



# OWNER BUILDER WORKSHOP

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**M**ORE AND MORE WE HEAR OF PEOPLE wanting to make a boat, but are stymied for want of workshop space and access to advice when the going gets tricky.

Help is on its way! At least it is in New South Wales and Victoria and possibly soon, in South Australia.

On the owner builder front, clean well lit space with good access, good industrial hygiene and access to advice is an attractive option for many owner builders. The camaraderie, the bits of help when needed and the occasional sharing of equipment can lead to some very good boats and a very happy building experience.

In addition, paying some rent is a great boost to getting on with it, and since you are among encouraging friends, your standards go up.

It becomes an accidental but very real community.

I have known some builders to reflect that the journey of building was almost as good as any of the excellent adventures after the boat was finished.

Wollongong based Stephen and Karin of Cape Boat Works are negotiating a new larger premises to cater for owner builder interest in their area.

Melbourne builders of Oughtred boats, Norwalk Islands Sharpies, Selway Fisher boats and Kelsall Cats will be pleased to know that Phillippe Pataccas 'Build Wooden Boats' will have owner builder construction space for these builders at their Preston premises. (See ad p?????)

NISBOATS are looking for a place for this purpose right now, in the Adelaide Metropolitan area, or in the Adelaide Hills.

If any one wants to discuss the idea for where they live, I'd be happy to help.

