

Boat Building Program

October-May (2022-2023 School Year), 1x/week for 2 hours

There are so many uses for water in our daily lives, including recreational purposes in our oceans and bays. If you'd like to go back in time and challenge yourself to a build from scratch, we have the perfect project. We will be assisting on the build of a 25' Whaleboat model that will go on display in Port Jefferson Village. Specifically, our team will be working on constructing six 16' oars from spruce lumber.

This whaleboat is based on the design of William A Baker, a naval architect who specialized in the reconstruction of colonial vessels. This type of whaleboat was actually used during the Revolutionary War and was involved in the Culper Spy Ring- no, it was not used for hunting whales! In honor of the bicentennial of this model, LISEC was approached to take on this exciting and tedious project.

Long Island Seaport and Eco Center (LISEC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting an appreciation, awareness, and understanding of maritime history and the marine environment. It supports projects and activities to raise awareness of the area's nautical history and environment, while educating youth and encouraging the spirit of community involvement.

This program is set up to take place for the duration of the school year, one afternoon or evening per week (lasting for approximately 2 hours). You will have the satisfaction of completing a long-term project that is original and unique, working with a team of like-minded volunteers, and seeing the oars from a template on paper to its finished product! This is an opportunity for learning new skills, working hands on, talking to others, and being a boat craftsman or craftswoman!

We are seeking 8 volunteers who have a passion for building, creating, or crafting something new, who want to participate in an activity that goes back to the roots of maritime history, conservation, and environmental stewardship, and who want to learn more about the trade by participating in a STEM project. If you enjoy collaborating with a small team and want to be a part of this experience (even if you don't have a lot of involvement with boating), please be sure to apply!

Deadline: September 18th, 2022 (by 11:59 PM EST)

Applications submitted after September 18th will not be considered

****Covid-19 vaccinations are required to participate in this project.**



Pictured on right: William A Baker Whaleboat Design