

Education Passages

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2010 Update

- 1) Mark Fitzgerald, Marine Architect, has a good start on the drawings for our new boat. They should be ready by October 2, 2009.
- 2) The Mid-Coast School of Technology Marine Tech class, under the instruction of Richard Irving, will take Mark's drawing and produce up to 10 boats. I've agreed to pay for the cost of materials.
- 3) Captain Larry Wade and Dick Baldwin will be presenting a talk on our mini boat project at the October 15th Searsport/Bucksport Propeller Club Meeting.
- 4) The mini boat Zenith has been recovered and returned to the Camden Hills Regional High School. She is destined for the school's showcase and plans to set out again next year.
- 5) Nate Larlee (teacher with the Zenith Program in Camden) is working on developing a curriculum/lesson plans for teaching earth science using information based on our five mini boats.
- 6) Dick Baldwin plans to deliver a bare hull to Cindy Powers in Cape Breton over Columbus Day weekend. Cindy plans to give the boat to a Cape Breton school who wants to join our program next year.
- 7) It is time to start "lining up boats" for next year. Dick is willing to go around to schools to give assemblies or explain our program to teachers. Please give him any leads you may have or pursue schools on your own if you wish.
- 8) Our biggest obstacle might be the lack of school funding. The Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport is looking into seeing if they might be able to get a grant to help schools afford this program. Other possibilities for grants would be through the National Science Foundation, NOAA, or NASA.

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- 9) We have numerous people to thank for helping this program succeed. They include:
- a) Wayne Hamilton - helping us out with sea trials and offering marine expertise.
 - b) Doug Pope - of Pope Sails in Rockland. Doug has donated material, services and offered invaluable technical advice on our sails and rigging.
 - c) Bob Chase - of Bohndell Sails has donated materials and services.
 - d) George Bernard - George will be making custom stainless fittings for our rigging next year.
 - e) Mark Fitzgerald - of Fitzgerald Marine designed next years boat for us.

Thanks to all,

Dick

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