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The Compass Project Newsletter

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Compass Project Increases Programs in Fifth Year

Exciting new experiential programs are being launched as the Compass Project enters its fifth year. Under the direction of **Clinton Chase**, Program Manager & Head Boat Builder, our regular boat building and rowing classes have expanded to include these new groups:

- A Newcomers Class of African refugee teens in **Portland's Multicultural Program** are building a boat, learning teamwork, developing math skills and improving their English
- **Casey Family Services** is bringing families with foster and adopted children to begin a group boat building experience in January
- An **Apprentice Program** to build job skills for the marine industry gets off the ground in 2007 with the collaboration of local marine businesses

Apprentice Program to Fill Need of Maine's Growing Marine Industry for Skilled Workers

A long range goal of the Compass Project will be realized in January 2007 when a group of high school students begins a pilot program of boat building and job skills training aimed at a summer apprenticeship.

Students from **Deering High School** will build an Outboard Skiff while developing social skills, work habits and practical skills necessary to work in one of five local marine industry locations.

The apprenticeships will be conducted in collaboration with **Jobs for Maine Graduates**, which is providing partial funding for the program.

Youth Spotlight

Fawzia Ali Hassan arrived from Somalia with two siblings at the end of the summer to join her father and sister in Portland. She is a member of the Newcomers Class of Portland's Multicultural Program, and attends a weekly three-hour boat building class at the Compass Project. In Somalia, Fawzia was a nurse's helper and did not have the opportunity to attend school. Fawzia loves what she's learning here and wants to use her new skills to build a house. After high school she plans to go on to college and become a doctor.



Casco Bay H.S. student John Neal operates the band saw.

Thank You Compass Project Supporters!

- ♦ Your tax-deductible donations go far to improve the lives of at-risk youth in Maine by providing them with a positive direction in life. We couldn't do this without you!
- ♦ Now you can make a donation to the Compass Project in the form of stocks — call us for more information!

Fourth Annual Boat Building Festival Expands!

Register now for the newly expanded Fourth Annual Boat Building Festival, which runs July, 15, 16 and 17 in Portland's Monument Square. This year twenty groups will build their own boats, with families working alongside youth organizations and corporate teams. Visit www.compassproject.org for further information.

Call 774-0682 or email compassinfo@maine.rr.com to register.

Call us to find out about becoming a Corporate Sponsor of this acclaimed community event.

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

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The Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation awards \$50,000 to Dory Building Program

A generous grant from the **King Foundation** will help fund two more years of dory building for Westbrook alternative learning program students, shown at left.

2006 Foundation Support

The Compass Project won grants from the following foundations in 2006:

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| Jane M. Timken | Annie E. Casey |
| Dean L. Fisher | Paul & Virginia Cabot |
| Horizon | Nine Wicket |
| Morton-Kelly | Maine Community |
| Phineas W. Sprague | Lincoln Financial |
| Simmons | Edward H. Daveis |
| Westwind | EASTER |
| Maine Charity | Redmond Family |

The generous support of private foundations has been fundamental to the growth and expansion of Compass Project programs.

RE/MAX by the Bay Sponsors Rowgatta 2006
Bruce Lewis of RE/MAX not only joined us as a sponsor, he fielded a team of rowers for the event! 19 boats rowed and paddled against each other to help support Compass Project rowing and boat building programs.

Volunteers keep the Compass Project afloat!
 With a lot of help from friends and volunteers we are able to provide numerous boat building and rowing groups for at-risk youth, not to mention two major events. None of this would be possible without the help, energy and great ideas of our volunteers.

THANK YOU ALL!

We'd like to especially thank Boat Building Festival volunteers Pete Peterson, Doug Scott, Don Stover & Ted Samuel for their multiple-year dedication to this event, and Burt Knapp and Anne Farrington for organizing a great Rowgatta. Other key volunteers are Anita St. Onge, boat builders Steve Bauer, Patrick O'Toole, Mike Pillsbury, Kipp Powell, Fred Rice and Jeremy Schneider.



A special welcome and thanks to new volunteers Harold Cochrane, Pam Dennis, Rocco La Penta, Deborah Luhrs, John Murphy, and Dixon Reilly!

Want to volunteer? Call us at 774-0682.

Shane Hall, an AmeriCorps Member, brings a special calm rapport to his work with at-risk youth. A Montville native, Shane worked most recently in a wilderness therapy program in North Carolina. His hobbies include kayaking, music, yoga and Tai Chi. Shane is the assistant boat builder.

Big Thanks to
John Murphy at C.W. Hayden,
Bill Conboy at 3M and
Gary Meixner at System Three
 for donating critical boat building supplies for our students!

Board News
 The Compass Project is happy to announce the election of
Richard Hale
 to the Board of Directors and two new Advisory Board Members,
Ginger Jones and Bruce Lewis.
 Welcome aboard!