

Great Lakes Boat Building School partners with Van Dam



The Great Lakes Boat Building School in Cedarville, Michigan is partnering with nationally known Van Dam Custom Boats of Boyne City, Michigan to develop the school's second-year advanced boat building course. The nine month full-time career program will run concurrently with the boat school's Basic Boat Building Course at their 12,000 square-foot facility in northern Michigan. As the project boat for the course, Steve Van Dam gave the school his plans for the Cederville 26.5, a re-designed version of Van Dam's custom 30' day cruiser. Students will build the composite wood hull, and design and construct the boat's interior including its twin berth cuddy cabin. They'll also install the engine, electrical and water systems.



The Cederville 26.5, a re-designed version of Van Dam's custom 30' day cruiser is the project boat for the second year advanced boat building course. The course will include construction of the composite wood hull and the design and construction of the boat's interior.

The Challenge Mountain (CM20) sailboat under construction (left and below). It is being built for a new sailing program for the disabled at the Challenge Mountain program in Boyne City.

The goal of the Great Lakes Boat Building School is to provide students the highest level of skill training to prepare them for jobs in the boat building and restoration industries. For more information about the programs offered at the Great Lakes Boat Building School, including summer workshops, visit www.greatlakesboatbuilding.org.

Van Dam Custom Boats has been in business since 1977 and is known throughout the U.S. building boats of exceptional quality and exquisite craftsmanship. For more information about Van Dam Custom boats, visit www.vandamboats.com. —GO ■



Instructor Pat Mahon oversees construction of the jig for the combing of the electric-powered Zimmer utility launch.