



## Save the Ajax, Grow the Boat School

School Raising Funds for Property Purchase

The Ajax Cafe and Boat School have been cornerstones of our community for over 36 years. The future of the Ajax has been at risk, but by working together the two organizations have developed a mutually beneficial plan that resolves septic issues and provides a long-term lease option for the Ajax while connecting the upper and lower parts of the Boat School into one contiguous campus. *We have raised over \$160,000 of the required \$375,000 in tax-deductible donations and we need your help today to reach the finish line.* Learn more about the project and donate [HERE](#).



## Marine Systems Intensives

School Pilots New Curriculum

This month the Boat School launched the first phase of its new Marine Systems Curriculum. Instructors Kevin Ritz and Walt Trisdale led multi-day hands-on Intensives teaching Marine Diesel Engines, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Hydraulics and Marine Corrosion. Twenty-eight employees from over 15 different Jefferson and Clallam County businesses participated. The Intensives will begin running after construction is completed on the new Mezzanine classroom. For the second phase, Chief Instructor Sean Koomen is adapting the Marine Systems Intensives curriculum into a six-month accredited program. **If interested in attending, click [HERE](#).**



## First Federal Supports Education

Bank Grants \$25,000 to Complete New Classroom

First Federal Community Foundation presented a check for \$25,000 to the Boat School to help fund the expansion of the school's Hammond Shop classroom. The grant will fund construction of a mezzanine level within the Hammond Shop that will provide additional space for the school's new marine systems classes. The foundation's grant will help fund a new ADA-compliant lift, upgrade the electrical system to support hands-on training, and enclose the classroom to enhance the learning environment. [Learn more about the foundation HERE.](#)



## Lofting a Curved Transom

Chief Instructor Contributes to WoodenBoat Magazine

Check out the July/August 2017 issue of WoodenBoat Magazine where Chief Instructor Sean Koomen and Instructor Emeritus Jeff Hammond share technical knowledge and methodology of building a curved, raked transom. This year, students in Sean's large craft class practiced these methods while constructing a 17 1/2 Dark Harbor sailboat. [Learn more about the issue HERE.](#)



## Giving Back at Habitat for Humanity

Staff and Students Lend a Hand

Staff and students volunteered to help paint and install fencing at a recent Habitat for Humanity home project in Port Townsend. If you would like to volunteer in bringing people together to build homes and community, visit [www.habitateic.org](http://www.habitateic.org).



## Enrollment Open

Classes Begin October 2017

If you (or someone you know) has dreamed of starting a new hands-on career, then make sure to apply for one of the three boatbuilding programs we offer. All programs start in October 2017. Don't miss the chance to begin a year of discovery. **Learn how to enroll [HERE](#)**

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