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WATERMEN'S MUSEUM TO BEGIN INSTRUCTION IN BASIC BOAT-BUILDING

“Splining planks”, “lofting hulls”, and “planning rabbets” sound like a weird collection of hobbies, but not for wooden boat-builders. These are just of the few essential steps in building a boat.

After recently revitalizing their boat-building program, the Watermen's Museum is beginning to offer instruction in basic boat-building for Museum members. Director, David Niebuhr says, “At this early date, we don't quite know the level of interest from the community, so we're working on an individual basis.” The Museum is presently offering instruction on Monday afternoons during their weekly boat construction day, but will begin to also offer Saturday instruction, as interest builds.

Boat-building instruction is offered, free, to Museum members at the Family level and up. Interested builders-to-be should contact David at 757-887-2641 to find out about Museum membership and instructional times.

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Cutline on attached photo: Students use scrapers to finish deck of a “Watermen's 15” -- a 19th century sailing skiff.