

# Foss Waterway Seaport

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## *Heritage Wooden Boat Shop*

Foss Waterway Seaport's active Heritage Wooden Boat Shop showcases the restoration and construction of heritage wooden boats, including reproductions of original skiffs built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by Andrew Foss, husband of acclaimed Norwegian immigrant and Foss Tug matriarch, Thea Foss. Plans are in development to expand the Seaport's volunteer-run Boat Shop to provide space for local craftsmen and novice boat builders to practice their skills as well as a Build to Teach Program for community youth to build small boats while also learning basic math, geometry and science skills as they celebrate and preserve traditional maritime construction craftsmanship. Goals for the Boat Shop and the proposed Build to Teach Program include:

- Teach math and science skills to youth through hands-on boat building projects
- Provide "hot shop" activities for Seaport guests to observe
- Showcase traditional maritime crafts and construction skills
- Offer workshops by master boat builders
- Construct copies of historic vessels for the Seaport's boat livery to be offered as rentals
- Provide opportunities to learn about restoring and maintaining boats and maritime artifacts
- Offer volunteer opportunities for wood workers and boat craftsmen at all skill levels.

NOTE: Foss Waterway Seaport's Heritage Wooden Boat Shop is currently open by prior arrangement during our building renovation and installation of our dramatic new glass front wall. Education programs (land-based field trips, boat-based expeditions, family events and mariner education classes) continue during this construction phase. Please join us for our grand re-opening in spring 2013!

### **Program Statistics (Annually):**

Number of Boat Shop Participants	5
Number Achieving Build to Teach Program Goal	N/A (Program under development)
Size of Build to Teach Program Budget	N/A (Program under development)
Number of Foss Waterway Seaport Employees	4 full time; 4 part time
Number of Boat Shop Volunteers	5

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Teaching with Small Boats Conference Participant  
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