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**Gig Harbor BoatShop Awarded Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum  
Grant to fund Maritime Mentorship Program**



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**GIG HARBOR, WA** – The **Gig Harbor BoatShop (GHB)**, a maritime non-profit organization, is the recipient of an \$8,000 grant from Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP). The grant will support the Maritime Mentorship Program (MMP), a strategic project central to GHB's mission to *preserve the historic Eddon Boatyard and its traditional uses to perpetuate and build awareness of the cultural livelihoods on Gig Harbor's working waterfront.*

HEP granted \$8,000 to support the MMP's second project, building an Iain Oughtred-designed Gannet Sailing Dinghy. The program will offer five paid internships to young adults who will be paired with boatwright Tom Regan in a hands-on master/apprentice environment to learn boat building, boat repair, and boat restoration skills.

The MMP is designed to introduce a new generation to boat building, repair, and restoration, to foster an appreciation for skilled craftsmanship, and to build awareness of the maritime trades and the role they continue play on our working waterfront. Interns are provided a rare opportunity to learn from an artisan craftsman that is passionate about his trade.

The MMP was implemented in April 2015. Its first project, restoration of a 1964 Chris Craft Super Sport, was completed in June 2016.

Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP) is an education grant-making program of LeMay-America's Car Museum (ACM). HEP is funded by collector vehicle and classic boat enthusiasts to serve youth and young adults on their pathways to careers in automotive/marine restoration & preservation along with the long-term interests of the collector vehicle and classic boat communities. Visit [www.hagertyeducationprogram.org](http://www.hagertyeducationprogram.org) for more information.

More information about the MMP and other offerings at the Gig Harbor BoatShop may be found at [www.gigharborboatshop.org](http://www.gigharborboatshop.org) or by contacting the BoatShop at (253) 857-9344.



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