



GIG HARBOR BOATSHOP

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AT A GLANCE

BREW WITH A VIEW: After her starring role in the *Salmon, Seiners, & Life on the Sea* exhibit created in partnership with the Harbor History Museum, the *Avalon* wheelhouse is on display at 7 Seas Brewing Tap Room. Special thanks to Pierce County, Gig Harbor Commercial Fishermen's Civic Club, Gig Harbor Marina, and others for their support.



Avalon wheelhouse at HHM.

IN MEMORIAM: We fondly remember board members **Gene Pearson** (1927—2018) and **Vern Scott** (1936—2018). Gene and Vern each made exemplary contributions to the BoatShop, and we honor their legacies.

Sea Changes: Your Community Boatyard Turns 10

After a passionate community movement to save Eddon Boatyard and its traditional uses, Gig Harbor BoatShop was established in 2008. We moved into a freshly restored Eddon Boatyard in 2010 and threw open our doors to the public.

During the last ten years, we have engaged thousands of people with Gig Harbor's working waterfront. We have invited locals and visitors to join us in a real working boat shop where real boats are actually built. We have educated the young and the old on skills ranging from woodworking to tying knots to diesel engine repair. We have told stories, sang songs, celebrated our past, and planned for our future. We have championed the preservation and restoration of the Eddon Boatyard components, piece by piece.

We have restored and maintained boats ranging from canoes to a 63' commercial fishing vessel. We have taught people how to sail, how to row, and how to steer boats. We have bent wood, cast bronze, and pretty much everything in between. We have recruited students to participate in our internship programs, and we have recruited talented people to serve on our Board and as volunteers.

We have been the catalyst for authentic experiences for thousands of people that otherwise may not have the opportunity to climb aboard a historic boat, or step inside a historic boatyard. We provide a place for people to

gather, to create, and to make connections with each other and with their community.

And that's just the first ten years.

Why does this matter? Because with the onslaught of the digital age, there are fewer opportunities than ever before to make *stuff*—like boats. Because the work we do to interpret and operate a historic boatyard defines and protects the very essence of Gig Harbor so that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy it. And because, as author Wallace Stegner wrote, "if you don't know where you are, you don't know who you are."

None of this would be possible without you. Gig Harbor BoatShop is an organization founded by a community and perpetuated by a community. Support from our friends and

neighbors comes in many forms: time (so much time!), money, tools, boats, expertise, and hundreds of other gifts. All are vital to the accomplishments of our first ten years. Thank you.

We intend to keep up the good work we began in 2008. This milestone has allowed us to renew our focus on strategic priorities like completing the boatyard restoration (just the marine railways and house remain), enhancing our communications, and increasing fundraising. Progress in any of these areas will directly result in even more public benefit. We ARE your community boatyard.



MARINE RAILWAYS PROJECT BEGINS

A year after the **Marine Railways Capital Campaign** was launched, we raised enough money to purchase the steel for the outside rails. The steel was delivered and work began in early November.

This significant milestone is possible because of support from the **City of Gig Harbor, TOTE Maritime Alaska**, and private donors. Board treasurer John McMillan has also been instrumental to the project's progress.

There is still work to be done. We are fundraising for the last \$330,000 needed to complete the railways, which represents less than 5% of the total Eddon Boatyard purchase and restoration cost.



Steel for the outside railways was delivered to the site Nov. 1. Within a few days, BoatShop volunteers had made significant progress on the installation.

All Ages Can Get Involved at the BoatShop



Henderson Bay High School student Chris Oughten participates in the BoatShop's Young Hands | New Skills internship program that pairs local high school students with skilled craftsmen.

Kids that participate in BoatShop activities are doing more than just getting their hands dirty. They are activating the mind-hand connection, increasingly elusive in today's digital age. They are experiencing the simple joys of creating things and interacting with one another, face to face. They are engaging with Gig Harbor's working waterfront heritage and becoming more connected to their community. They are having fun!

We are deliberately investing in youth and family programs to ensure the next generation will have access to the resources the BoatShop provides to the public. Plus, kids thrive in this type of environment. We are thrilled when parents report the BoatShop brings out the best in their children.

Last academic year, we partnered with Peninsula School District to pilot **Young Hands | New Skills**, an internship program for Henderson Bay High School students. The program pairs student interns with boatwright Tom Regan and other BoatShop mentors in a master/apprentice setting. The pilot was so successful that the program was renewed and expanded for this academic year.

Children age five and up are invited to attend **Tales at the BoatShop**, a free story hour offered periodically throughout the year led by volunteer Cindy Hackett. Held in the historic Joiner Shop, participants soak up authentic boatyard heritage.

Year-round **BoatShop Adventures** sessions teach children to create a woodworking project of their own. This hands-on program is geared toward elementary-aged youth.

The popular **Family Boat Building Program**, supported by the **Baker Foundation** and **Edensaw Woods**, has built well over 200 boats. In 2019 the BoatShop will offer **scholarships** to families who otherwise may not have the opportunity to participate in a Family Boat Building weekend.

It's never too early to get kids on the water! Children of all ages are welcome to take a ride on the seasonal **BoatShop Livery** boats (thanks to the **Northwest Marine Trade Association's Grow Boating Program** for supporting the Livery) and to tour our historic purse seine vessel **Veteran**. Pack a picnic lunch and introduce your youngsters to the joy and delight of boats and boating.



S/S Hyak Wheelhouse Replica Takes Shape



Poulsbo Historical Society needs a full-size replica of the steam ship *Hyak* wheelhouse to serve as a permanent entrance at their Maritime Museum in downtown Poulsbo. The BoatShop happens to have a few wheelhouse experts (remember *Avalon*?). So when the Historical Society approached the BoatShop for help, we happily agreed to build the wheelhouse.

Volunteer Bill Isaacs is taking the lead on the project, which began in September. Bill is involved in every aspect, from material selection to construction means and methods.

When complete, the exact replica will be approximately 8' x 7'-6". People will be able to stand inside and turn the wheel. The *Hyak* was part of the Mosquito Fleet and operated



Top: volunteer Bill Isaacs works on the *Hyak* build (photo courtesy of Shaun O'Berry). Below: the finished wheelhouse will be roughly 8' x 7'-6".

in Puget Sound from 1914 until 1936.

The wheelhouse project will be complete in spring 2019.

Holiday Season Happenings at Gig Harbor BoatShop

Mark your calendars for the BoatShop's special events and programs planned for the holiday season:

November 24: Small Business Saturday. Find the perfect gift while enjoying special discounts at the BoatShop store.

December 9: Santa's BoatShop. Children will love the chance to create a model of a boat in a historic boat shop that's been taken over by Santa's elves.

December: Veteran Lighting. This iconic vessel will be illuminated with holiday lights all season long.

December 12: Member Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. BoatShop members will get important updates on our work during the last year. Bring your questions and comments. Immediately following the meeting, members are invited to eat, drink, and be merry in the Joiner Shop. Happy holidays!

COMING UP

ONGOING: the **Community Boat Restoration Program** meets on Saturdays. Participate in a boat restoration, repair, or construction under the guidance of a master boatwright. All are welcome!

NOVEMBER 29: Varnishing 101 workshop. Learn the basics of varnishing in the cozy Joiner Shop.

DECEMBER 3: First Aid at Sea workshop. Be prepared for a medical emergency on the water.

DECEMBER 6: Useful Knots 101 workshop. An informal hour of knot tying and learning their appropriate applications. Take home diagrams and samples you tied.

DECEMBER 9: Come on down to **Santa's BoatShop**, a festive holiday event for the whole family.

DECEMBER 12: Member Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. Members will receive an email with details.

JANUARY 6: Half Hull Modeling Class. Build a 1/8 scale half hull model.

JANUARY 15: Diesel Engine Troubleshooting & Maintenance workshop. Learn basic maintenance of fuel, cooling, exhaust, and other systems in marine diesel engines.

BOATYARD UPDATE

That's not a mess, it's progress! Eddon Boatyard is getting a facelift with a fresh coat of exterior paint and structural repairs at the storefront. Kudos to the **City of Gig Harbor** for managing the project and ensuring we were able to remain operational for its entire duration.

We are also partnering with the City to complete the **Boatyard House restoration**. Currently in design, when the project is complete, the house will be used as a community gathering space and for BoatShop public programming.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Did you know most of the BoatShop's public programs are not profitable? We rely on donor support to provide affordable and accessible programming that's available to all.

You or your business can support the BoatShop's work by sponsoring a program or event. We have a wide range of sponsorship opportunities, from youth programs to **Veteran excursions** to the **Music at the BoatShop concert series**, and much more. Sponsorships start at just \$100, and all sponsors receive special recognition and publicity.

For more information, please visit gigharbor-boatshop.org/sponsorships, or contact the BoatShop.

Giving Thanks

Gig Harbor BoatShop is a passionate organization—we care deeply about what we do, and why we do it. But we can't do it alone. Your membership dues and donations directly support operations and programming that advance our mission, vision, and purpose. The Board of Directors and staff wish to thank the following members and donors:

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