

# Education Passages

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**To:** All 2009 Mini-Boat Participants  
**Re:** Information you need to know  
Information you need to give to me

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The new boats are coming out very well, and they will be ready to sail by late April. They are strong, look good, and they will be capable of making long ocean passages.



Hull #1 as she emerges from the master mold on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the [Mid-Coast School of Technology](#) in Rockland, Maine

## **Participants include:**

1. Belfast Area High School, creative problem solving class;
2. Waldo County YMCA, teen group;
3. Old Town Elementary School;
4. Camden Hills Consolidated High School, Zenith program.

There will be school assemblies/ informational meetings as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Waldo County YMCA
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Old Town Elementary School
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Camden Adult Education Class

**Sea Trials will be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Meet at the Belfast foot bridge (west side) at 1:00 p.m. Bring your cameras as you should get some great aerial shots from the bridge. If your boat passes the sea trials you will be able to take her back to your school/organization. Bring a large car, truck or van as they will just barely fit in my Camry.

**Maine Maritime Day is Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Plan to deliver your boat to the Maine Maritime Academy training ship, State of Maine at 10:00 a.m. Captain Wade will welcome us aboard the 500 foot ship and answer your questions. We will tour the ship and see how the mini-boats will be released at sea. They will also explain how we can correspond with the ship and be able to see the launching of your vessel in real time on your computer.

We will tour the MMA facilities and campus, have lunch at the cafeteria, meet with the admissions department, and perhaps experience the ship simulator, all things you will not want to miss.

**Things for Participants to decide:**

1. **Decide where to have your boat launched:** each group can decide where it would like to launch its boat. I'll be sending you a map shortly which will show you 4 or 5 recommended launch sites. We think your vessel will get a good, long ride on the winds and currents and land in an exciting place from any of these sites. When you get the map check it out and let us know where you want to release your boat.
2. **Identify your boat** and instruct the finder: If your group will write your identifying information on a 8 ½ X 11 sheet of white paper I'll fiberglass it on the boat. You'll probably want to include such information such as:

VESSEL IDENTIFICATION:

NAME OF VESSEL:

SPONSORING GROUP;

MAILING ADDRESS;

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

USA

3. **Finders Instructions:**

What do you want the finder to do if he finds your boat at sea? What should he do if its found on shore? If you let them know this is part of a learning experience for your group they might be more willing to follow your instructions.

4. **Get a message ready:** Start thinking about a message for the watertight compartment.

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**SUMMATION**

Send your Boat Identification Information and the Finders Instructions to me (two copies) on 8 ½ X 11 white paper. Put anything else on this you wish and send it to me by Friday April 10th and I'll get it on your boat. You probably have questions so give me a call at 338-4087 or email me at [Richard.baldwin@educationalpassages.com](mailto:Richard.baldwin@educationalpassages.com).

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