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Highlights & Events



Greetings!

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Summer at The Landing School is pretty quiet but that doesn't mean we aren't busy. While we making good use of the LS 17 runabout designed by Derek Wright, as pictured below with Rick Barkhuff at the helm, and enjoy the occasional cookout courtesy of Richard Downs-Honey's BBQ skills, our eyes remain on the horizon. We are at the school and in the shops preparing for students to arrive for the 2020/21 school year in just six weeks.

To answer the number one question we receive on a near daily basis: Yes, we are planning a September opening, and we expect to deliver a hands-on learning experience with plenty of time spent on the shop floor. The only thing we can see preventing this is new, unexpected regulations as a result of a dramatic spike in COVID cases in our area, but at this stage we are looking like a very healthy corner of the country. Things will be different than previous years, and as autumn approaches, we are exploring the best procedures and precautions to operate safely in a COVID-19 environment on both the shop floor and in the classroom.



If you have applied, are enrolled, are considering an

education, or are exploring the school for a friend or family member, keep in mind The Landing School already offers small classes in large spaces, limited interaction with those outside one's own program, and no onsite dorms with close accommodations—all in a small, rural (i.e., low density) setting. Put simply, we are going to be ready to receive students, within relevant government guidelines and regulations, and in a manner that we believe minimizes risk to all.

Scroll down to watch Rick Barkhuff chat with *WoodenBoat* magazine and read a short introduction to three new team members (two in administration and one to the faculty). Also, we have some photos from the Marine Systems graduation, an update on what's happening in the shop with Nick Tonello and Kate Slocum—both 2020 graduates of the Wooden Boat Building program.

The Landing School offers more than technical training. We comprise a large community of passionate craftsmen and women (such as Logan Livingston ['20], who you can read about below). And, we take our role in the boating industry very seriously (much like the alumni we interviewed this past month to create a video, linked below). We support one another through an extensive network of professionals in large boat manufacturing establishments and small shops around the world. All of this is possible due to the focus, passion, and dedication of our administration team, our faculty, and the generosity of our Landing School community. As always, thank you for your support as we continue to work with our always growing population of students and alumni.

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In the News

Welcome New Team Members!



Please welcome Duane Branch as the new Yacht Design instructor, Sarah Devlin as the school's new Communications Director, and Amelia Whitworth as the Admissions Coordinator. Duane, a 1990 graduate of the Yacht Design Program and a Program Assistant the year after, has worked at Gold Coast Yachts, Goetz Custom Boats, Pearson Marine, and New England Boatworks. He has a practical approach to design and focuses on more than designing, but on how to *engineer* a vessel. He maintains a direct connection between computer screen and shop floor, and will bring that focus to our students.

Sarah Devlin joined us this spring as well. She was Education Director at the International Boatbuilders' Exhibition and Conference (IBEX) and prior to that was the Communications Director at Sunday River Ski Resort. With this experience, she brings a combination of industry training, media relations, and content generation skills to us. Amelia Whitworth moved to Portland from New York over the winter and has a background in merchandising and business, with a keen eye for problem solving and a desire to "close the loop." She joined our team just this past week and will primarily be working with Brian McCauley with admissions and recruiting, while supporting the full management team as needed.

Welcome all!

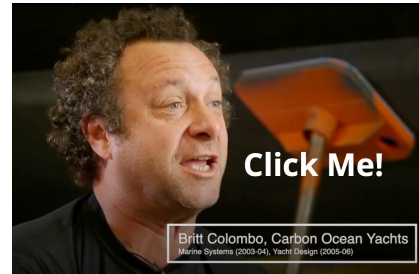
Racism Will Not Be Tolerated at Our School

The Landing School community—its faculty, staff, and students—are comprised of individuals from around the world. This rich tapestry of people enhances the school's culture and widens its appeal with a broader audience. We are proud of the diversity at the school. In light of recent events, we felt as a team that we must acknowledge our willingness to listen to and to learn from people experiencing intolerance on any level. For more, please visit a statement about our community.

<https://www.landingsschool.edu/our-community>

A Visit with Alumni

Late last month, Richard Downs-Honey took a drive to Bristol, RI, to chat with some of the alumni from The Landing School about their experiences during their time in Arundel, and to discuss what they are working on now. The network of professionals that have walked the halls and through the shops at The Landing School is impressive. And, we want to both acknowledge the work they do and showcase that work for all to see. We will be making multiple videos over the coming months, including footage of Richard and Sean Fawcett (Dean of Education) discussing their years of experience in the industry—the two of them alone are worth an entire day's worth of conversation. [For now, enjoy this.](#) More to come!



"We Have the Jobs!"

According to research from the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA): ***We have the jobs; we just need the people to fill them...*** As we continue to move forward during the current global pandemic, recreational boating has become a haven of quality time with family and friends on the water while socially distancing in a safe and responsible manner. Boat dealers are selling boats at record rates and struggle to maintain inventory. Despite blows to most industries across the Commonwealth, boating is thriving and increasingly popular with families around the country....



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Notes from the Shop Floor

Marine Systems Graduation 2020

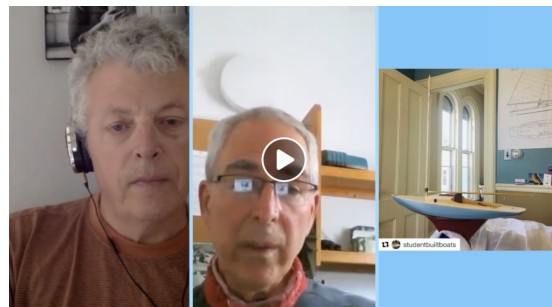
The graduating class in the Marine Systems program gathered for a casual cookout on June 26 to celebrate their

commencement. In the words of Instructor Nate Andrews, it was “low key and small.” Co-instructor Josh Mingels, a native Tennessean, brought his smoker, and the school set up a couple of grills. Of course, all was according to COVID-19 protocols. These students and faculty went the extra mile to complete the 2020 academic year, and while this celebration was fairly intimate, it was well deserved. Congratulations to the 2020 Marine Systems class!



Rick Barkhuff’s Interview with *WoodenBoat* Magazine

As many people know, Wooden Boat Building instructor Rick Barkhuff was a member of the founding class at The Landing School in 1980 and became an instructor. He has nurtured students through the years, teaching methods and techniques that coincide with the evolution of wooden boat building. Of course, by “evolution,” we mean manual skills vs power tools, and lapstrake construction vs cold molding. He met online for a [live interview with WoodenBoat editor Matt Murphy](#) a few weeks ago and it’s well worth a watch and listen, even if only to reminisce about Rick’s long-gone mustache.



Alumni Profile



Thomas “Logan” Livingston, Yacht Design 2020

Logan Livingston graduated this past May from the Yacht Design program. At his graduation, instructor Ken Rusinek highlighted the novel and challenging aspects of his capstone design. It wasn’t a new build but rather a refit of a schooner for charter. His family, watching on Zoom, were thrilled he’d been able to follow his passion, so we dug a little deeper to understand what bought him into Yacht Design at The Landing School.

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