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Working inside NYC schools, BROOKLYN BOATWORKS helps young people develop life skills through the building and use of small boats. Our programs teach communication, teamwork, perseverance and craftsmanship, and help young people create a strong connection to their urban environment.

Using traditional wooden boat building as a means to support positive youth development, BROOKLYN BOATWORKS engages students in planning and building 7'-6" "Optimist" prams, small sailboats used worldwide by thousands of young people.

During the course of a year, small groups of students work together to build and rig a sailboat constructed in plywood using simple hand tools. Students learn both hard skills (measuring, reading plans, construction, project management) and critical soft skills (communication, leadership, teamwork) that open new job and career possibilities for them. The program is designed for middle – high school students living in an urban environment and requires no prior woodworking experience.



Program Statistics (Annually): (feel free to add more or alter statistics categories)

Number of Participants	100
Number Achieving Program Goal	90%
Size of Budget	\$100,000
Number of Employees	2
Number of Volunteers	5

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