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The Compass Project Newsletter

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Compass Project Starts the Fall out with a Bang

We are proud to announce new programs for 2007-2008!

- ◆ **Fifty 4th and 5th graders** are marching down Munjoy Hill from the new East End Community School to build a skiff this fall and studying the Popham Beach Colony and Maine's first boat builders
- ◆ Windham's alternative educational program, **The Real School**, is building a 12' dory and learning teamwork in the process.
- ◆ **The Compass Project** and **Jobs for Maine Graduates** are collaborating on the new Youth Apprentice Program which results in a summer-long apprenticeship at a local marine business.
- ◆ **Westcott Middle School**, Westbrook's alternative education program, is building its 4th dory. They row dories they built in previous years.
- ◆ **Mainstay**, a residential program for youth, is restoring a Grand Banks Dory built in Nova Scotia.



Two apprentices learn about epoxy in the boat shop.

VISIT OUR NEW EXPANDED AND REFURBISHED SHOP!

Apprentice Jake Anderson planing wood for the Outboard Skiff



Youth Spotlight

As a senior at Deering High School, Jake Anderson wasn't sure he wanted to continue school. Last January he decided to try out our Pilot Apprentice Program and found that he really liked boat building. He served his apprenticeship at the Compass Project during the summer and was an assistant boat builder at the Boat Building Festival. Jake says, "I love working with boats. It has helped me to build my confidence in and it definitely made me stay in school."

Fourth Annual Boat Building Festival a Success!

The 2007 Festival expanded to 20 teams this year! Generous sponsorship from over 45 corporations and businesses (see list below) provided generous support to make the event possible. The boat building teams were a diverse mix of six youth organizations, five corporate teams and nine family/friend groups.



Thos Moser Team

Thank you Boat Building Festival Sponsors!

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

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The Compass Project would like to welcome Margaret Mountcastle as our new AmeriCorps Volunteer and Paige Rutherford as the new VISTA volunteer!



Caroline Teschke, Volunteer



Rocco LaPenta, Volunteer

Volunteers keep the Compass Project afloat!

Thank you all!

Catherine Bacon, Carrie Cormann, Kristen Terry, Linda Young, Shawnee Sax, Sherry Welch, Joanne Mullen, Pam Dennis, Diane Sammer, Bruce Webb, Tammy Geisinger, Harold Cochrane, Deborah Luhrs, Allen Armstrong, Steven Bauer, Paul Farrell, Rocco LaPenta, John Murphy, Norm Nelson, Pete Peterson, Mike Pillsbury, Fred Rice, Dixon Riley, Caroline Teschke, Max Teschke, Ted Samuel, Jeremy Schneider, Doug Scott, Don Stover, Meredith Oliver, and Doug Woodbury.

Dear Compass Project Friends,

Just last month we celebrated five years of offering innovative boat building programs free of charge to disadvantaged youth — over 600 kids so far. We see them blossom as they learn new skills and become proud of themselves — it’s a joy to watch that happen!

It’s been heartwarming to have the support of the community and of so many generous people. You’ve helped us reach our 5th anniversary — no small feat for this non-profit. Please help keep our programs afloat by giving generously to our Annual Appeal. Mail your check or give online at www.compassproject.org. Thank you!

Warmest holiday wishes,
Patricia Ryan, Executive Director

Want to Volunteer? Call to learn more about how you can use your skill and expertise to help at-risk youth! 774-0682



Thank you to:
**C.W Hayden, Systems Three,
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for continuing generous support of our youth programs!

Board News

The Compass Project is happy to announce the election of four new Board Members:
Christopher Moore - Falmouth High Sch.
Sara Lewis - Spinnaker Trust
Edward Reed - UNUM
Joseph Burke - Points East Magazine
Welcome aboard!