

Cedar Strip Watercraft Construction

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This weblibliography is intended to help those individuals who are interested in building a cedar strip watercraft navigate the countless websites dedicated to this endeavor. Included in this weblibliography are sites that sell supplies, sell plans and/or kits, and those that provide varying degrees of instruction for how to build with the strip construction method. My hope is that the information contained herein will pique your interest in building a cedar strip watercraft and decrease the confusion you might have with the process.

Finished Craft

Wooden Boat USA website:

<http://www.woodenboatusa.com/home.html>

Wooden Boat USA designs, builds, and sells cedar strip watercraft. Among their designs are kayaks, canoes, and power boats. Each design is described in detail and has several pictures to go along with complete specifications. This site is good for seeing well-built cedar strip watercraft and gathering ideas.

Toquenatch Creek Cedar Kayaks website

<http://www.cedar-strip.com/>

This site features cedar strip kayaks for sale. The builder of these kayaks takes an artistic approach with his craft. This is a very good site to inspire the prospective builder with the possibilities available to the careful craftsman. There are several high quality pictures on this website.

Publications

Paddling Light – Lightweight Canoe and Kayak Travel website

<http://www.paddlinglight.com/articles/light-but-strong-building-cedar-strip-canoes-for-wilderness-tripping/>

Paddling Light is a website dedicated to paddlers; offering information about outdoor adventure via canoe or kayak. This particular link is to an article written by one enthusiast who built his own light canoe for wilderness travel. The author stresses that he is a paddler, **not** a woodworker! His point being that building a cedar strip canoe is within reach of anyone willing to put forth the effort. This is a very informative article.

Duckworks Magazine website

<http://www.duckworksmagazine.com/index.cfm>

This website is an online magazine/blog. It was started approximately a decade ago by a family as an example to their children of the potential of the internet. The content of the website is written by its readers and is focused on amateur boat building and boating in general. The owners of the website do offer products for sale and mention that they attempt to cover all aspects of boating and boat building despite the potential conflict with objectivity. This is a very informative site

Woodenboat Publications website

<http://www.woodenboat.com/>

This website is a good source of information about all aspects of wooden boat building. Woodenboat publishes several magazines for the amateur as well as the professional. The website is well designed and links to the Woodenboat store, where one can purchase plans for practically any boat style.

Forums

The following links are for boat building forums. I chose to not review them individually because of their similarity. Each of them is in a familiar forum format and allows the user to search topics, join discussions, and post questions.

The Woodenboat Forum

<http://forum.woodenboat.com/index.php?s=e115e63016fa2f0d966b3c00147950fb>

Chesapeake Light Craft Builders' Forum

<http://www.clcboats.com/forum/clcforum/>

Woodnet Forums

<http://www.forums.woodnet.net/ubbthreads/showthreaded.php?Cat=&Number=5611209&page=&view=&sb=5&o=>

Boatdesign.net Forums

<http://www.boatdesign.net/forums/>

How To

Build your own Cedar Strip Canoe

http://www.canoe-suwannee.com/cedar_strip_canoe.htm

This website is one of the best on the internet regarding building a cedar strip canoe. The author describes, at length, the process he followed in building a cedar strip canoe. There are several pages of narrative accompanied by great pictures. I consider this a "must read" for anyone interested in building a cedar strip watercraft. The author is an amateur woodworker and does a great job explaining the process.

A Cedar Strip Canoe Project

<http://shawnwaite.com/canoe/>

This is another website dedicated to amateur canoe building. The website takes the saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" and puts it to great use!!! This site has over 800 pictures with captions detailing the authors' experience in building a cedar strip canoe. This site is well worth a visit.

Building a Cedar Strip Canoe: The Basics

<http://jimmar.hubpages.com/hub/Bulding-a-Cedar-Strip-Canoe-The-Basics>

This is yet another amateur build site. I recommend this site for the individual who want a quick synopsis of the strip building process.

Guillemot Kayaks

<http://www.guillemot-kayaks.com/guillemot/>

This is perhaps the most complete website dedicated to cedar strip kayak building. While this site sells plans and supplies, where it excels is in illustrating the cedar strip process. The author has compiled a video tutorial that covers the entire kayak building process in great detail. I highly recommend this site.

Building my first Cedar Strip Canoe

<http://www.rosaryshop.com/resources.php/request/canoe>

This is a blog-style personal site that is an account of the authors' experience building a cedar strip canoe. It is informative, with a good narrative accompanied by many photos.

Chris Glad -- Personal projects - Building a cedar strip canoe

<http://www.pdxtex.com/canoe/canoe.htm>

This site does a good job of summarizing the building process and is accompanied by several good pictures.

How to Build a Cedar Strip Boat Using Compumarine's Technique

<http://www.compumarine.com/how.htm>

Compumarine is a supplier of cedar strip boat plans, including rowboats. The link provided above is to the site's how-to section. The author provides an extremely detailed description, along with pictures, of the strip building process. The information on this site is invaluable.

Kits/Plans/Supplies

Clark Craft

<http://www.clarkcraft.com/>

Clark Craft is a boat building supply company located in Buffalo, NY. This is a one stop shop for anything a cedar strip builder would need including: plans, kits, lumber, marine hardware, and finishing supplies.

Compumarine

<http://www.compumarine.com/>

Compumarine is a site that sells cedar strip plans.

Guillemot Kayaks

<http://www.guillemot-kayaks.com/guillemot/>

Guillemot sells kayak plans and building supplies.

Chesapeake Light Craft

<http://www.clcboats.com/index.php>

This company sells plans and supplies for all boat building styles, including cedar strip.

Newfound Woodworks, Inc.

<http://www.newfound.com/index.htm>

This company sells boat building supplies, including kits consisting of pre-cut parts for cedar strip building.

Noah's Marine Supply

<http://www.noahsmarine.com/>

Noah is an all in one supplier of everything for the boat builder. This company is similar to Clark Craft.

Gougeon Brothers, Inc.

<http://www.gougeon.com/>

Gougeon Brothers is a family company that builds sailboats. Additionally, they are a manufacturer of epoxy resins that are used in the cedar strip process. This website is a good source of information related to marine epoxies.