



Alexandria Seaport Foundation

“Teach a young man to build a boat, and he might just end up changing his life.”
– Brian Williams, NBC Nightly News.

About ASF

- The Alexandria Seaport Foundation (ASF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Founded in 1982 to preserve Alexandria's maritime heritage
- In 1993, ASF expanded its mission using traditional wooden boat building to impact young lives
- ASF has been involved with Alexandria's waterfront for over 30 years

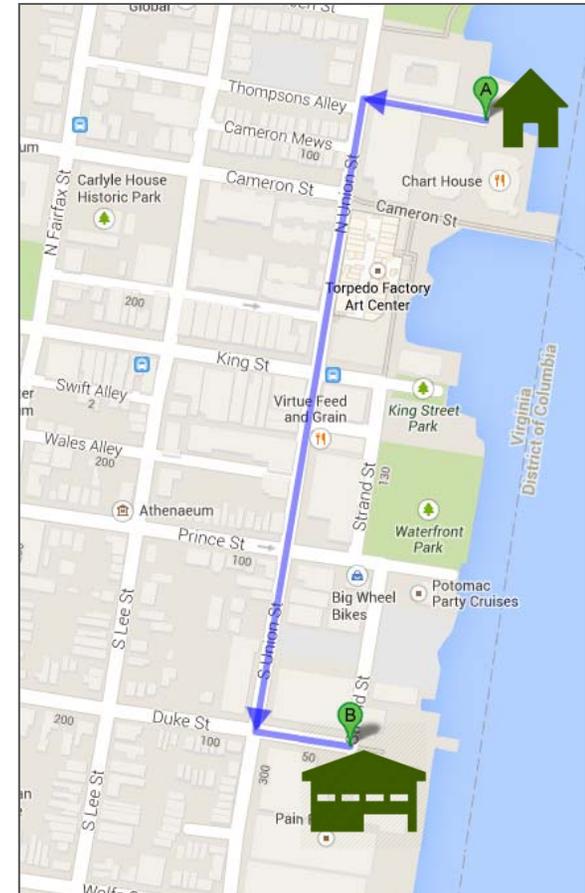


Current Facilities and Footprint



The Seaport Center (A)

- Built and installed on the Potomac River waterfront in 1998
- Located by agreement with the City and National Park Service



Robinson Terminal South (B)

- ASF occupies approximately 8,200 square feet in Robinson Terminal South
- Large boat shop and classroom



Boat Building and Maritime Heritage

Potomac Dory



Bevin Skiffs



Historic Whale Boat



ASF uses the craft of traditional wooden boat building to engage young people and the community

Program Highlights: Boatbuilding Apprenticeship Program

- ASF's cornerstone program is a paid apprenticeship program
- Nationally recognized program serves youth ages 16-22
- Project based, carpentry and job-readiness skills
- Over 400 apprentices have participated in the program

*ASF serves 30-40
young adults annually*



Program Highlights: Middle School Math Program

- ASF provides project-based, hands-on math instruction
- 6th-8th Graders
- Partnership with Alexandria and Arlington middle schools
- Superintendent's Award of Excellence



***ASF anticipates serving
150 youth through
the program over
the next year.***



Program Highlights: STEM on the Potomac

- *STEM on the Potomac* utilizes hands-on, experiential learning to teach participants STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) concepts
- In 2013, ASF launched this new on-the-water program
- Uses ASF hand-crafted wooden boats and the Potomac River

*ASF anticipates serving
500 youth through
the STEM program over
the next year.*



Program Highlights: Community Activities

- Space of His Own-carpentry-based youth mentoring program
- Community Rowing-boats used by students and community at-large
- Community Events-Seaport Day, an annual event to celebrate maritime heritage
- Classes in traditional woodworking, lofting and boat building
- Corporate and community team boat building



*Over 400 people
participated in
2013 Seaport Day*



City and Government Major Program Partners

Alexandria City Parks and Recreation

Alexandria City Police Department

Alexandria City Public Schools

Alexandria Court Services Unit

Alexandria Department of Human and Community Services

Alexandria Sherriff's Department

Alexandria/Arlington Workforce Investment Board

Arlington Career Center

Arlington County Schools

Arlington Court Service Unit

Fairfax Court Service Unit

Mid-Atlantic Region Council of Carpenters

National Park Service

Office of Naval Research



Future Requirements for Program Success

ASF has identified the following needs:

Dynamic and Dual-Use Facilities

- Open Boat Building and Workshop Space
- Boat Display Capabilities
- Classroom Space
- Administrative Space

Waterfront Needs

- Location for Existing Timber Frame Seaport Center
- Dock Space for Small Boats
- Dock Space for Two 30' Dories



ASF does not currently have the visibility to share Alexandria's maritime heritage with the public.



Recognition and Awards



- Catalogue for Philanthropy: Selected One of the Top Non-Profits in the Metropolitan Area
- CBS Evening News
- CNN
- Economic Club of Washington Award
- National Geographic
- NBC Nightly News
- Superintendent's Award of Excellence (Alexandria)
- Washingtonian
- Washington Post
- Washington Times
- WJLA Built Upon a Dream Award

