

Education Passages

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Re: Mini-Boat TV interview and 2009 Plans

Watch WABI-TV news Thursday evening and/or Friday for news on this years sailing program for Maine Students. Numerous improvements have been made to strengthen the project including:

- 1) Improved the boat design lengthening it to 55 inches and increasing the ballast to approximately 15 lbs.
- 2) A professional mold is being made and students at the Mid-Coast School of Technology will mold ten boats.
- 3) We have established a strong relationship with the Maine Maritime Academy. They will have a special day in Castine when the students deliver their boats to the State of Maine training vessel. The training vessel will launch our boats in various locations as they cross the Atlantic to the Azores. Students will have a chance to see the Academy's facilities, meet with administrators, have lunch and perhaps experience the ship simulator.
- 4) The State of Maine Department of Education has also been very supportive and has helped us introduce this program to the schools.
- 5) I'm confident we'll have at least five boats this summer and hope for eight.
- 6) We've set up a website www.educationalpassages.com. Check it out for further information and don't forget to watch WABI news

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