

EDWARD "JOHN" PETZAK

John followed his dad's footsteps as a boatbuilder. He worked for Adam Price's boat yard where he built yachts and boats, 30 and 40 ft long for the war. He also worked for the Camden Shipyard where he helped build battleships. He was a union carpenter in Fort Dix where he helped to build the barracks and Walston Army Hospital.

He built garvies for 30 years and continues to build at age 72. He has built hundreds of them over the years. Made of Jersey cedar, the garvies measure 16 and 18 ft. long.

John did not work the bay, but built his boats for the baymen to use for clamming and crabbing. He also builds rowboats. John is married. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one daughter, Joan, who is married to William Kelly, a sneakbox builder.