

## Boatbuilding Books by Walter Simmons

**Lapstrake Boatbuilding** Written because there was no other comprehensive source of information about American lapstrake practice, with particular emphasis on planking. Centerboard cases, inboard joinerwork, spars, oars, pouring lead, and even some patternmaking are all covered along with tricks of the trade. The original books are used in boat schools across the US and in Europe. This edition combines the original books (LB 1&2) with 30 years of boatbuilding experience added. \$65.00

**Building the 9'-7" Maine Skiff** is step-by-step boatbuilding from the plans to the finishing. It is arranged in 40 individual lessons requiring about an hour apiece. Full size 1-1/2" plans are included, in your choice of Maine Skiff, Lobsterman's Skiff, or the Dory Skiff. \$35.00

**Building *Sunshine*** is another step-by-step book, detailing the construction of our most popular yacht tender. These boats row and tow beautifully and are in use around the world. Lofting, setup, the backbone, planking, joinerwork, and even making the oars are all covered. \$29.95

**Building Lapstrake Canoes...** lovely boats with the maneuverability of a kayak and the stability of a double ender. These are the easiest to build of all lapstrake boats. They are fast, dry, light, and able. A traditionally built 15-footer weighs 56 pounds. \$29.95

**Finishing** discusses the finishes to use (and a few to avoid), how to prepare for them, how to apply them, and how to maintain them. Here are the tricks of the trade along with the tools you'll need for painting, oiling, varnishing, and even gold leafing. \$25.00

**Lines, Lofting, & Half Models** Called a "must have" addition to every boatbuilding library by reviewers, this is the only lofting book you will ever need. Lines work begins with half models, and so does this book. From half model basics to the easiest way to loft a raking curved transom you will ever read. \$29.95

**Pigeons & Gudgeons** Here is a reference that every boatbuilder and armchair sailor should have close at hand. Don't even try looking in a dictionary for "apple bow", "bevel board," blacksmith weld," dumb iron," "gone democratic," or "gin poles," —they aren't there, they're here. Chock full of boatbuilding information, not just terms, but shop tips and rules of thumb to make your life in the shop easier. \$29.95

**Repairs** Experience is a great teacher, and this book is the product of 30 years of building and repairing wooden boats. Here's a way to avail yourself of lessons learned without having to learn them the hard (and expensive) way. Chapters include: Things You Need to Know (clamping, steaming,...), Backbone & Framing, Planking (lapstrake, carvel, strip), Inboard Joinerwork, and Finishing Up. \$29.95

**Glued Lap Construction** began as a supplement to our Duck Trap Wherry plans and turned out to have wider applications because the information is applicable to other traditional small craft as well. The explanations are concise but specific, and there are large illustrations on every other page. \$19.95

**Basic Decoy Carving** So what do you do with all those too-good-to-throw-away boatbuilding leftovers? We turn them into decoys. Here's how it's done. Carving is a great way to keep your hand in between boatbuilding projects. \$29.95

**Wherries** Duck Trap was the center of the Atlantic Salmon fishery, and we've been gathering information on the salmon wherries and their builders for nearly four decades. Not only historical information, it discusses the wherries we're still building. \$35.00

For now this list will have to suffice. We'll be adding further information and photos as time allows.



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