



## Where kids build the boats and the boats build the kids!

**Family Boatbuilding Event Debuts In  
Monument Square July 19th and 20th, 2004**

### Youth Spotlight

Steve Emond is a sophomore at So. Portland High School, now in his third boatbuilding group. Steve says he keeps coming back because he likes the hands-on learning. "It's been helpful to me to learn to set goals. We plan ahead what we do and the boat-builders have been mentors to me. Compass Project activities help me learn how to get along better with other people – I've met some pretty cool people here."



The Compass Project, in association with **WoodenBoat** magazine, is proud to announce a Family Boatbuilding Event for the Greater Portland community. The purpose of the event is three-fold:

- \*\* To promote healthy, fun family activities and access to Portland's natural resources
- \*\* To introduce Compass Project experiential learning programs to the general public
- \*\* To give Compass Project youth an opportunity to combine boatbuilding and social skills in a public event



As part of National Family Boatbuilding Week, the event will take place in the heart of Portland during the workweek. In two days, a Monday and Tuesday, fifteen families or groups will each build a small wooden boat and then launch it at a celebration/picnic to be held at East End Beach. Any family or group (teams of 5) is invited to register for the event: parents and children, grandparents, friends and neighbors, youth organizations and community groups. Compass Project youth will help plan and run the event.

### How you can become Involved!

\*\* Sign up as a Participant \*\*

\*\* Be a Sponsor of the Event \*\*

\*\* Help us find Sponsors \*\*

\*\* Volunteer \*\*

\*\* Help prepare & run the event \*\*

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Also for more information contact Pat Ryan at the Compass Project.

EXCITING NEW PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN OUR BOATBUILDING GROUPS:

- PADDLES
- BIRDFEEDERS
- ADIRONDAK CHAIRS
- SIX-HOUR CANOES
- OPTIMIST DINGHY
- BEVINS SKIFF

Thanks to the hard work of students from Portland H.S., King and Lincoln Middle Schools, Windham Middle School and So. Portland H.S.



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**See You at the  
 Maine Boat-  
 builders Show**  
**March 19th,  
 20th, 21st, 2004**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wine & Cheese Open House**

Thursday, March 4, 5-7pm  
 170 Anderson Street  
 Portland, ME  
 Find out how you can Support the Family  
 Boatbuilding Event

**Maine Boatbuilders Show**

March 19, 20, 21, 10-6pm  
 Visit our booth at the Show  
 58 Fore St, Portland, ME  
 Enter the raffle for an Optimist Dinghy

Spring: **Wine & Cheese** (TBA)

June: **ROWING PROGRAM** starts

July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>  
**FAMILY BOATBUILDING EVENT: MONUMENT SQ.**  
 Enter now space is limited!

August 14 & 15  
**BOATBUILDING DEMONSTRATION  
 MS HARBORFEST**

**COMPASS PROJECT HAPPENINGS:**

Sawdust is flying at our boat shop at 170 Anderson Street. Four boatbuilding groups are in progress. The after-school program runs from 3-5 on Tuesday (Lincoln M.S. building a 6-Hour Canoe); Wednesday( Portland H.S. working on paddles), and Thursday (King M.S. working on Adirondak chairs). Monday and Tuesday mornings Windham M.S. is building a Bevin's Skiff. Students are looking forward to showing their wares at the Boat Show.

A Task Force is busy making plans for the Family Boatbuilding Event this July. Michael Ott is spearheading the group with help from Jay Hotchkiss and Eric Topper. Our first meeting was held at Dead River Company on February 9<sup>th</sup> to start the ball rolling. In attendance were Liz Darling, Jesse Deupree, Jay Hotchkiss, Jon Kachmar, Mike Ott, Pat Ryan, Susan Swanton and Eric Topper. Thanks to Andy Nixon for use of his conference room!