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TIL MAID OYSTER BOAT

PRE-PRODUCTION VERSION

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Thank you for purchasing this kit!

The boat you are about to build is semi-fictional. The *Til Maid* was a boat that was once owned by the Tilghman Oyster Company of Tilghman Island, MD. We did some modifications to simplify the design so that it can be easily built.

What historical information available was provided by the Tilghman Island Watermen's Museum –

In the period 1940-1945, the US Government commissioned 5 to 7 barges made entirely out of wood (no metal) to transport ammunition up and down the Chesapeake Bay. These boats were built on Solomon's Island, MD. After the war, they were sold to various watermen in Crisfield, Tilghman and Cambridge. Most had engines installed, among other modifications.

These boats picked up the names Til Maid, Tommy Lew and TA Anderson.

The last boat in service was used on Tilghman as an oyster tender.

You will notice that this kit has no instructions- yet. It is a pre-production version. The kit parts themselves are complete. We've included photos on the second page to assist with your build.

This kit will be used at clinics, along with a Powerpoint slideshow. The slideshow is 95% complete as of the time of writing. Once it is complete, it will be on the Instructions tab of our website. From there, the physical instructions will be written and they will also be available on the website once completed.

The kit contains a few extra parts in case some are broken.

If you have found techniques to improve the build or the kit itself, please e-mail us at conowingomodels@yahoo.com

Please share your photos on our Facebook page!
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Once again, thank you for your purchase!

If there are any parts missing, please e-mail us what you need to complete the kit and we'll send it your way. Suggestions for improvement are welcome. Please join us on Facebook and post your photos!

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