

carpenter and river-runner, had loaned him tools he couldn't afford quite yet; and other river guides and dory builders had offered advice and support in countless small ways. But doing it alone wasn't what mattered. He says that even if you could build a boat alone, it

Left—Since opening Raindog Boatworks in 2020, Justin Gallen has steadily built a customer base, thanks in part to support from other western boatbuilders. The community isn't very territorial and Brad, in particular, frequently refers customers to Raindog. Below—Justin christened JOSHUA TREE, his own take on the classic Briggs dories called the Gunnimoon type, in the Grand Canyon this spring. The boat is seen here alongside the Doryak RAINDOG, the first boat to come out of the garage-sized shop.



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