

THE CARPENTER'S BOAT SHOP

46 Years of Apprenticeships, Building Boats & Nurturing Lives



IN 1979, Bobby and Ruth Ives created a place of community that centered on the craft of boatbuilding. Ruth was a teacher and Bobby a fisherman and minister who enjoyed learning about boatbuilding and wanted to share it with others. Bobby and his mentor, Edward Salor, taught apprentices at a nascent Carpenter's Boat Shop campus. Former apprentices recall the early buildings—a renovated farmhouse and chicken barn turned into a workshop, restoration shop, and painting area—for their rustic charm.

This was a true community, enhanced by myriad visitors and guests, that evolved with more land, dorms, and workshops, including an Amish-built barn shop designed for energy-efficiency and modern woodworking equipment.

Now in its 46th year, The Carpenter's Boat Shop remains dedicated to nurturing and enriching lives through the practices of building and restoring wooden boats, living in community, and serving others. Its core program is a tuition-free apprenticeship from March through November—a unique opportunity for

adults to take deliberate time for reflection and skill-building as they search for new direction in their lives.

The shop's standard apprentice-built craft is the Monhegan Skiff, a traditional 9-foot-6-inch or 11-foot plywood-sided or lapstrake-sided rowboat design unique to the region. "The Carpenter's Boat Shop has built well over 200 Monhegan Skiffs," said Bobby Ives. "It is a privilege to keep this tradition alive."

The Boat Shop welcomes inquiries from boat owners interested in restoration services. Also, donations of boats with good resale value support the organization's work.

Order your skiff today by contacting The Carpenter's Boat Shop!

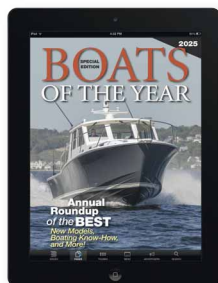
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