



## Volunteer Boat Building Effort Update #2

April 15, 2010

The expanded lofting floor is complete. The new strongback awaits a building form.

**TODAY WE RECEIVED THE DRAWINGS AND OFFSET TABLE.**

Lofting starts Saturday April 17 at 10:00AM.

Anyone who ever wanted to build a boat should be there. This is where each of our student teams start their boat. It is challenging and complicated. The ability to think in 3D while drawing in 2D is what it is all about. It helps wire student brains to think more clearly and critically about complicated problems. Come see what it does to yours.

**Join us Saturday for the start of an adventure in learning.**

**See what experiential learning is all about.**

Directions to the shop below

Thursday Night, April 1, We completed the longer strongback needed to build the bigger boats.



**Building form for the new boats will  
be set up on this new strongback**

On Saturday, April 3, we made significant progress on the expanded lofting floor which will allow us to lay out the new boat.



**Panels under way for expansion of the  
lofting floor.**

**Such a beautiful space to work in!!!!  
Those are the masts of the USS  
Constitution out the window.**

Remember that the shop is open Thursdays from 4-7PM and Saturdays from 10AM-2PM. We will be there to organize whoever wants to stop by to work. This is a great opportunity for all of you who have often fantasized about building a boat but the project always seemed to big or you didn't have the space. Having others to work with, our experienced staff to teach you what you need to know and our beautiful shop space in Building 125 at the Charlestown Navy Yard to work in will make it seem easy.

**COME ON DOWN AND JOIN IN THE FUN!!!**

[Click here to link to our volunteer signup page](#)

## **FUNDING UPDATE**

Your tax deductible donation can be made on our [web site](#)

As we near the end of our fiscal year we still have a small budget gap. Your help to close that gap would be sincerely appreciated. Our funders, listed below, have been more than generous given the economic conditions and the fact that we are a new, small organization working outside the box. Your tax deductible donation can be made on our [web site](#) or mailed to our fiscal sponsor, Third Sector New England. Checks should be made out to BFB/TSNE and mailed to TSNE, 89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111.

You can also purchase one of the student built boats to help support our program. It will

surely attract attention on your dock while giving you a great story to tell about your support for the kids that built it. See details below.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOP

We are in historic Building 125 at the Charlestown Navy Yard. The easiest way to get there is to catch the T's inner harbor ferry at Long Wharf. It is a 10 minute ride to the Navy Yard. Building 125 is right at the top of the gangway when you leave the boat. If driving, enter the Navy Yard off Chelsea Street at 5th St. After the first stop sign go straight ahead onto Baxter Rd. Building 125 is at the end on the right. You are looking for the building in the drawing below



Boston Family Boat Building brings critical academic subjects and skills -- math, science, social studies, spatial thinking, reading and writing -- to life with experiential learning opportunities for school children. It is a unique program serving Boston Public Schools elementary school children that draws on the outstanding natural features of Boston and its rich history. Now in its third year, the program works with 4th and 5th graders to learn navigation skills in the Harbor, construct a seaworthy 10-foot wooden rowing vessel and learn about earlier Bostonians, particularly African Americans, who worked in the maritime trades. Check out all our programs to bring exciting experiential learning opportunities to students of the Boston Public Schools at

<http://www.bostonfamilyboatbuilding.com>

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<http://www.atlanticmaritimeheritage.com>

**BOATS FOR SALE**  
to support our work with kids  
in the Boston Public Schools



Some of the boats built by students in past years are pictured above. They are for sale for \$1,500 each. We have 15. They are 10ft, carvel planked in Maine cedar, framed in white oak from Orange, MA and have a fir plywood bottom. All materials are sourced from sustainably managed forests by certified loggers and milled in FSC certified facilities.

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