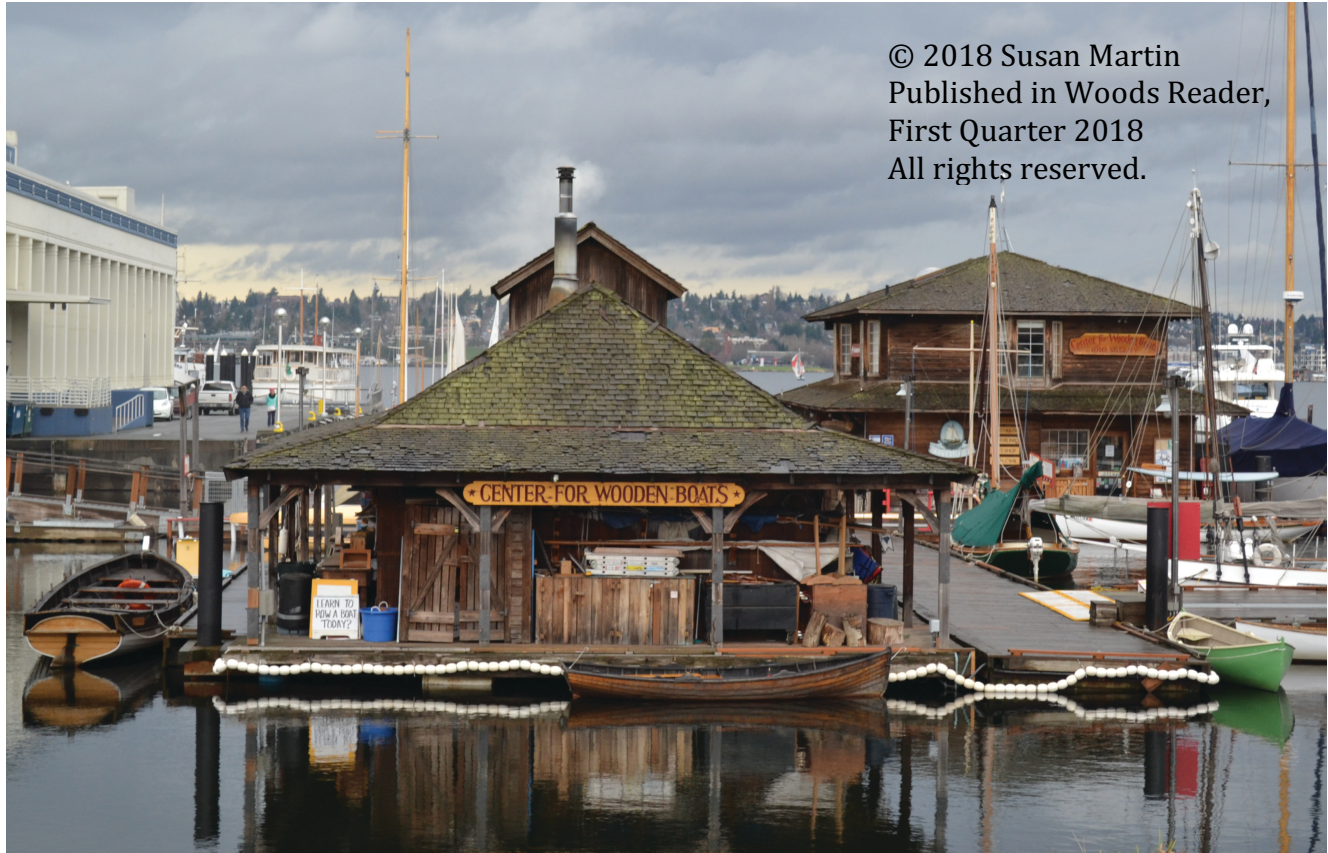


Center for Wooden Boats - Seattle



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The Center for Wooden Boats is a family friendly spot to visit in downtown Seattle, nestled in the mouth of Lake Union between the Museum of History and Industry and Lake Union Park. A second location is located just north of Seattle on Camano Island. The Cama Beach State Park location offers space for camping, hiking and sailing lessons on its 433-acre campus. If you are there on a Saturday, join them for building toy boats.

The downtown center is a hands-on living museum with a number of buildings that house exhibits including a working restoration area (the boathouse) and a combined visitor center and gift shop. The walkways are wide and sturdy with planking.

There are wooden canoes and boats to walk by, as well as interactive exhibits such as knot tying, learning about sail and wind position, and more. Altogether the Center for Wooden Boats owns almost 150 historic vessels.

Admission is always free, and on Sundays visitors can sign up for a wooden boat ride in its CASTOFF! program beginning at 10 a.m. Make sure to arrive 15 minutes before your launch time to get suited up with a life jacket. Sizes for adults, kids and even infants are available. Rides are about an hour long and are given between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. year around unless wind conditions are too strong.

If Seattle is your vacation destination, you can attend one of the center's many woodworking or sailing classes. Every month on the third Friday there is an interesting speaker. Boats of all types can also be rented by the hour... Order a copy of the *March 2018* Issue of Woods Reader for the full article, available at our Subscriptions page at woodsreader.com!