



Jim Sculley The Son



When the magazine first started the "Sculley Series" it was mentioned that it is possible that some confusion may result as to who is...or does...what. There are three Jims involved with building the Sculley. There is Jim Sculley the father. There is Jim Polatty lovingly referred to as the Day-to-Day guy. And there is the son, Jim Sculley, but not a Junior. For the purpose of this quick bio, the young Jim will be Jimmy.

If Jim Sculley and Jim Polatty are the body of the team, Jimmy is certainly the face. He is everywhere...either fishing, showing or promoting the Sculley boat. He is a regular participant in east coast and BBC tournaments. Or, he is taking a prospect on a sea trial to show that if you ever ride a Sculley, you will be hooked on its head sea and fishing performance forever. Or he is moving the Sculley boat from one boat show to another and then back to Wanchese or Virginia Beach. Or he is working to create a first-rate, no nonsense, winning fishing team. Like said earlier, he is everywhere.

Growing up in the Sculley family dictated hard work, commitment, dedication and most

of all, success. Although still quite young, he already has major experience owning and running restaurants in Hilton Head and Virginia Beach. His restaurant passion is waning, partly because he carefully crafts words about the difficulties of hiring service oriented help and how many times the local governments impede rather than help small business. Even today, if he goes out with friends for dinner, it is difficult because his attention is directed at critiques of the restaurant's wait staff, menus, advertising, food presentations and flavor.

That's all in the past. Promise.

Conversations with him recently left no doubt in my mind that he is completely focused on the family boat building success. Now, his conversations are strictly about the future competitive fishing opportunities and building world-class boats. The photo of Jimmy is at the stern of the new Sculley 60 and you will probably also notice that the tower is being built as we watched. The boat is being readied for the Miami boat show and, you guessed it, Jimmy will be there to show you a great Carolina Custom. If you're going to be one of the thousands at the show, stop by and say hello.

You will also see the Sculley boat at more major tournaments in 2003 with a team that will be postured to win. I asked him to consider attending the Bald Head Island Rodeo in May and although I didn't hear a definite "yes"...I didn't hear a "no" either. Come on Jimmy, bring that beautiful Sculley 60 to Cape Fear.

In the closing of this particular day at Sculley Boatworks in Wanchese, Jim Polatty, Jimmy Sculley and I were sitting around talking about the future of sportfishing and sportfishing boats. It turns out that a magazine had just arrived with a profile of Jimmy and when it came time to list his "Occupation When Not Fishing" it was listed as "Director of sales and marketing for Sculley Boatbuilding." What was funny was not whether it properly describes his day-to-day function but rather, "Damn. I never had a title before. I wondered what my job here was!"

Read "Building a Sculley, Part One, Two and Three" in their entirety on our website

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