



Summer Sailstice 2009 BOAT BUILDING CONTEST

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Treasure Island - SF Bay

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Dear Sailing Enthusiast:

Last year's boat building contest at the **Summer Sailstice Festival** was such a success that the heat is on again, June 20th on Treasure Island. We are looking for four or five teams of three people. Local boat yards, shipwrights, and others with these skills are invited to compete. The teams will be limited to spending \$150 per team on materials for which they will submit receipts and be reimbursed for. If they spend less, they are only reimbursed for actual expenditures up to \$150. Wood is primary material but plywood is fine. Some recycled materials will be allowed, but must be declared ahead of the contest. Boats can be rowed or sailed. If sailed, teams can bring a pre-made rig and sail. Two of the team members have to be in the boat during the race in the water. An advance description of the hopeful teams' boat plans and intended materials is requested to be submitted by Monday, June 15th. The teams with the most viable plans will be selected. Teams will have appx. seven hours to build the boats, can bring two power tools, but can use only one at a time. When the construction time period has ended, we will announce from the stage to the event attendees to go watch the launches, and then see if the teams can successfully sail or row around with two crew members in their boats (the third builder can help with the launch).

The contest will be judged on three levels: design, completing construction in time before cut-off, and viability in the water (finishing race without sinking). Contest winner will be determined by vote of judges along with votes of all members of the teams. It would be great to get a challenge going between a couple of our local boat yards / shipwrights. If you are handy with tools & wood and like working on boats, please contact us for more information as soon as possible. There will be a special prize for the winning team.

The festival is free, there will be free sailboat rides all day, five bands starting at 12:00 pm in to the evening, new boats on display, sailboat and windsurfing races, various sponsor booths - and a fun contest going on all day. The crowd loved this contest last year and lined the shore to watch the race. Contest sponsors once again this year are **WoodenBoat Magazine** and **Berkeley Marine Center**. Volunteers will also be needed to help with the boat building contest - join in the fun whether you are competing or watching. Volunteers will help ensure that the teams follow the contest guidelines. Any individuals or groups that help me will receive thanks and recognition from the stage. If this seems interesting as another activity that you would like to help sponsor, please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Sailstice!

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