

# Rocking the Boat

## *Boatbuilding and On-Water Youth Development and Job Skills Programs*

Rocking the Boat is based in the South Bronx—the poorest congressional district in the nation, according to the latest figures—and our students face great economic, educational, health, and social obstacles. They need comprehensive and sustained services to contend with the dangers of domestic and street violence, under-resourced schools, and a lack of adequate family support. Rocking the Boat uses wooden boatbuilding, maritime skills, and environmental science, and adds in outdoor adventures and the comprehensive support services of three licensed social workers, to fulfill many of these needs, allowing high school age youth to develop the self-confidence to set ambitious goals and the skills needed to achieve them. Rocking the Boat teaches, challenges, nurtures, and motivates, providing the tools—self-confidence, teamwork and leadership skills, critical thinking—to transition into the next phase of life. Kids don't just build boats at Rocking the Boat, boats build kids.



### **Program Statistics (Annually): (feel free to add more or alter statistics categories)**

Number of Participants	120 long term engagement; 2,500 short term
Number Achieving Program Goal	100%
Size of Budget	\$1,800,000
Number of Employees	15 full time, 15 part time (all former students)
Number of Volunteers	10

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