



# GIG HARBOR BOATSHOP

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## AT A GLANCE

WE APPRECIATE all who participated in Gig Harbor BoatShop's annual fund drive in December. Together we raised \$9,850 to support the BoatShop.

A WARM THANK YOU to Dave Higby, Volunteer Coordinator. Dave announced his retirement this spring and has accomplished a great deal during his tenure as our first Volunteer Coordinator. Dave will continue to serve in his role through May, ensuring that our busy Spring calendar of events is supported by the loyal cadre of volunteers who keep our programs and projects alive.

THAT'S A WRAP! After a year-long strategic planning effort, the Gig Harbor BoatShop Strategic Plan 2017-2021 was completed in January. Want to read it yourself? The plan is available to view at the store or on our website.

## Springtime Brings New Beginnings

Spring is a time of renewal, and here at Gig Harbor BoatShop we're excited about what's coming up next. We spent the winter putting the finishing touches on the **Gig Harbor BoatShop Strategic Plan 2017-2021**, which was finalized in January and sets our course for the next five years. Highlights include a refreshed mission, vision, and core purposes, current and future programs, and strategic next steps that will propel our organization towards realizing our vision.

Since publishing the Plan, we've been hard at work putting it into motion. After many, many hours of meeting, planning, and preparing, we are beginning to see signs of life as written plans become reality. We'll share two major initiatives here.

The first is the homecoming of the 62-foot purse seine vessel *Veteran*. Launched in 1926 at Skansie Shipbuilding Company, the *Veteran* is one of the most iconic boats to emerge from Gig Harbor and the south Puget Sound. *Veteran* is beautifully restored and is being generously donated to the BoatShop. When the donation is finalized, we intend to make her accessible to you, the public, in order to celebrate, share, and teach our local maritime history, and to advance our mission.

We will offer a wide variety of educational and experiential programming aboard *Veteran*, along with a public unveiling, all starting this summer. Stay tuned for more information.

In addition to the *Veteran*, we've embarked on a capital campaign to support construction of the **marine railways at Eddon Boatyard**. Marine railways were historically located and used at Eddon, and were removed about a decade ago as part of required environmental clean-up. Fully reconstructing the marine railways has always been envisioned as part of the multi-million dollar Eddon Boatyard restoration, and it is the final unfunded component of the project. About half of the railways project was completed several years ago.

The campaign, which spans 2017-2019, has a goal to raise \$400,000 to support the railways project, which is broken into three phases. Phase I, completing the outside railways, is estimated to cost \$70,000. Phase II, completing the inside carriage, is estimated to cost \$105,000. Phase III, completing the outside carriage, is estimated to cost \$225,000.

Since design and permitting are complete, Phase I can begin as soon as the first \$70,000 is raised. In order to meet permit deadlines, Phase I fundraising must be complete by October 1, 2017. To get involved or make a gift to the campaign, contact the BoatShop at (253) 857-9344.

We hope to see you at the BoatShop this spring and beyond. Stop by to see what's new (much more than what we highlighted here!), browse the Strategic Plan, or just to say hi. We are your community boatyard!

## BOATSHOP LIVERY WILL OPEN SOON



*Dave and Sheila Higby pilot electric launch A.R. Fisk.*

Summer days are a perfect time to cruise the calm waters of Gig Harbor Bay. Did you know you can rent a boat at the BoatShop? The **BoatShop Livery Service** has a fleet of unique classic small-craft available to rent by the hour.

Patrons can choose from boats like the electric-powered *A.R. Fisk* (pictured above) or human-powered craft. Rates are \$30/hour for electric boats and \$15/hour for human-powered boats. BoatShop members enjoy a 50% discount on Livery rates.

The BoatShop Livery Service will open for the season in late spring or early summer, dependent upon the weather.

If you're looking for a more permanent boating arrangement, we sell boats that we've built, restored, or received as a donation (thanks **John Voigt** for donating a beautiful rowing scull!). Check our website for current listings.

## Opportunities Abound for Kids at the BoatShop

Bring the whole family to the BoatShop! Learning about Gig Harbor's working waterfront history and participating in hands-on experiential learning opportunities is a great way for families to spend time together in a positive environment. There are a number of ways kids can get involved:

**BoatShop Adventures** is a popular program that exposes children ages four through 12 to boatyard activities in a short session that's perfect for younger attention spans. The current program focuses on building a toy purse seiner, which teaches woodworking and painting skills along with local commercial fishing history. Check our website for regularly scheduled sessions. Groups of six to eight children may contact us to make arrangements for a private session.

The wildly successful **Family Boat Building Program**, supported by **Edensaw Woods, Ltd.**, pairs your family with a boatbuilding mentor for a weekend. Sunday afternoon, after two days of hard work (and ample time to bond with each other!), families "graduate" from the program with a 12' rowing skiff they can enjoy forever.

The **BoatShop Livery Service** will open soon! Families can rent low-cost classic boats and spend the day cruising Gig Harbor.



*Volunteer Bob Huey coaches BoatShop Adventures participant Brooklyn Learned as she builds a toy purse seine fishing boat.*

## Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers Take Over the Big Shop



*Nearly 150 people filled the shop on February 21 as Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers gave a memorable performance. Music at the BoatShop is a year-round concert series that features a wide variety of artists and frequently sells out. Mark your calendar for the next big show on May 20—Hot Club Sandwich will perform.*





Attend a BoatShop Modelers Group meeting to learn more about models made in varying scales.

## New BoatShop Modelers Group Thinks Big, Works Small

The newly-formed **BoatShop Modelers Group** promotes the art and craft of model making and provides a forum in which modelers can share information, learn from each other, and collaborate on projects. For those interested, the group's first collaborative project will be building a scale model of the Skansie-built purse seine vessel *Avalon*.

Community members of all expertise levels, shapes and sizes are invited to partici-

pate. Current members include master modelers as well as journeymen and abject neophytes. Samples of their work are displayed in the BoatShop store.

BoatShop Modelers is open to anyone 16 and up and is offered at no cost. The group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the BoatShop. Visit our website for more information, including topics for the next meeting.

## MMP/CBRP Project Gannet Sailing Dinghy Targets Fall Completion

The Gannet sailing dinghy, under construction since last summer, is scheduled to be complete in early fall 2017. The boat is a joint



Rick Meyer and Bob Zimmerle install the Gannet foredeck in early March.

project of the **Maritime Mentorship Program (MMP)** and the **Community Boat Restoration Program (CBRP)**.

The MMP provides hands-on internships to young adults interested in learning more about boatbuilding. Generously supported by **RPM Foundation**, this is the second MMP project and will provide five internships.

The CBRP meets Saturdays to work on a boat restoration or boatbuilding project. Members of the public are welcome to participate.

Many hands have been involved with building this boat, and shipwright Tom Regan is leading the project.

Buyers interested in purchasing the Gannet should contact the BoatShop.

## COMING UP

MAY 3: Eye Splicing, Nautical Seizings, and Whippings workshop. Register by April 28.

MAY 6-7: Family Boat Building. Build a boat in a weekend. Additional sessions are offered monthly.

MAY 10: BoatShop Modelers meeting. Open to all ages 16 and up to join this group of modeling enthusiasts. No cost.

MAY 19: Welcome the *Veteran Home* in this year's annual auction to support Gig Harbor BoatShop.

MAY 20: Music at the BoatShop (in the Big Shop!) featuring Hot Club Sandwich. Buy tickets at the BoatShop or visit our website to purchase online.

MAY 24: Diesel Engine Maintenance Workshop offered in partnership with Washington Sea Grant. Suitable for recreational or commercial boaters. Register by May 18.

MAY 28: Greenland Paddle Workshop. Build your own Greenland kayak paddle and use it all summer long. Register by May 23.



## CBRPW RESTORES STORY POLE

Gig Harbor BoatShop volunteers and **Community Boat Restoration Program for Women** participants Cindy Hackett, Pat Lapp, Diane Nason, and team leader Jaime Storkman recently completed the restoration of Wesley Ulsh's Story Pole that stood for 35 years in front of his home on Pioneer Drive. The restoration team cleaned, repainted, and structurally stabilized the carved pole. They took care to repaint as accurately as possible guided by photos of the pole taken during the dedication ceremony and even using some of the original paint. Gig Harbor Public Works erected the Story Pole in its new location at the Civic Center in April.

Ulsh commissioned artist Dave Davies to carve the pole from a Western red cedar snag found near Gig Harbor city limits. The pole illustrates Ulsh's vision and is an amalgam of several cultural references. It is not an authentic nor accurate telling of the story of Gig Harbor's first nation people.



# Giving Thanks

Gig Harbor BoatShop is a passionate organization—we care deeply about what we do, and why we do it. But we can't do it alone. Your membership dues and donations directly support operations and programming that advance our mission, vision, and purpose. The Board of Directors and staff wish to thank the following members and donors:

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### IN-KIND DONATIONS

*Gig Harbor BoatShop wishes to thank the many people and organizations who have generously donated goods, services, boats, tools, auction items, and more to support our organization. Because of the large volume of in-kind donations, we are unable to individually list in-kind donors in the April 2017 newsletter.*

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### WHEELHOUSE CIRCLE (\$50,000+ *lifetime accumulation*)

Erik and Kathleen Carlson

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### FO'C'SLE CIRCLE (\$10,000—\$24,999 *lifetime accumulation*)

Greater Tacoma Community Foundation  
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## YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Gig Harbor BoatShop members play an integral role in supporting the BoatShop. Every dollar of your member dues directly supports BoatShop programs and initiatives, like the *Veteran* homecoming featured on page 1, the Maritime Mentorship Program, and BoatShop Adventures. The BoatShop does not receive state or federal funding for operating costs and we are grateful for your support that allows us to *perpetuate working waterfront skills, uses, and traditions at the historic Eddon Boatyard and aboard significant vessels of Puget Sound.*

