



## Canoe Building Course Details 2013

Many thanks for your interest in the Canoe Building Courses - I hope the course outline and other information below is helpful, if you have any queries or need any further information from me please do get in touch.

### Canoe Building Course Details:

On the course we will be building a "stitch and glue" Prospector Open Canoe using marine plywood and hardwood for the fittings, bonded and protected with epoxy resin. The design we will build is a very capable boat well suited to solo and tandem paddling and to use on lakes, rivers and moving water.

The course will progress through the stages of the build covering a wide range of skills and techniques: preparing and stitching the plywood panels together to form the hull; filling the joints between the panels; applying woven glass fabric and tape using epoxy resin to reinforce the joints and hull; installing gunwales; assembling and installing seats, carrying yoke and kneeling thwart.

Lots of instruction will be provided throughout the course to help you enjoy a safe and successful canoe build.

An enjoyable course with a great sense of achievement in producing a beautiful open canoe!

### Course Dates:

Our 2013 dates for canoe building are:

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April (Day off on 11<sup>th</sup>, Back-up day Sat 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> August (Back-up day Sat 17<sup>th</sup>)

### Course Times:

We will be starting work at 9:00am each day, and finishing at around 5:30pm, on some days we may need to work later to stay on schedule and allow drying/setting time overnight.

### **Welcome Meeting and Course Introduction:**

If course participants are able to make it there will be a welcome meeting and introduction to the course on the evening before the course starts - time to be confirmed. This is a big help in getting the course off to a good start on the first morning so please do come if you can.

### **Back-up Day:**

Each course is programmed over 6 days with a back-up day after the last day. Your instructor will be available if you have tasks that need completing - this day can be used to finish off outstanding tasks or could be drying/setting time if needed before you take your boat away.

### **Post Course Tasks:**

Your canoe may need some bits and pieces doing to it to finish it off after the course - perhaps finishing off and oiling the carrying handles, seats and fittings or applying a final coat of epoxy to the hull - you are free to do these tasks by arrangement at Overwater Boats, or to take your boat away and do them in your own time - either way we will make sure you know what to do and have the materials you need. Drying/setting times may mean it is easier for you to finish some tasks off at home if you want to take your boat away on the last day of the course.

If you wish to varnish your canoe this would be a post-course task - we will discuss the pros & cons of varnishing with you during the course.

### **Course Location:**

The course will take place at the Overwater Boats Workshop.

Please see separate sheet for directions to the workshop.

### **Tools to Bring:**

Tools to bring if you have them, (don't worry if you haven't got them or don't know what some of them are, all will be explained on the course and plenty of tools will be provided): battery powered drill and a selection of small drill bits; clamps; plane/block plane; fine toothed saw - Japanese pull saws and tenon saws are ideal; staple gun; Philips/posi-drive screw driver

### **What to Wear:**

Old clothes, and a boiler suit or apron which you don't mind getting dust and glue/epoxy on. Please wear long sleeves.

The workshop isn't heated so do bring plenty of layers in case we get cold weather.

Protective gloves are provided for gluing, painting, and for steaming timber, dust masks are provided for sanding.

Instructor for the course will be Mark Aplin of Overwater Boats, boat builder and an experienced paddler of canoes, kayaks and coracles. See [www.overwaterboats.co.uk](http://www.overwaterboats.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/overwaterboats](https://www.facebook.com/overwaterboats) for pictures of Mark's Coracles, Canoes and Paddles being built and in action. Please feel free to contact Mark with any questions you may have.

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