



LAUNCHINGS

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The Compass Project Newsletter

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You can build your own boat right here in Portland at the Third Annual Boat Building Festival! July 16, 17 & 18

The Compass Project proudly announces its Third Annual Boat Building Festival in Monument Square. Come down and watch fifteen families, youth organizations and corporate groups build their own 12-ft. skiffs over 2 1/2 days. Live music at lunchtime! Each team takes home their boat after a launching at East End Beach on July 18 at 2 pm.

The Event raises funds to support our boat building programs for at-risk youth in Portland and is made possible through the generosity of our returning sponsors: Sabre/Back Cove Yachts, Dead River Company, TD Banknorth, Thos. Moser, Hamilton Marine, Maine Coast Lumber, Yankee Marina, H.M. Payson, Diversified Communications, C.M. Bowker, A.G. Edwards, Down East, The Forecaster and the Portland Press Herald. Special thanks to new sponsors: Cianbro Corporation, Hodgdon Yachts, Macdonald Page, Maine Boats Homes & Harbors, Port City Life, Spinnaker Trust, Wilbur Yachts, and Wright Express.

For more information on how you can sponsor or participate in this year's event, go to www.compassproject.org.

Compass Project and Outward Bound High-School Build Boats Together

During the one-week intensive boat-building program with the Casco Bay High School last December, students built two Bevin's Skiffs with guidance from Compass Project boat builders. They tested the seaworthiness of their boats by launching them on a chilly but sunny day at East End Beach. Students learned practical skills, use of tools and general shop maintenance in addition to teamwork and perseverance. As one proud student said, "We created our own boat and it's just a really good feeling."



Compass Project's
2006 Polaris Award
was presented to
Wayne and Loraine Hamilton
for their outstanding support of
boat building opportunities for
youth.

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Thank You Compass Project Supporters!

- ◆ With your generous help we raised \$50,000 by October 1, 2005 to match our Jane's Trust grant of \$50,000.
- ◆ Your continued support helps us provide the best youth programming possible to Portland students.
- ◆ At the Compass Project, tax-deductible donations go far to improve the lives of at-risk youth in Maine by providing them with a positive direction in life.
- ◆ Call us at 774-0682 to find out how you can help!

The kids build the boat...and the boat builds the kids!

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*Don't miss the
Compass Project's
2006 Boat
Building Festival
July 16, 17, 18!*

We are pleased to welcome Clint Chase as Program Manager and Head Boat Builder starting July 1st. A former science teacher at Poland High School, he graduates from the Landing School's Boat Building Program in June.

Compass Project Shop News

- ◆Lincoln Middle School 7th & 8th graders are sanding and painting a 12-ft. Bevin's Skiff. They're finishing their boat in record time!
- ◆The Cape-Cod Frosties kids are back! After a 2 month hiatus due to a lack of funding, Lyman Moore students have picked up where they left off. They are racing against the clock to get their boats ready for our May 31 launching.
- ◆Boat builders from Wescott Alternative Learning Program are at the exciting stage of attaching planks on their second 21-ft. Swampscott Dory. They're working hard to add one more boat to their fleet of dories!

Volunteers keep the Compass Project humming!

Thank you volunteers, especially Norm Nelson, Pete Peterson, Doug Scott, Don Stover and Fidelma McCarron.

Interested in volunteering? Call us at 774-0682
or e-mail at compassinfo@maine.rr.com



Youth Spotlight

On June 8th, Jimmy Larabee will help launch the 21-ft. dory that he built over this past school year. Jimmy, a student at Westbrook's Alternative Learning Program, is completing his second year at the Compass Project. Nick-named "Practically Perfect" by his Westcott teachers, Jimmy has grown from an uninterested, unmotivated student to a hard-working team member who takes leadership roles in the boat shop. Jimmy's newly discovered boat building talent has had an amazing effect on his outlook on the future. "I actually want to get a job working with wood, maybe be a carpenter," Jimmy says.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **5/31** - Lincoln & Lyman Moore M.S. launch at Deering Oaks Park
- ▶ **6/8** - Wescott Dory launch at East End Beach
- ▶ **7/16 -7/18 - 2006** - Boat Building Festival in Monument Square
- ▶ **8/19** - Rowgatta at East End Beach

Compass Project Wish List

Desktop Computer—Bench Planes—Chisels—Clamps—Copier—Electrician's Services—Boat Trailer—Assorted Hand Tools (Screwdrivers, Wrenches, Pliers)

Don't need these any more?
Donate them to the Compass Project!

Board News

The Compass Project is happy to announce the addition of two new Advisory Board Members!

Capt. Jeffrey Munroe & Ted Hugger have joined the Compass Project to help Portland-area teens! Welcome aboard!