



The WoodenBoat Show Newsletter March 2009 edition

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More Exhibits and Boats!

Once again we will fill the docks with every kind of boat you can imagine. Many of the 2008 exhibitors have already committed for 2009, and we expect some new boats as well.

Exhibit Space is Still Available!

Is your target market the wooden boat enthusiast? Then you can't afford to miss the 2009 WoodenBoat Show!

There are still a limited number of tent booths, land spaces and in-water docks to choose from. All wooden boats, products and services for the wooden boat and boatbuilding market are invited to participate!

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Atkin Family Dinner & Tribute



You are cordially invited to join us, Saturday evening, June 27th, for a tribute dinner and presentation honoring William, John and Pat Atkin and their designs.

Tickets are available at the [WoodenBoat Store](#) or by calling **1-800-273-7447**.

Design Challenge



Read here about the [Design Challenge](#) we have issued through [WoodenBoat magazine](#). We plan to announce the winners at this year's WoodenBoat Show, and show some of their innovative ideas.



Dear Friend,

Despite the persistence of winter in this part of the country, plans are well underway for the [18th Annual WoodenBoat Show](#) in Mystic Seaport, June 26-28th, 2009. Our exhibitor roster is growing daily, with both new boats and old favorites. Last year's attendance nearly topped 13,000 wooden boat enthusiasts and marine history buffs and we hope that this year even more of you will decide to join us!

Check the official [WoodenBoat Show website](#) often as we will be posting more news about new exhibitors and show events in the coming weeks.

Says Carl Cramer, publisher of WoodenBoat magazine, "[Mystic Seaport](#) is truly the perfect venue for the WoodenBoat Show and we are excited to be returning there in 2009. Mystic Seaport's commitment to preserving this country's maritime heritage combines beautifully with extensive variety of wooden boats provided by our exhibitors. Each year we offer a unique selection of boats, tools, books, demonstrations and expertise to bring the wooden boat experience to life for all who attend. It's a "must see" event for every family's summer schedule!"

Featured Exhibitor - Meet ELF

The Oldest Active American Racing Yacht



We are pleased to welcome [ELF](#) to the 2009 WoodenBoat Show, a beautifully restored, 19th century racing yacht. Acquired by Rick Carrion in 1971, she was originally listed as "builder unknown," and a candidate to be scuttled. Rick lived aboard, sailed and kept her floating while attending undergraduate school. The original documentation numbers were found underneath multiple layers of paint on a forward deck beam, revealing a rich and storied pedigree that informed her subsequent restoration. He learned that she was originally built in 1888 by George F. Lawley and Sons in Boston as a state-of-the-art racing yacht. In the 1980's Carrion donated [ELF](#) to the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild (CYRG), and began stockpiling materials and resources for her restoration.

The restoration of [ELF](#) has utilized many native American woods from the Carrion family farm, and both the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and the Independence Seaport Museum have contributed their efforts to her tender and rig, respectively.

[ELF](#) was launched in April 2008, and had a busy summer of exhibits and festivals. After her debut at the 2009 WoodenBoat Show, she will continue a full schedule of antique boat regattas and festivals. Don't miss this chance to see a racing yacht from another century!

Restoration of the *Charles W. Morgan*

In addition to seeing the wonderful boats on display at the WoodenBoat Show your ticket will also give you access to all the fascinating marine exhibits that Mystic Seaport has to offer. In particular, you won't want to miss the *Charles W. Morgan*, recently hauled out for an [extensive restoration](#). The only remaining American wooden whaling ship, the *Morgan* enjoyed an 80-year career in the whaling industry, earning more than \$1 million during her 37 whaling voyages under the command of 20 captains.



In keeping with the educational focus of [Mystic Seaport](#), visitors will be able to observe this restoration via a specially constructed stairway, ramp and on-deck viewing area. You won't want to miss this chance to see master shipwrights at work on this most unique example of maritime history!

Of course these are only a fraction of the events we have planned for this year's WoodenBoat Show. Details about the **Concours d'Elegance**, "**I Built it Myself**," many more [exhibitors](#) and much more will be coming your way soon - stay tuned! Tickets are now available at the [WoodenBoat Store](#) website or by calling 1-800-273-7447. Don't delay! Please forward this newsletter to all the wooden boat enthusiasts you know to help us spread the word about this great event.

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