

SOURCES FOR BOAT PLANS & KITS

- WoodenBoat: A wealth of boat plans for all sizes and boatbuilding methods, from traditional to modern. This is the organization that “saved” traditional wooden boat building, and also embraced modern epoxy construction techniques. If you know only one resource for wooden boats, this is the one it should be. Click the link and look for the “Plans/Kits” button in the menu at the top of the page.
- <https://www.woodenboatstore.com/>
- Duckworks: The “spiritual center” of amateur backyard boatbuilding, with plans from many different modern designers, mostly intended for beginners. Pay particular attention to Jim Michalak (ultra simple screw & glue and stitch & glue designs), John Welsford (tough seaworthy glued lapstrake designs), and Ross Lillistone, designer of the fabulous Phoenix III beach cruiser (and others). Boatbuilding supplies and low-priced hardware are also available here, along with great service from people actually involved with building and using small boats.
- <https://duckworks.com/plans-kits/>
- Chesapeake Light Craft: Boat plans and kits for all purposes, in all sizes, and all of them worth looking at. Also materials, supplies, and high-quality information and instructional videos.
- <http://www.clcboats.com/>
- Kudzucraft: One of many excellent sources for information on Skin on Frame boatbuilding, especially the simple “fuselage frame” style of boat. I taught myself to build SOF boats using the instructional videos from this site:
- <http://www.kudzucraft.com/web/>
- Chase Small Craft: If you’re interested in building from a kit instead of plans, check out Clint Chase’s work providing CNC kits for a variety of boat designs (both his own, and French designer Francois Vivier).
- <https://www.chase-small-craft.com/>