ABOUT US

More than just watercraft, our wooden boats, kayaks and canoes represent connections to a legacy of craftsmanship and old world techniques. Woodenboat USA is invested in the type of construction that recalls generations of boat making. Over thirty years in business, our commitment has always been and will continue to be, to excellence, to tradition and to creating products that you can enjoy both for their performance and incredible beauty.

Inspired by history, the names of our watercraft are derived from the northern waterways where natives and settlers have used them for centuries. Merging centuries-old customs with improvements in technology, we bring you boats that excel in every category.

Beginning with pliable, high quality Canadian cedar, our craftsmen hand join each individual strip. Hundreds of hours go into the construction of our boats, as perfection is the only option. Once built, the piece is encapsulated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin adding extra durability and strength. At last, the watercraft is ready for its nautical debut.

CUSTOM DESIGN

Never veering from our standards and handmade construction techniques, we also do bespoke pieces. We have worked with several customers on sailboats and even powerboats of different designs and configurations. Merging time-honored traditions of boat building with new possibilities is what we do best!

* Often we have many of the boats in stock, if not there will be a period of time before delivery.
Skeena Canoe 18
L: 216 W: 35.5 H: 27 Inches

Paddling along the river or lake, you can't help but notice how serene the day and how smoothly you glide. A canoe made like no other, this piece represents generations of boat makers, a history of craftsmanship and a legacy of pride.

Each and every canoe is hand crafted as strips of the best quality cedar are joined and then cemented together with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin imbuing the watercraft with an incredible strength.

Skeena Canoe 16
L: 187.5 W: 31.5 H: 24 Inches

The real wood grain is absolutely mesmerizing. You won't be able to help but admire the craftsmanship, the rich tones of the hand joined cedar strips and the clear finish that really highlights the artfulness of this piece.

You will get lost in the day as it is spent upon the water engaged in whatever activity you most enjoy. This is how the lake or stream or river was always meant to be navigated. A canoe that took 500 hours to build has got to be an experience like no other.
Throwing it back to another time, an era of tradition and craftsmanship, this canoe is as much showpiece as it is ultimate water vessel. Beautiful to look at, you will love exploring the local waterways as you enjoy the richness of the wood, the detail and character offered by the ribs and the way in which the watercraft smoothly glides along.

This canoe will become a weekend tradition with your family. Fish, paddle, race, jump off and swim. Whatever the activity, this boat will accommodate and look amazing doing so.

Over 500 hours to create, this canoe is made with only the best cedar available. Finished with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin, you get performance, longevity and stunning design.

A true classic, this canoe with ribs will allow you to float back in time and relive what it was like for those from centuries ago to experience the water. Handmade and crafted with top grade western cedar, each strip is hand joined and then coated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin.

Made for a lazy day on the lake, a jaunty ride along the river or just sightseeing while breathing in the trees, water and fresh air, this canoe is one we're extremely proud of.

Skeena Canoe with Ribs 18

L: 216 W: 35.5 H: 27 Inches

Skeena Canoe with Ribs 16

L: 187.5 W: 31.5 H: 24 Inches
The dark stain is just the touch needed to take this particular piece to a whole new dimension. Imagine gliding along the water in this handcrafted vessel as you admire the beauty inherent to the wood and the richness afforded by the stain.

A masterpiece indeed, this canoe contains the thought, care and craftsmanship that comes with 500 man hours. You are not simply riding along in a canoe, you are cascading across the plane of the water in a legacy of boat building and woodworking.

A handcrafted classic is all we can say about this amazing watercraft. Hundreds of man hours later, we have created a boat that is made for enjoying a day on the water while harkening back to a time of old. Tradition is alive and well in this canoe and you will certainly be aware of that while paddling along.

Using only the best quality red cedar and finishing the boat with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin, we ensure that this product will last for many many years to come.

If you’ve always dreamed of traveling along the lake, river or stream in classical style, breathing in the deep, rich wood grains of a time past, then this is the perfect canoe for you!
Enjoy the day, get lost in your weekend as you canoe out on the lake or stream with this amazing vessel. Beauty and function combine to make this an incredible canoeing experience for the beginner or expert alike.

Requiring over 400 hours build time, this demonstrates years of boat making ability and prideful tradition. Each cedar strip is hand selected and hand joined and then encapsulated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin to give you the ultimate boating experience.

The moments we spend enjoying our life, as on the water, are often too few and far between. You want to make sure that the experiences are memorable and truly one-of-a-kind. With this canoe they will be!

Here is a canoeing experience you will not soon forget. The ultimate in boat making craftsmanship and stunning beauty combine to give you this 12 foot matte finish canoe that will take your day on the water to a whole new level.

Investing hundreds of hours in its creation, we bring you a superior product not easily mimicked in today’s market. This is because we believe in old word values and centuries-long traditions when it comes to boat building.
The most famous and characteristic symbol of Venice is the Gondola. It is a traditional, flat-bottomed Venetian rowing boat, well suited to the conditions of the Venetian lagoon.

This boat is beautifully painted in its original color black with white stripe. It is completely handcrafted and takes the master craftsmen 600-800 hours to build. We use the traditional method of constructions while integrating the highest quality of materials currently available. Strips of red cedars are joined by hand and then encapsulated in fiberglass bonded in place with epoxy resin then coated with marine vanish. This combination of fiberglass and epoxy is very strong and the wood will be protected for generations.
It's not about just being on the water, it's about deftly cutting through it, it's about a smooth one-of-a-kind experience, and it's about knowing that your watercraft is a handmade emblem of true craftsmanship.

Over 500 hours of build time means that you not only get nautical precision, but the stunning beauty that comes from hand joined cedar strips—the best quality available. Extra care is taken with the finish as the kayak’s exterior combines a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin with a marine varnish ensuring the boat’s longevity and durability.

When is a kayak not just another kayak…when it is a handmade, 100% red cedar watercraft designed with optimal enjoyment, stunning looks and classic construction in mind. Taking over 500 hours to create, this is so much more than what you might find at a big box retailer.

Imagine yourself cascading along the water in this light weight, easy-to-carry and elegantly crafted kayak. The beauty of the natural world around you comes fully into view as you slice through the current.
We have spent hundreds of hours on this finely crafted 2 person kayak so that you really do get the ultimate enjoyment. Hand joined red cedar strips coated with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin create a finish that is as stylish and amazing to look at as the kayak is to navigate.

Traveling back in time does not describe the experience of history you get from this watercraft. With all of our boats, tradition and classic lines emphasize how incredibly well-made the vessel is.
What could make our truly unique handcrafted wooden boats even better — hand painted stripes that add a pop of color and a classy elegance to the vessel. This 15’ kayak with custom stripes is truly a piece to behold. Not to mention, the way that it gracefully glides through the water will make you never want to leave the peace and tranquility of the river, lake or stream.

The lines, the care taken as each cedar strip is hand joined and then coated with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin is like nothing you’ve ever seen before. You will instantly fall in love with this kayak.

Cut through the water quickly, smoothly and in classic kayak style with this incredibly beautiful watercraft. As much work of art as it is boat, this kayak will be in your family for years and years as you and yours experience hours of enjoyment.

Our process is thorough. Over 500 hours of craftsmanship went into the creation of this handmade vessel. It certainly shows! Featuring only the best quality red cedar coated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin, this kayak is constructed with both aesthetics and functionality in mind.

And with such a sleek design, you will certainly be proud to be seen in this one-of-a-kind kayak.
For the kayak racing fan, we bring you this one-of-a-kind showpiece that will win you the race and get you noticed. Designed to be fast, graceful and look beautiful, this boat took over 500 hours to construct. Hand joined cedar planks coated with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin ensure that it is both durable and incredibly strong.

The design is intuitive as it tracks fast with barely any wind resistance. The cockpit sits low enough to provide optimal stability while still being large enough to comfortably accommodate a racer’s legs.

St. Lawrence Racing Kayak 20
L: 240.5 W: 19.75 H: 13.25 Inches

Hudson Kayak 18
L: 216 W: 20 H: 13 Inches

This one-of-a-kind showstopper is the kayak you’ve always dreamed about owning. Handcrafted, blending hours upon hours of workmanship with attention to detail, this boat is perfect on any type of water for any intended purpose.

The low back deck makes this an extremely comfortable ride, while the leg room is ample and comfortable. We pride ourselves on the uniqueness of each and every one of our watercrafts, and yet the Hudson is one in which we are particularly proud.
Whitehall Dinghy
5-Foot Display
L: 62 W: 26.5 H: 14.5 Inches

A display piece extraordinaire, this 5-feet long Whitehall canoe will perfectly complement any room, any staging area or any place that needs an artistic masterpiece. It is lightweight and versatile for use in swimming pool with personal flotation device along with adult supervision. For those who truly appreciate the work of artisans and the pride of craftsmanship, this Whitehall display canoe is the only one for you.

Canoe Half Hull 9 feet
L: 107 W: 12.375 H: 15.375 Inches

Take your love for canoeing to a new plateau! This display half-canoe is amazing to look at, durable in purpose and smooth to the touch. Using the same techniques as on our real canoes, this display half-canoe is the epitome of handcrafted workmanship. Coated with epoxy, its glossy surface and rich wood tones make the perfect accompaniment to any room in your home. We guarantee you will love this product and what’s more, visitors will surely be struck by the quality and stylishness.
Canoe Table 5 ft
L: 90 W: 31 H: 20.5 Inches

For the true canoe enthusiast, here is a conversation piece like no other. A canoe table that exhibits the same quality craftsmanship and art-inspired pride that marks all of our wooden boat products.

A coffee table that is certainly stylish and unique, it will perfectly accent any den, family room or living room in your home.

Canoe Book Shelf
L: 90 W: 31 H: 20.5 Inches

We truly do offer everything canoe! To house precious mementos, books, photographs, whatever you desire, this canoe bookshelf is crafted just as every other piece we carry.

Rich, hand chosen red cedar strips give this bookshelf a unique and vibrant look. It will truly be the centerpiece in any room of your home!
Canoe Wine Shelf

L: 74 W: 24.5 H: 12.5 Inches

For the boat lover and wine connoisseur this piece is certainly a stunner! Whether housed in your dining room, kitchen or living room, it will make an amazing accent that will be the center of attention.

As it is handcrafted just as our traditional water vessels, you get to admire the workmanship and the pride in detail and design.

Hand joined strips of cedar effect an overall gorgeous and rich piece that is meant to be around for many years to come.

Canoe Book Shelf Small

L: 18.5 W: 7 H: 34.3 Inches

Perfectly sized for just about any room in the home, this quaint canoe bookshelf is going to be your new favorite piece! Handcrafted from Canadian cedar you can just see the pride and workmanship that went into its construction.

Whether housing books or mementoes, your family will be thrilled to display anything and everything in this one-of-a-kind unit.
Display Canoe 10 ft

Beautiful, elegant, with classic lines and rich deep wood tones, this 10' canoe is perfect for displaying just about anywhere you’d like. For the water enthusiast, this will certainly stand as a showpiece. Made exactly as all of our other watercraft, with hundreds of man hours invested in its design and execution, you will truly appreciate its craftsmanship as you behold this amazing piece.

Red Display Canoe with Ribs Curved Bow 10 ft

The perfect little red canoe… Reminiscent of a simpler time with its bright color, straightforward lines and meticulous craftsmanship, this piece will be a stunner wherever you choose to display it.

With just as many man hours dedicated to its creation as all of our other boats, this piece is as impressive as the rest. Hand joined strips of top quality cedar are then coated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin and finally painted in a vibrant red that is sure to make anyone smile.
Display Canoe with Ribs Curved bow 10 ft

Here is where you see what handcrafted looks like. Here is where you see how carefully hand joined cedar strips encapsulated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin can create the ultimate water vessel. And here is where history comes alive in the details of the ribs, the hull and even the paddle.

A display piece extraordinaire, this canoe will perfectly complement any room, any staging area or anywhere else you can think of to place this artistic masterpiece.

Display Canoe with Ribs Curved Bow Matte 10 ft

Same amazing handmade quality, but with a unique matte finish that adds extra depth and dimension to this particular canoe. A wonderful display piece, you will certainly admire the finish, the character of the Canadian red cedar and the attention to detail that went into making this boat.

A true testament to the history of boat building, this piece is one that you can proudly show to all of your friends and family.

Should you want a version to navigate through the water, we do have 12 and 18 foot canoes available that bespeak the same inherent quality and tradition.
Display Canoe with ribs 6

Display a true piece of history. This 6 foot canoe is made with meticulous attention to detail and using age-old techniques that result in stunning beauty.

Admire the ribs, glide your hand along the smooth glossy surface, and just breathe in the artisanal pride of this watercraft.

Having spent hours on its construction, a highly skilled and traditionally trained boat builder has brought out the true spirit of what a canoe really should be with this amazing piece.

This is boat making at its absolute best. With this amazing display canoe, you can alter the face of just about any space.

Admire the quality and the build. Luxuriate in the richness of the Canadian red cedar, note the tremendous skill and craftsmanship that went into creating this work of art.
A true throwback to the days of boat building craftsmanship, the Little Bear immediately makes one think of a restful afternoon on the lake, of fishing at sunrise and of gliding along listening to the lapping waves. Taking over 300 hours to create, this water vessel is one with which anyone would instantly fall in love.

Hand joined red cedar covered in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin ensure strength and durability. While its exquisite gloss finish, add richness and beauty.

As far as wooden boats go, this dinghy certainly makes its mark, transporting young and old into a realm of timeless enjoyment and fun.
White Hall Dinghy

L: 204 W: 53.5 H: 25.8 Inches

With centuries of history and tradition behind it, this dinghy is especially made with an eye on recreating the past while using the best materials available today. We believe in the traditions of the boat makers of old, and we apply those to all of our watercraft so that we can offer you an experience like no other.

Hand joined strips of cedar come together as though effortlessly and are then coated with a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin that increases the boat’s strength and durability.

Truly, at least 600-800 hours have been invested in the creation of this watercraft. We leave nothing to chance and perfection is the only option we allow.
Canoe Model

Embodying the spirit and history of canoe craftsmanship, these models, as our larger versions, are all custom made utilizing age-old techniques and traditions.

Made of warm and rich cedar wood, it even features two rattan seats to give it incredible realism.

Kayak Model

The true kayaking enthusiast will absolutely adore this one-of-a-kind model, built using the same techniques as our craftsman use on life-size versions. Hours upon hours have gone into its construction as they have simulated historical drawings and diagrams.

No detail is spared in these models. The rich cedar wood and even the cover and straps on the hatches make this model truly come alive.
Set of 2 Canoe paddles
L: 58 W: 7 Inches

Just as important as the craft in which you set sail, are the paddles that help guide you through the tranquil blue water. These are handcrafted and designed for optimal performance.

Each is composed of both red cedar and mahogany and the care taken with the finish ensures a smooth and strong end product that will surely enhance your boating experience.

The wood is hand-picked, the item handmade, and yes, ultimately hand sanded; these are paddles of which we are incredibly proud.

Kayak Paddle
L: 46.7 W: 7 Inches

Moving you effortlessly through the water, this kayak paddle is certainly one-of-a-kind. Created from only the best real wood materials, we offer you simplicity, elegance and a durable product that will last as long as the wooden kayak it propels.

Using red cedar and mahogany and then hand sanding for hours on end, we have crafted a paddle that is most definitely the best in its class.

Able to join two paddles with metal reinforcements, they can then be turned to create different angles. For the most experienced kayaker or the novice, these are the perfect accompaniment to your ride.
With ultra stylish fins and a sleek, glossy exterior, this surfboard will be difficult to miss when out riding waves or even at rest on the beach.

Made of high quality Canadian western red cedar and then finished in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin, this handmade board will not only provide you the ride of a lifetime, but put all other boards out there to shame.

You've never experienced surfing like this. At approximately 2’ thick, weighing 22 lbs, it will be easy to jump in your vehicle, load it up and take off for some fun in the sun!

Reinventing what surfing could be, this western red cedar surf board is a true gem for even the most experienced wave rider. Handcrafted and then encapsulated in a layer of fiberglass and epoxy resin it can certainly stand up to the toughest of watery terrains.

The design is phenomenal, featuring three smooth and rich looking fins all about 8” in length. With a 2” thickness, this solid piece will keep you surfing for hours.

Take your love for surfing to a new plateau! This surf board shelf is amazing to look at, durable in purpose and smooth to the touch.

Using the same techniques as on our water bound boards, this shelf is the epitome of handcrafted workmanship. Coated with epoxy, its glossy surface and rich wood tones make the perfect accompaniment to any room in your home.
FAQs

What are your canoes and kayaks made of?
Made from only the highest quality western red cedar, our watercraft are then coated both inside and out in an incredibly durable American made fiberglass and epoxy resin.

You mentioned that you use fiberglass in your boats, so what is the difference between your boats and fiberglass boats?
We only use 1 or 2 clear thin layers of fiberglass coating on top of the wood for reinforcement and added integrity. You never see any fiberglass, only beautiful, hand joined red cedar.

What is a typical cedar strip canoe or kayak weight?
A 15’ kayak weighs approximately 45lbs, making it very easy for one person to carry. A 16’ canoe weighs about 48lbs.

What type of boats do you build?
Our wooden strip canoes and kayaks are hugely popular for touring and recreational purposes. We also build wooden dinghies, wooden sail boats, classic wooden runabouts and speedboats. Additionally, we can custom-build any design with which you supply us.

What methods do you use to build the boats?
Focused on integrating traditional technique with modern design, all boats are built by hand, taking generally hundreds of man hours to create.

How do I order?
Please contact our dealers or call (877) 88 boats for more information.

How long does an order take?
While we do carry some boats in stock (these can be shipped to you within a week), new or custom products generally take 2-3 months as everything we sell is 100% hand crafted.

How do you ship it?
We can ship via trucking company very safely. We also insure all freight so in the very rare case that a shipment is damaged during transit, we will take care of the details and immediately replace the item for you. We also have distributors all over the world, so please contact us to find out more information.

How do I become a distributor of your products?
We welcome qualified dealers and distributors all over the world. Please contact us today at: (877) 88 boats or email us: info@woodenboatusa.com for more information.

What kind of warranty can I expect?
On all products we offer a 6 month limited warranty on materials and craftsmanship.

Care:
With a little bit of care and maintenance, your beautiful canoe can last for generations. While our products are certainly durable and solid, they still require the right type of care and handling to ensure that they perform optimally.
- It is recommended that you rinse your canoe off with fresh clean water after every use.
- Upon returning from the trip, allow your canoe to air-dry in the shade

Storage:
Besides taking care of your canoe, storage also plays a very important role in maintaining your canoe's appearance and beauty.
- Always store your wooden canoe in shade
- Turn it upside down on the support thereby keeping it off the ground
- Hanging your boat from the rafters in your garage or shop would be ideal storage

Repair:
Minor scratches can be repaired by marine spar vanish or some brand of automobile wax. Smooth the damaged area with sand paper, wipe clean, then apply marine spar vanish.

Safety:
Wooden Boat USA strongly recommends that a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is worn whenever paddling.