



Atlantic Veneer Mill Outlet  
Beaufort National Boatbuilding Challenge

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The **Beaufort National Boatbuilding Challenge** is held each year at the Beaufort Waterfront on the first Saturday of May, the same day as the NC Maritime Museum Wooden Boat Show.

Our 501c (3) organization is the NC Boatbuilding Heritage Foundation which was founded by Susan Sanders and Len Anderson of Harbor Specialties and Jack King of Atlantic Veneer Mill Outlet in 2007. The Foundation's mission is to promote awareness of the boat building heritage of North Carolina and to provide scholarships to deserving students who wish to pursue the skills of boat building and the maritime industry.

Each year the event has grown in the number of teams and the strength of the sponsors. In 2011, we provided our first scholarship to a student at Carteret Community College in the MARTEC program. In 2013, we initiated a scholarship program at Cape Fear Community College Boat Building School. As of this Spring 2017, \$13,000 has been awarded the two programs. Nine students have received scholarships: 4 scholarships to Carteret Community College, 6 scholarships to Cape Fear Community college.

With the completion of the 2016 Challenge, we are providing:

1. An entire year's tuition scholarship at Carteret Community College to be given in its entirety or split between multiple recipients, as needed, for students enrolled in their Marine Technologies program
2. An entire year's tuition scholarship at Cape Fear Community College for another deserving student in their Wooden Boat and Boat Manufacturing Programs
3. Financial aid to Croatan, West Carteret and East Carteret High Schools for each of their recently established boat building classes

We are particularly excited about the high school programs above as they will peak the interest of students in disciplines of both carpentry and boat building. We had six teams of elementary and middle school students participate in last year's Challenge. The excitement of these youngsters is truly infectious!

The total budget for the event including scholarships is in excess of \$20,000 and covered by donated funds, materials and services. Our expenses include the materials for the boats, the tent rental, the awards dinner, tee shirts and hats, cash prizes, sound system rental, etc. No salaries are paid and all organizers are volunteers, using their own resources.

**More information may be found on our website: [www.beaufortchallenge.com](http://www.beaufortchallenge.com)**

Thank you,  
Jack King  
Organizing Committee Chairman