

Canoe-Building Workshop using Recycled Wood

Learn to build a traditional wood canoe using mostly recycled and renewable materials.

The skills learned in the workshop will enable you to build your own low-impact canoe at home. Sourcing and processing of recycled and salvaged materials for your own canoe will be explained.

- 100% salvaged wood
- 100% discarded unused paint & varnish
- New metal fastenings (small amount)
- New waterproof glue (small amount)
- New material 100% cotton canvas (renewable)

Course Times: Eight Saturdays, 9am-4pm, October 2 to November 20, 2010.

Workshop Location: Davis Bay

COST: **\$300 per person**

Register or ask questions: Contact Larry Westlake **885-0744** info@westlakeboats.com

*** Register Before September 25th ***

Previous woodworking experience is required. Students will work together to build one canoe. During construction they will learn the skills to build their own at home. **The nearly-finished boat** (painting and varnishing will not be complete) will be offered for sale to students for the cost of the new materials used (about \$150). The intent is that students will build their own canoes to form a small local fleet, to become a regular display at Creek Daze and a community of actively used recreational craft.

The design is a 12-foot single-seat double-paddle canoe (photos below). The type was very popular from the 1880's until the 1920's and is making a comeback in the 21st century. You sit low in the canoe and use a double-bladed paddle, just like a kayak, but with no deck. The weight is 40 to 45 pounds, so it is easily carried by one person.

The construction method we will use was the major commercial production method from circa 1900 to the 1970's, when wood was king. The only significant difference is that we will be using carefully selected resawn salvaged wood and surplus supplies instead of virgin materials.



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