



WoodenBoat School

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW 2026

We can be reached here at the offices of WoodenBoat School Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at 207-359-4651. E-mail messages can be sent to school@woodenboat.com or michael@woodenboat.com. During your stay with us as a student or guest, you can have messages left for you at our offices, Mountain Ash Student House Kitchen (207-359-8340), or at the shop (207-359-4409). For *emergencies only (during the summer)*, especially on weekends, you can contact the Director of the School on his cell phone at 415-858-9576.

Students may arrive at the WoodenBoat campus any time after noon on Sunday. *Please avoid arriving on Saturday unless you have contacted our office in advance.* Since we have many students staying over with us on Saturday nights from the previous week due to six-day courses, your assigned room will not be ready until Sunday. You will find room assignments and other school information in the front lobby of the Mountain Ash Student House (located near the center of town at 29 Naskeag Road). Check-in is self-serve and arriving students should feel free to move into their rooms and look around the facility. (Please note, the Farmhouse, WB Store and Cabins are located one mile further down Naskeag road on the main WoodenBoat campus). The School Director or the School Host will be at the Mountain Ash Student House at 4:30pm on Sunday to greet students and answer questions before dinner.

Your week will begin with **dinner on Sunday evening** at the Mountain Ash Student House. It is served from 5:30 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. This dinner is for all students, whether they are taking meals with the school or not. Occasionally we can accommodate student's family members during this meal, but please notify us in advance if you are planning on bringing someone. A general orientation meeting for all students, instructors, and staff follows at approximately 6:15 at this student house. This usually lasts half an hour. Students will then meet with their individual instructors and fellow students to discuss the course and the week that lies ahead.

If you are rooming with us at WoodenBoat School, please **remember to bring your own bath soap, towels, and linens**. Most beds are twin size and we provide pillows and blankets. Many students simply bring along a sleeping bag for bedding which seems to work fine. Our weather can be wonderfully variable so remember to bring clothes you can layer to suit the climate. If you need them during your stay, there are **laundry facilities** in both the Farmhouse and Mtn. Ash Student house.

If you are **camping** with us, simply pick a site upon arrival. Our campground is easy to find once you arrive on the main campus at WoodenBoat. Simply follow the signs. A picnic table may identify a campsite, but feel free to pick spot. We have tried to place these sites far enough apart to allow for some space and privacy for neighboring campers. You are welcome to drive your vehicle to your site and leave it parked there while you're staying with us. Please drive slowly. Remember to dim your headlights when approaching your campsite at night. Also keep in mind that noise and bright camp lanterns can be a nuisance to your neighbors, as some folks may want

to retire early.

The shower and bathroom facility for the campground is located in the campground. While our housekeeper cleans this facility each morning, it helps if everyone does his or her share in keeping it tidy. Campers cooking for themselves are welcome to use the kitchen sinks inside the Farmhouse Student House for dishwashing. **Please keep in mind that we are all fortunate to be guests at this wonderful location. Be aware of our sensitive habitat, and give these grounds and your fellow campers the respect they deserve.**

We are sorry to say that we do not allow pets in our student rooms, campground, or school.

Students often ask if they can bring their own boats. By all means, yes, even if it isn't made of wood! We have plenty of room on shore, a launching ramp, as well as, our float and limited moorings. The more boats, the merrier. We also encourage students to bring along musical instruments for a little entertainment at night. Don't be shy! **Bicycles can also be very handy for getting around the campus and town of Brooklin.**

Many of our boatbuilding courses present students with the opportunity to enter a **raffle** at weeks' end for the chance to win a boat built in the class. Cost of the boat is determined in advance by the instructor and WoodenBoat School. Before entering a raffle, please think about how you are going to pay for the boat and get it home should you be the lucky winner. **We require that the boat be paid in full by check or credit card (MC, VI, AMEX or DI) before you leave WoodenBoat School. Payment can be made to the Shop manager or School office. If you are unable to pay for the boat before departing, please do not enter the raffle.**

IMPORTANT

For those of you who are **building your own boat** in a course, please give serious thought to how you are going to **transport it home**. Car racks or trailers will need to be considered. Please keep in mind that the aluminum luggage racks that one finds on top of many vehicles are usually much too lightweight to handle many small boats. Think about investing in a good car rack that most recreational sports shops carry and it will last a lifetime. If you're considering a trailer, we strongly suggest you purchase the trailer at home and bring it with you. We are located in a rural area and it is quite a drive to any kind of a boat trailer dealer. Remember to bring along an adequate supply of line, ratchet straps, and padding, if necessary, especially if you are car-topping your boat home.

If you would like to have your boat **shipped home** via a transport company, we can give you a number of commercial shippers to call. Keep in mind that these deliveries take time and cost money. It will be wise to compare fees so contact more than one shipper. It will be **your responsibility to contact the carrier before you arrive at WoodenBoat School** and give them the necessary information, such as pick-up location, destination, date of pick-up, and the size and weight of the boat. We can easily furnish you with the specifications of the boat you will be building. **We will need your boat picked-up by the carrier the week after your course ends** since we have no room to store student-built boats. Feel free to call us if you have any questions pertaining to shipping your boat. It's a very simple process.

DIRECTIONS & TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: We are no longer able to provide rides from Bangor to Brooklin. You will need to make your own arrangements if you arrive in Bangor by bus or plane. Please see the appropriate section below for suggestions.

BY LAND

WoodenBoat School is in the village of Brooklin, Maine, on Naskeag Road. From New York City, it is approximately 500 miles; from Boston, Massachusetts approximately 250 miles; from Portland, Maine about 150 miles; and from Portland, Oregon approximately 2,000 miles. Because summer traffic combined with country roads tends to slow things down a bit, you may want to allow around 9 ½ hours' drive time from NYC; 6 hours from Boston; and 3 ½ hours from Portland, Maine.

The least complicated driving route is via Interstate 95 North from Kittery, Maine to Augusta. In Augusta follow signs for Route 3 East heading toward the coast and the town of Belfast. It takes approximately one hour to get from Augusta to Belfast. Pick up Route 1 North in Belfast and pass through the towns of Searsport and Bucksport. Continuing on Route 1 North in the direction of Orland, drive about 3 ½ to 4 miles to Bucksport and keep an eye out for Route 15 South on the right. Go approximately 12 ½ miles to the town of Blue Hill and turn right onto Route 15/172. Proceed about a half mile through the center of town, up a hill, and follow the traffic circle around to Route 172/175. You'll now see the Tradewinds market and a Walgreens on your right. Drive about 2.6 miles and **turn left at Falls Bridge Road**. You are now on Route 175 South. Follow this route for 10 miles to the Brooklin General Store and turn left onto Naskeag Road.

Approximately ¼ of a mile from the general store you will find our Mountain Ash Student House on the right (29 Naskeag Rd.). There is a large sign on the front lawn. This building is where some of our staff, instructors, and students reside. Our kitchen and dining room are also located in this dorm. This will be your first stop if you are arriving to take courses with us.

Information on WoodenBoat School, along with student room assignments, etc. will be found in this dorm.

The remainder of our campus and the home of WoodenBoat Publications, Inc. can be found by driving another mile down Naskeag Road. Turn right onto the Great Cove driveway, marked by the WoodenBoat sign, and you will soon find directional signs for the Farmhouse Student House, student campground, our shop facility, the waterfront, the WoodenBoat Store, and the offices of WoodenBoat Publications.

BY AIR

Bangor International Airport is approximately 1½ hours from Brooklin and the closest major airport. Unfortunately, due to insurance reasons, we are no longer offering shuttle service. Transportation to and from Bangor to Brooklin can be arranged by calling one of the many taxi services available. Here are a few:

Frank's Transportation — (207) 460-3344

24-hour notice is needed, and be sure to mention you are a student at the WoodenBoat School for a discounted rate of \$70 dollars each way.

Other options:

AB Livery — (207) 356-1737

Fab Cab — (207) 299-7399

PC Taxi — (207) 944-1469

UBER – available in Bangor – you may want to contract with the driver who brings you down to Brooklin to also pick you up as Brooklin is a small town and local Uber rides are not as readily available.

BY BUS

If you choose to arrive by bus, Concord Coach Lines (**1-800-639-3317 or www.concoardcoachlines.com**) offers an express bus from Boston. You will need to arrange to get yourself from Bangor to Brooklin. See the taxi information in the “BY AIR” section of this document.

BY SEA

WoodenBoat is located on Great Cove at the southern end of Eggemoggin Reach: Latitude 44° 14' 45", Longitude 68° 33' 25". We are situated on the mainland across from Babson and Little Babson Islands. Center Harbor and Brooklin Boat Yard (207-359-2236) are to the west of us. We usually monitor VHF channels 16 and/ or 68. Recognizable landmarks are a large white office building up on the hill which houses WoodenBoat Publications; our Boathouse, a long dock on granite piers; and an assortment of small and large boats on moorings and at anchor. Limited moorage is available, and it is a good anchorage. A dinghy float and showers for students and their families are available.

If you are arriving by boat and have made prior arrangements with us, our waterfront staff will be expecting you and will have one of our moorings reserved for you. Our waterfront staff is usually on duty Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until dusk and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m...

Our waterfront and Boathouse are approximately 1 ½ miles from our Mountain Ash Student House which houses our dining room and kitchen. This is where we have our 6:15 p.m. Sunday evening orientation for all students and instructors. It is about a half hour walk from our waterfront to this dorm. You can catch a ride with one of our waterfront staff or fellow students heading in that direction if you would rather not walk. Our shower/bathroom facility is located in our campground which is about a 5-minute walk up the hill from the Boathouse. Once you get settled in, it will be easy to coordinate traveling back and forth from the student house and the waterfront.

Note: For those students who will be arriving in Bangor prior to your accommodations being available on Sunday, here are a few options for hotels. We suggest arranging any stay in advance:

At the Airport

BANGOR AVIATOR HOTEL – 207-947-6721

Hotels/motels within a couple of miles of the Airport

Bangor Suites Airport Hotel – 207-942-8272

FAIRFIELD INN – 207-990-0001

HOWARD JOHNSON – 207-942-525