

Friends of the Boat Building Academy

Newsletter - Christmas 2021



Hello and welcome to the Christmas edition of the BBA newsletter!

Though not without its challenges, 2021 has been an exciting year for the Boat Building Academy.

Please read on to find out what's been happening in the past few months.

Merry Christmas from all at the Boat Building Academy. Hope to see you in the New Year!

Best Wishes,

Will Reed,

Director/Trustee

What's Been Happening at the BBA?

- Launch day for the 40 week Boat Building Class of October 2020 was held on 6 October 2021. The class built six boats in total: three sailing dinghies, a carvel tender, a diesel launch and a replica of a Cornish Crabber.



- By the time the October class had said their farewells, the May 2021 course were already setting up in the main workshop ready to build their boats.
- Later that month we welcomed the 40 week Boat Building Class of October 2021. The class are now halfway through the foundation stage of their course - having recently finished lofting their boats. The class will be building four boats.
- Over in the woodworking workshop, the September 12 week Furniture Making class are working hard to finish their personal project pieces before the end of course exhibition on Friday 17th December.
- On Wednesday 12 December, the girls of Alantic Rogue came down for a tour of the workshop. Rogue will be rowing 3000 miles from La Gomera to Antigua, and raising money for their chosen charities along the way.



- Here are some of our brilliant female students discussing the merits of modern wooden Boat Building!

Upcoming Events

Class of May 2021 Launch Day
1030 9 March 2022

BBA Open Day
7 May 2022

Class of October 2021 Launch Day
3 August 2022 (TBC)

Upcoming Courses

40 week Boat Building
14 March 2022 - 16 December 2022
22 August 2022 - 9 June 2023

12 week Furniture Making
16 May 2022 - 5 August 2022
12 September 2022 - 2 Dec 2022

Advanced Furniture Making
17 Jan 2022 - 8 April 2022

2022 Short Course Programme
Available on website

www.boatbuildingacademy.com

www.bbafurnitureschool.com



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What's Happening in Boat Building?

Downstairs in the main workshop, the 40 week Boat Building Class of May 2021 are building their boat projects. In total the class are building three boats:

Karl - 14' Gartside traditional clinker outboard powered launch

Jonathan - 15'6" Glued clinker Westray skiff

Luke - 18' Strip plank sailing boat 'Zinnia'



Upstairs on the mezzanine, the Class of October 2021 are halfway through the foundation stage of the course. Over the last few weeks, they have been lofting their boat projects, ready to start building them when they move down into the main workshop in March next year.

The class will be building four boats:

Dom - 16' Veloce 2-seater plank on frame inboard speed boat

Tim - 17' Gartside strip plank outboard powered runabout

Lorraine - 14' Gartside Skylark sailing dinghy

Tony - 18' Nick Smith traditional clinker launch



Photographic build diaries for all the boats can be found on our website

www.boatbuildingacademy.com

Ever wondered what it's like to be a student on the 40 week Boat Building course?

Check out our regular video series tracking bursary student Jamie Jay as he embarks on the October 2021 Boat Building course. **Click here to be redirected.**



What's Happening in Furniture Making?

Over in the woodworking workshop, the September 12 week Furniture Making students are now in the final week of their course. The class have made a wide variety of furniture: a set of dovetail boxes, a bench, chairs and a side table.

We're also pleased to announce that Petter Southall of Sladers Yard will be joining the Academy in January 2022 to lead the 12 week Advanced Furniture Making course.

Petter has been working as a professional maker for over four decades, including eleven years working as a boat builder in Norway! If this course takes your fancy, there are still a few last minute places available!

