

# N E W H A M P S H I R E BOAT MUSEUM

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## **Build a boat and sail in it this summer with NHBM**

Wolfeboro, NH--April 9, 2019--This summer, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will provide numerous opportunities to experience the Lakes Region, including the chance to not only sail, paddle, or row a boat, but build one.

“We don’t want people to just learn about boating and its culture on in the region,” said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings. “We want people to immerse themselves in it. Building a boat in our class and then rowing, sailing or paddling in it is the best way to do just that.”

During the class, participants will use NHBM’s tools and learn boat-building skills from experienced staff and volunteers in “a friendly environment.”

“If you take good care of your boat, it will last for years,” she said.

In Adult & Family Boat Building, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, adults can work by themselves or with younger family members to build a Bevin’s Skiff, T-person canoe, One-person kayak, Opti sailboat, or Paddleboard.

In Youth Boat Building, July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup>, girls and boys (ages 12 and up) will be taught how to safely use hand tools and a limited number of power tools. In this class, participants may choose from the following kinds of boats: Two-person canoe, One-person kayak, or Bevin’s skiff.

“We also offer scholarships for youth in need of financial assistance,” said Cummings, who said this year’s classes are enhanced through a partnership with Squam Lakes Association (SLA).

“This summer, any SLA member or camp participant can take our boat building classes at our museum member rate,” she added. “Our members also receive the SLA membership discount for their programs, including summer camp.”

The partnership with SLA, she said, reflects NHBM’s continued emphasis to broaden the scope of its programs.

“With the launch of our Capital Campaign for a new building and the land for it already purchased, we want to be seen as more than a museum and bigger than boats,” said Cummings. “Partnerships like this one with SLA help widen our

audience.”

Founded in 1992 by vintage boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.

To learn more about NHBM, or its boat building classes (and scholarship opportunities), visit [nhbm.org](http://nhbm.org).

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