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The Compass Project Newsletter

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**Youth Apprentice Program
Boat Launch Celebration
June 2008**

Boat Building Is In The Air...tools are sharpened....lumber is stacked up... students are embarking this fall on the whole new experience of building boats from scratch. Measuring, cutting, gluing, sanding and painting, working as a team...the satisfaction of hands-on learning and that feeling of "Wow, I did that!" As one student learned last year, "Everything complicated can be broken down into many simple tasks." Teachers love the Compass Project because this is the kind of learning that translates to improved performance in the classroom.

This semester students in our shop are from: Deering H.S., King M.S., MaineStay, Portland West, Reiche School, Spurwink School, and Westbrook M.S. Call us at 774-0882 to arrange a visit to see young boat builders in action.

New Partnership with Rippleffect: This summer saw our first joint kayak building program with Rippleffect. In July and August, ten youth recruited by Rippleffect came to our shop to build 3 Chewonki hard chine, stitch and screw kayaks. Students were so excited about the project that they arrived early (7 am!) and stayed after class to continue working on the boats. Rippleffect provided an overnight adventure program at the end of the boat building.



Fifth Annual Boat Building Festival

Thank you Sabre/Back Cove Yachts and TD Banknorth!

Our two Lead Sponsors of the Boat Building Festival go an extra mile to help the Compass Project. Each year, in addition to their sponsor donations, Sabre Yachts prepares lumber for the festival by cutting parts on their computer operated machine, and TD Banknorth gives us additional help by displaying one of our boats in their lobby at One Portland Square to advertise our event.



Harborview Investment Team

We thank all our generous sponsors who make the Festival a success:

- Dead River Company C.W. Hayden Sail Maine Spinnaker Trust**
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YAI youth group overheard at the Festival: "We all worked together and we shared the tools," Heritage House resident.

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

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Want to give an unusual holiday gift? Why not commission a boat from the Compass Project Shop? Meet our staff and students to discuss what you'd like your boat to be — a dory? a kayak? a skiff? Choose the colors, see the process happen before your very eyes!

“Do good and have fun”, so says Doug Scott, longtime Compass Project Volunteer

Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers — you make magic happen for our kids and Festival participants!

Marc Anderson, Allen Armstrong, Chris & Claudine Audy, Steven Bauer, Tim Bobinsky, Nick Burnett, Carrie Camann, Jodi Carpenter, Skip Cross, Ginger Jones, Rocco La Penta, Deborah Luhrs, Bronley Luhrnam, Peter Maris, John Murphy, Yvette Nadeau, Norm & Sally Nelson, Kipp Powell, Steven Powers, Fred Rice, Dixon Riley, Bill Ryall, Ted Samuel, Shawnee Sax, Doug Scott, Don Stover, Linda Umbel, Winnie Wangari, Doug Woodbury, and John Woodbury. *And special thanks to our Festival Committee: Sara Lewis, chair; Linda Young, Carrie Camann, Norm Nelson & Barry Sheff.*



**Thank you to:
C.W. Hayden, Hamilton Marine, System Three, & Sabre Yachts
for their continuing generous support
of our youth programs!**

**WE WELCOME
Three new staffers:
Tristram Draper, Vista;
Jodi Carpenter, AmeriCorps;
Brian Rank, UNE
Social Work Intern**

Recent in-kind gifts

- ◆ Dozens of Portland businesses donate to our Boat Building Festival!
- ◆ We are grateful to Chris Falk, our computer guru, for his donation of a well-equipped computer for new staff members and to Pam Plumb for office chairs.

ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Compass Friends,
The economy and the housing crisis have far-reaching effects on us all, especially the disadvantaged youth we serve. Please use the enclosed donor envelope to give generously so that at-risk youth continue to learn valuable academic, social and job skills they need to succeed in life.

Thank you,
Patricia Ryan, Exec. Dir.

Board News

We are happy to announce the election of new officers:

- Ted Reed, President**
- Sara Lewis, Vice President**
- and three new Board Members:
Beth Ansheles - Accounting Consultant
Duncan Bruce - Systems Engineering
Richard Hallett - Hallett Canvas & Sails

Welcome Aboard!