

# Vancouver Wooden Boat Society

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## NEWS RELEASE

### The Romance of Wood. . .

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Vancouver, BC – Ahoy! Boat Lovers . . . The 23rd annual Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival on Granville Island will take place August 26-29, 2010.



Afloat and ashore, there'll be a floating exhibition of wooden boats, displays, hands-on boatbuilding and demonstrations, including knot tying and marlinspike seamanship. Hear some sea shanties (and sing along) or join in the workshops, listen to maritime storytellers, explore our replica of an 18th century Spanish long boat, check out the exquisite kayaks or join in the races on Saturday and Sunday. Family fun will include the ever-popular Kid's boatbuilding and Family Boatbuilding where families & youth groups will build 12-foot boats – the launch will take place on Sunday Aug 29 at approximately 1430 hours.

The festival runs from 1000 to 1700 hours each day and admission is free. Special events on Saturday Aug. 28/10 include the Alder Bay Classic (rowing race for boats 20' and under), Oarlock & Sail Regatta (sailing race for boats 20' and under) and The Wooden Canoe Challenge (canoe race). On Sunday Aug. 29/10 catch a stunning musical performance while waiting for the family boatbuilding launch – or catch the Spruce Cup sailing race on English Bay starting at 1330.

EVENT: Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival

DATE: August 26-29, 2010

TIME: 1000 to 1700 hours daily

WHERE: Granville Island, Vancouver

ADMISSION: Free — Full program available [www.vancouverwoodenboat.com](http://www.vancouverwoodenboat.com) as it becomes available

## Have you ever wanted to build a real boat?

If you want to build a real boat with your family, (Moms, Dads, kids, grandparents, aunts and uncles, (or any other configuration of extended family), you will want to be one of the lucky families/youth groups chosen to participate in this event. **You will build your own 12 foot dinghy** (Bevin's skiff) during the Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival (Aug. 26-29) under the supervision of a professional boat builder. You will all launch your boats at the same time and be able to go for a row before taking your boats home.

**Entry requirements:** Write us a short essay describing why your family should be chosen.

Suitable for families/youth groups with youth  
11-17-years-old (some exceptions allowed).

Mail, email or fax entries to: Vancouver Wooden Boat Festival,  
1490 Johnston St.  
Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3S1 or  
Fax (604) 688-9682 or  
Email: [jan@pragmatld.com](mailto:jan@pragmatld.com)

Cost is \$400 per family. What a deal!

Successful applicants will be notified on receipt of their essay. Limited space – apply early!

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