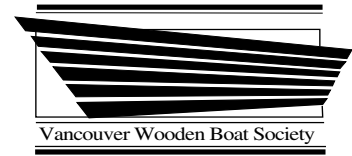


Vancouver Wooden Boat Society

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Dear Boaters,

Ahoy & Happy Boating! It's time to reserve your space for the 24th annual Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival. It will be bigger and better than ever this year and will be held in Vancouver on Granville Island from Aug. 25-28, 2011.

The new docks worked out great last year with the new power boxes and ramp in the middle. We can look forward to good moorage again this year. Registering early helps us get our docking plan in order well ahead of schedule. Don't forget to register for the Alder Bay Classic (especially those of you who have built Bevin's skiffs) and the Spruce Cup races. So start your training now – it should be a fun race season. We are also planning to have a wooden dinghy sailing regatta (Oarlock & Sail) so shine up those bottoms, shake out those sails and dust off your paddles for the Wooden Canoe Challenge while you're at it. We are encouraging all boaters to bring their small wooden boats and participate.

The festival runs from 1000 - 1700 daily. We are asking boat owners to be on board their vessels from 1100 - 1500 hours to talk to the general public or allow the public on deck – at your discretion of course. Helping the public get a taste of our rich maritime heritage is part of the Vancouver Wooden Boat Society's mandate – the festival and you, the boat owners, go a long way to helping us meet our goals.

If you are interested in taking part in family boatbuilding, check out the flyer and send your essay in to us before July 15, 2011. If you know anyone who may want to participate, pass the flyer on to them. Register early because it is a first come, first served situation.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer some time during the Festival please don't hesitate to call me at (604) 688-9622 or fax (604) 688-9682, or you can send e-mail to jan@pragmaltd.com – We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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