



# RIVERSWEST NEWS

## October 2005

RIVERSWEST IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION, RECREATIONAL USE AND HISTORY OF LOW-IMPACT BOATS

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### President's Column, 10/20/05

While some may bemoan the end of the traditional boating season, RiversWesters are instead stimulated by the beginning of the boatbuilding season! Classes are happening, and kits and materials are being ordered. Also, there are those of us who relish boating in all seasons, as is true for my wife and I who boat all year but kayak most in the winter months when the waterways are uncrowded and abundant with wildlife.

The annual Portland Woodenboat Show, hosted by RiversWest and its volunteers on the downtown East bank Esplanade, was an unqualified success, with attendance surpassing that of all previous boat shows! Attendees saw a beautiful collection of wooden boats of all sizes and types, exhibition of our At-Risk Youth Boatbuilding program dinghies, commissioning of Richard Stover's new sharpie schooner, model boats built by children under the able direction of Jim Draeger, boats under construction using various methods coordinated by Keith Leffler, and our three, historic Crater Lake launches-ferris. Thanks to all of our hardworking volunteers and especially to Bob Elden for again coordinating this great annual event.

On our ferry project, the RiversWest Ferry Committee continues to coordinate with the River Renaissance program and PDOT on a feasibility study for the system. Interest is clearly growing with individual volunteers, local neighborhoods, businesses, visitor associations and regional officials who all see great benefits from water transit. New members to the RiversWest Ferry and our astronomical insurance costs

RiversWest remains the leading in downtown Portland. We are Riverkeeper, Mike Houck, the piece in this issue appeared in the

After two very successful At-Risk Youth Boatbuilding classes this year led by Keith Lachowitz and Dan Pence, Multnomah County Juvenile Justice to part of RiversWest. Lots of rewarding volunteer opportunities will come from this, allowing us to use nautical skills to help our community's youth.

RiversWest's will soon have three new terrific board members: Keith Leffler, Stu Whitcomb, and John Degenhard. We still need someone with reasonable financial skills to join the board as Treasurer!

To support all of these fine efforts on behalf of low impact boating and boatbuilding, we need everyone to renew their memberships now. Please renew or join today – you'll be in good boating and boatbuilding company.

Finally, let me note that this may well be my last President's Column. After four years in the leadership role, I am going back to being just one of the board where I plan to focus on the development of the Willamette ferry system. It's been a lot of work, but highly rewarding, and I thank all of you for your trust in having me in this honored position. Our next president will take over at our annual meeting in January.



advocate for a no wake zone of the Willamette joined in this effort by the Willamette Audubon Society, and others. The op ed

Oregonian on August 15th.

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### 2005 Portland Wooden Boat Show Synopsis

The 2005 edition of the Portland Wooden Boat show sponsored by RiversWest was held on August 20-21 on the Eastbank Esplanade along the Willamette River in Portland. Over 50 wooden boats were on exhibit ranging from 8 ft to 48 ft. Exhibitors came from as far north as the Seattle area to as far south as Eugene and from the coast to Prineville. Attendance was heavy both days with the Children's Model Boat Building tent drawing record activity.

The largest boat at the show was "Petrel" a 48 foot Power Express Cruiser owned by Johnnie and Tish Schmauder of Tualatin. "Petrel" was built by the Dawn Boat Corp in 1930 and has spent the majority of its life in the Northwest.

Michael Baccellieri of Beaverton brought his newly restored 47 foot Canadian built converted fishing trawler, Island Maid II. Michael has done most of the conversion himself over the past two years. He spent 1-1/2 months this past spring cruising Alaska.

Of special interest was the exhibit by the Multnomah County Juvenile Services Division. This exhibit included three boats built by students who took part in a partnership pilot project between Multnomah County and RiversWest for At Risk Youth. The boats, two Bevin's Skiffs and a Ruben's Nymph were built by participating students in the RiversWest boat shop, exhibited at the show and sold at a silent auction to raise funds to further the program.

Attracting much attention were the boatbuilding demonstrations and exhibits of boats in the course of construction. The show crowd was drawn to the sea kayak being built by Keith Leffler and the Chester Yawl under construction by John Degenhardt.

A show highlight was the christening of a 25-1/2 foot Bolger Sharpie Schooner built by Richard Stover. For many at the show this was the first time they had witnessed a formal christening.

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 show scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August.



## LIVERY DONATIONS WANTED

We are looking for kayaks and canoes to diversify our fleet.  
Call Tim Greiner 503-643-9711 if you have a donation

## FIRST CHRISTENING AT BOAT SHOW

*The 25.5 foot sharpie schooner built by me and designed by Phil Bolger was christened at the Portland Wooden Boat Show this year. The vessels name is Trimara. It was built mainly of plywood and took about six years to build. I would like to thank Dan Pence and who presided over the ceremony, and who also Marsha in-friends and like to thank came for very memora- It was particularly fun to be at the show, around so many people who appreciate wooden boats.*



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*Thanks to everyone: Richard Stover*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Ferry Refurbishment Committee meeting, Thursday, Nov. 10th, noon @ Lucky Lab
- ◆ Gathering every third Saturday at the boat shop. Next gathering Nov. 19, 9am-1pm
- ◆ Annual meeting: January 14, 2006, 5:30-10pm, at Lucky Lab.
- ◆ Board meetings every third Monday of the month, 7pm at the boat shop. Next meeting Nov. 21.
- ◆ Portland Wooden Boat Show August 19, 20
- ◆ Port Townsend Wooden Boat Show Sept. 8,9,10

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# RiversWest Small Craft Center Inc.

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Membership Form

RiversWest is a non-profit membership organization whose mission is to encourage personal involvement in the construction, recreational use and history of low impact boats.

Members receive: The RiversWest newsletter; Access to RiversWest boat shop (add space rent for project); Access to RiversWest boat building education programs; Invitation to all RiversWest boating and social functions; Right to vote for RiversWest officers and board members; Chance to be involved with RiversWest board if you so desire; Opportunity to volunteer and help with activities; Discounts at Crosscut Hardwood, Woodcrafters, Tap Plastics. .

Our main support is the dues and donations from our members. Whether or not you are active at the shop or in our other activities, we hope you will want to support our advocacy for low-impact boats and boating in the Portland area. The more members we represent the more we have to say about the future of the programs that affect the boating we love and our planning for the future. Also see our web site at [www.riverswest.org](http://www.riverswest.org) .

Please return the following with your check to the address above.  
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- ( ) Senior (65 and older)\$20.00 ( ) Youth (17 and under)\$20.00
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Dues and donations to RiversWest qualify for tax deductions. Ask your tax advisor.

New members please note: To keep our maintenance of our membership list as easy as possible new membership dues received on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> are good for the current year, if received after June 30<sup>th</sup> count for the current and next year.



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READ THE LABEL. The date next to your name is the year in which your membership expires. If the label reads 02 it is time to renew. Please keep us current with regard to address changes or other corrections.

## Oregonian Harbor Speed Limit Op-Ed Piece 7/15/05

Imagine the Willamette River, say between the Ross Island and Steel bridges, in the downtown Portland core, busy with families, couples, even youngsters, all sailing, rowing and paddling safely in a colorful parade of maritime fun, while faster recreational boats and commercial vessels, politely take a few extra minutes to transit the new “wake free zone”.

Take one more step. Imagine a bustling waterfront supporting these public water sport activities with enhanced boating facilities, cafés and other marine oriented businesses.

Finally, picture small, clean hybrid passenger ferries bringing still more folks closer to their river, taking them shore to shore, and up and down river connecting the East and Westside employment districts, new waterfront neighborhoods, and the many waterfront attractions Portland offers and could readily augment.

*This picture, a hallmark of great cities worldwide, is not unlike what you can find on the Seine, the Thames, or closer by, in San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, or Victoria.*

To help Portland begin to build such a “vibrant waterfront district,” a simple first step is to create a safe, wake free river environment in our downtown core. Borrowing from the concept of neighborhood speed bumps, this change would only slightly inconvenience transient river traffic, which could quickly return to full speed once through the city’s core. A new “safe boating zone”, would invite many more folks to make the river their “Front Yard,” as the City’s River Renaissance program aptly describes it.

Oregonians have been leaders as land use and transportation visionaries. Our next bold step is to reclaim our maritime legacy by restoring the port and river as our city’s core. RiversWest ([www.riverswest.org](http://www.riverswest.org)), the region’s oldest environmental/educational boating organization, challenges Portland boaters and all those who love the water to build on our great maritime heritage by supporting an enjoyable, healthy, safe, and accessible downtown river.

If all of us who have caught the vision will make a commitment to support and promote downtown river safety, we can prompt a City-led conversation with all parties who use the river at the table. Ultimately, an application to the State Marine Board for a new safe boating zone in downtown Portland can result.

Promotion and commitment by all of us to downtown river safety can prompt a City-led conversation, with all river use parties at the table. Ultimately an application to the State Marine Board, for a new safe boating zone in downtown Portland, would be in order. – R. Peter Wilcox, President of RiversWest

