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The Spaulding Wooden Boat Center is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt California Public Benefit Corporation



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

VISIT US: Scheduled tours Wednesday - noon to 2 pm or by appointment: call 415. 332.3179

VOLUNTEER: Do you have a special talent or interest? Teach a class, lead a tour or sail our boats. Come join the fun!

BRING YOUR BOAT: The Spaulding Boat Works has been providing high-quality boat maintenance and repair since the 1950s.

SHOP: The Spaulding Center now has caps for sale or free with a \$100+ donation.

CONTRIBUTE: We rely on the generous support of people like you who love boats, maritime history and youth educational programs. Choose one or more gift classes that suit you:

- SWBC Membership: \$35 supports all of our programs; receive a hat with a gift of \$100 or more.

- Friend of *Freda*: help us raise the \$100,000 to finish the restoration
- Friend of *Polaris*: support for our sailing programs
- Founder's Circle: any gift of \$1,000 or more prior to Opening Day on the Bay, April 27th, 2008
- Commodore's Club: cumulative lifetime gift of \$10,000 or more
- Spaulding Circle: cumulative lifetime gift of \$20,000 or more
- Business Membership

MAKE A FOREVER DIFFERENCE:

We are looking for courageous people to make SWBC a premier maritime center. With any gift of \$1,000 or more between now and April 27, 2008, you will become a Founding Member and make a forever difference!

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A YEAR OF FIRSTS

Imagine an old boat yard on the Sausalito waterfront filled with beautiful wooden boats and apprentices working with master builders to construct functional works of art.

Imagine a crowd of school children gathering with an "old salt" instructor around the plans for a class project dinghy.

Imagine launch day for the 1885 gaff-sloop *Freda*, with proud students and 500+ "Friends of *Freda*" whose generous gifts of time, money and talent have made this day come true.

At the Spaulding Center, these dreams are becoming reality. Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, 2007 has been a year of firsts:

- Laying *Freda's* new keel and assembling her stem, stern post and station frames
- First live television coverage, September 25th on KTVU Channels 2
- First Spaulding reception to welcome the Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding, attended by 200 friends
- First 1,000 visitors and first scheduled docent tours
- First youth woodworking program – twelve Marin City high school girls and eight boys who learned to use hand tools and carved a 16 square-foot mural
- First volunteer program – forty volunteers doing everything from sailing *Polaris* (Alan Olson, Paul Dines and Alan Young) to designing materials (Rod Bauer and Tim Barrett) to running the operations (Susan Lewin and Andrew Hogaboam)

- First *Polaris* public cruises – 14 cruises with 84 passengers
- First historic interview with Hank Easom, followed by interviews with Lin and Larry Pardey, Tom Wylie and Commodore Tompkins
- Introduction of new Board member Rick Pfaff

Here are some of SWBC's goals and plans for 2008 (see the inside graphic):

This spring, classes for the **Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding** will begin for the first time at the SWBC building small plank-on-frame boats of local wood.

And thanks to the Master Mariners Benevolent Association's \$12,000 donation, the Arques School will complete *Freda's* planking (projected launch date in late 2008 or early 2009).

Other programs: SWBC is creating a year-long **youth small boat building and sailing class** together with the Marin 4-H. *Polaris* will begin a full schedule of **public cruises** in April, 2008. We will also be hosting classes on maritime subjects for the public and marine professionals. And the **Spaulding Boatworks** continues to offer high-quality boat repair and maintenance.

Most importantly, our historic building is becoming a **Sausalito community center**.

Please support the Spaulding Center today. Give as generously as you can – with the continued support of you who love boats, Sausalito history and all that the Spaulding Center represents, we are becoming a premier maritime center. Please join us!

Mark Welther, Executive Director

SPAULDING WOODEN BOAT CENTER

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND WATERFRONT PRESERVATION FORUMS

A primary goal of SWBC is to be a strong advocate and forum for community efforts to preserve the historic Sausalito waterfront. This will include presentations, meetings, workshops and other events in support of preservation and education about the significance of the Bay Area's maritime heritage

HISTORIC BOATWORKS PRESERVATION

SWBC is dedicated to preserve the Spaulding Boatworks, a unique historic site and the oldest remaining operational boatyard on the Sausalito waterfront

SCHOOLGROUP TOURS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

SWBC plans to host educational programs about the heritage and significance of the San Francisco Bay maritime industry, including the ideals, techniques, and tools associated with traditional boat building activities

WORKING TRADITIONAL BOATWORKS

SWBC is partly supported by the revenue from its historic working boatworks, which is in full operation, not only as a service to the yachting community and to help offset the Center overhead, but in fulfillment of the Trust's direction to preserve it as an historic part of the Sausalito waterfront.

RESTORED FLEET AND SAILING PROGRAMS

SWBC plans to maintain a small fleet of restored wooden boats for special events, tours, and on the water sailing activities and classes

TRADITIONAL BOAT BUILDING SCHOOL

The Spaulding Wooden Boat Center of Sausalito will become the new home of the Arques School of Traditional Boatbuilding. An agreement has been reached for the relocation of the Arques School from its current location within the Arques Trust property to the historic Spaulding Boatworks site at the foot of Gate Five Road on the Sausalito waterfront.

HISTORIC YACHT RESTORATION

SWBC plans to conduct a restoration program of significant Bay Area wooden boats, starting with the 32-foot yacht Freda, the oldest active recreational sailing vessel on the west coast.

MASTER MARINERS BENEVOLENT FOUNDATION

The Spaulding Center plans to include offices and meeting space for this historic wooden boat advocacy group.

