

Mystic Seaport

John Gardner Boat Shop Classes

Named in honor of the boatbuilder, educator and author who founded Mystic Seaport's boatbuilding courses more than 30 years ago, the John Gardner Boat Shop continues to research, document, replicate and teach the craft of traditional boatbuilding. Classes include a four day Traditional Boatbuilding course, where students gain hands-on experience in nearly every phase of construction of a traditional boat, a one day class on Varnishing Techniques and a one day class on Half-Model Construction, where students are able to take home their own half model.



Program Statistics (Annually)

Number of Participants	50
Number Achieving Program Goal	38
Size of Budget	\$13040
Number of Employees	2 part time
Number of Volunteers	0
Number of Volunteer Hours	0

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Sailing Programs Onboard Schooner 'Brilliant'

The *Brilliant* educational sailing program introduces teens and adults to life aboard a classic schooner while sailing the New England coast. On programs ranging from one-day trips to ten-day voyages, teenagers and adults become full participants in the sailing of *Brilliant*: steering the vessel, raising the sails, standing watch and learning navigation. Participants are not passengers but are instead crew aboard our sixty-one foot wooden schooner.

As the oldest sail education program in the country, *Brilliant* has taught teamwork, leadership, stewardship, and traditional seamanship for over 55 years to more than 9,000 teenagers and adults. Participants learn under the guidance of a professional crew and Coast Guard licensed Captain.

Brilliant is owned and operated by Mystic Seaport and inspected by the United States Coast Guard. Though traditional in operation and construction, *Brilliant* carries modern navigation and safety equipment. She has been described by *WoodenBoat Magazine* as one of the 100 most beautiful classic boats in existence and as "one of the best maintained and sailed classic yachts in the country - if not the world."



Program Statistics (Annually)

Number of Participants	192
Number Achieving Program Goal	120
Size of Budget	\$103,000
Number of Employees	1 full time, 2 seasonal
Number of Volunteers	0
Number of Volunteer Hours	0

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Community Sailing Programs

No matter your skill level, you will find sailing at Mystic Seaport an unequaled experience. From beginners to intermediate, from youth to adult, individually or as a family, Mystic Seaport offers a full lineup of sailing programs designed to build and refine sailing skills as while nurturing the love of the water. Special homeschool classes and competitive racing series are also available.

Unlike many other sailing programs, Mystic Seaport community sailing programs spend the majority of class time out on the water. Any remaining instruction takes place in a classroom environment. On-water instruction uses fully rigged, 9-foot Dyer Dhows or JY15s. All equipment and instructional materials, except foul-weather gear, are provided as part of each class.



Community Sailing instructors at Mystic Seaport are experienced sailors certified through either the US Sailing for sailing safety, boat operation, first aid and CPR. Our instructors' love of the water and years of sailing experience provide participants not only with the required technical knowledge, but with practical know-how through hands-on instruction.

Our Youth programs are geared toward beginners and intermediate sailors ages 8-14. Competent swimmers ages 15 and older may enroll in adult classes. Students under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a health and registration form. Racing series are open to experienced sailors (ages 12+) that do not require instruction.

Program Statistics (Annually)

Number of Participants	320
Number Achieving Program Goal	200
Size of Budget	\$48,000
Number of Employees	3
Number of Volunteers	10
Number of Volunteer Hours	400

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Overnight Summer Sailing Camp aboard the 'Joseph Conrad'

For more than 50 years, young people have come to Mystic Seaport each summer to sail on the beautiful Mystic River and sleep on a tall ship. Learning by doing - in a friendly and supportive atmosphere -- is the cornerstone of the *Joseph Conrad* overnight summer sailing program for boys and girls ages 10-15. Built in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1882, the *Joseph Conrad* is a square-rigger once used to train young Danish men for the merchant service. Today, permanently moored on our waterfront, she's fitted out with bunks for 50 campers, flush toilets, showers, heat and electricity.



During the six-day program, young people ages 10-15 sail our fleet of Dyer Dhows and learn the skills of the sea. Lifelong friendships are made through the spirit of teamwork that underlies the *Conrad* experience. Our staff includes a state licensed director, experienced counselors and experienced sailing instructors, many of whom are past *Conrad* participants.

Each day starts early with morning deck chores. After breakfast, campers tackle the wind and current of the Mystic River, and then break for lunch before setting off for an active afternoon with an activity or more sailing.

Evenings are filled with activities, as well as plenty of time to spend with new friends, stargazing in our planetarium, climbing the rigging of the *Conrad*, or enjoying a lively sea music sing-a-long. A favorite afternoon activity is a downriver cruise on the steamboat *Sabino*.

Program Statistics (Annually)

Number of Participants	320
Number Achieving Program Goal	180
Size of Budget	\$208,875
Number of Employees	12
Number of Volunteers	0
Number of Volunteer Hours	0

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