after Chris and Andrew Taylor decided to post pictures of their Mini Max Seaflea construction process on the internet. At that time there was very little information on these once popular home-built hydroplanes that dominated the cottage lakes during the 50's, 60's and 70's. Most of these cottage racers were constructed from plans printed in the Science and Mechanics magazine issues of that era. After stumbling across a set of plans for the "Mini Max" the two brothers took a week during the summer of 2001 and assembled two of these 8-foot-long boats. The rest they say is history.

For over 20 years, Muskoka Seaflea has been involved in several initiatives promoting safe and family-oriented boating. Our affiliation with Kids and Classics Boats, TORC, ACBS International and ACBS Toronto, Muskoka Lakes Antique and Classic Boats, the Maple Leaf Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club as well as other organizations has made us the top-rated resource on the Internet for all things seaflea. We have over 2000 members on our forum, Facebook, and other social media platforms as well as the number 1 ranked Seaflea YouTube channel.

Muskoka Seaflea is also thrilled to be a part of the brand-new Canadian Race Boat Hall of Fame currently under construction in Muskoka. Once completed, this world class venue will preserve and showcase the exciting and accomplished history of racing in Canada. The CRHF will also serve as our home where we will present live workshops, gatherings, and hands-on building opportunities to promote boat building to youth and adults.