

# SOUNDINGS

Newsletter for the Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Society

February 2009

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## MEETING DATES

As we look forward to 2009 the following dates have been set for **General Meetings**: 17 January, 21 March, 16 May, 18 July, 19 Sept. 21 Nov.

These meetings are on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the library pod at the Maritime Centre.

You are encouraged to attend and be involved with your Board of Directors. You are part of the decision making process at these meetings.

The opposite months will be **Board of Directors** meetings. As a member you may attend a directors meeting as a guest. At these meetings you are not part of the decision making process, although your comments and questions are welcomed.

These meetings will take place at the same location and time on 21 Feb., 18 April, 20 June, 15 Aug., 17 October, 19 Dec.

We look forward to a very busy and successful 2009.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I would like to point out to you how important volunteers are to any not for profit organization. We all belong to one or more or have in the past and often we feel that we are the only ones that care. Another reality is that only about 10% of the membership does it all or so it seems when we see the same faces at all the events.

I am not complaining about the level of volunteer activity at the Centre as I know we are fortunate to have dedicated people who add a great deal. But my purpose is to bring your attention a new program the Ambassador Program. I am excited about the possibilities of this program not just for the volunteer but also for our visitors. Having been around the Centre for as long as I have you meet very interesting people who are fascinated with what we do and want to talk and learn more. Here is your chance to tell them.

I ask all members to find out more about the program and sign up for an upcoming training session. Not only will you be helping the Centre but also spreading the word about traditional wooden boats and the importance of them to our community.

What a wonderful thing.

## MANAGERS REPORT

Life here at the maritime centre continues to get busier. We had a successful Christmas sail past and then I had some glorious time in the sun, sand and sea—with a few margaritas thrown in for good measure. What a surprise to come home to all the snow piled all over the place—we still have some dirty, messy looking piles at the maritime centre. Will this winter ever end?

January 9th was the last day for our Katimavik student Devon Delorme. The group is off to Ottawa for their next adventure. I attended a going away bowling event with the Katimavik students—no strikes or spares—sorry to report.

The new group of students arrived and after meeting them all we have another young man named Dave Proulx from Quebec. Dave has been learning English during his first 3 months in Katimavik and his conversational English is very good. (See his bio in the newsletter)

I have been busy recruiting guest speakers and working on our Spring break activities. Be sure to see the upcoming events column for more info. Our website is progressing as is the work on our 1st Pod display—slower than I like but we are making progress.

I have applied to Young Canada Works and Service Canada to have a summer student again this year.

**CHANCES COWICHAN:** The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre is grateful for the support from CHANCES COWICHAN. The funds from CHANCES are crucial to our ongoing work.

As some of our long time members are aware the pier pilings and the roof on the pods are in need of repair. A grant application was submitted to Community Futures for funds from the Western Coastal Communities Adjustment Program (WCCAP) to repair and restore the pier, roofs, Ways and to add on to our existing building plus build a 22' Cutter row boat. I am excited to announce we have passed stage one and are now scrambling to get information they require to review our proposal in more detail. If we are successful at obtaining the funds we will have a lot of fundraising to do. So stay tuned to see how you can be of assistance.

We will also be launching our Ambassador program soon as I would like to have volunteers scheduled on a regular bases to give guided tours of our facility May-September. If you are interested in participating send me an email. Well I will sign off for now—back to work, and I hope to see you at the centre soon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18th 7:00PM Guest Speaker Ryan Wahl Legacy in Wood: The Wahl Family Boat Builders

... A detailed portrait of master boat builder Ed Wahl and the important role his family business played in the creation of British Columbia's fishing industry.

Ryan Wahl was raised in Prince Rupert and the nearby community of Dodge Cove, Digby Island. He is the great-grandson of Ed Wahl and spent his childhood building toy boats from scrap lumber piled by the bandsaw. In his late teens he helped in the construction of the last Wahl boat, Legacy; the end result inspired this book.

March 15-22 Spring Break-watch for more details by email of our planned events

April 4th- Garage sale 9:00-4:00 Rain or Shine TOOLS, FURNITURE, BOOKS, CRAFTS, TOYS, AND NAUTICAL STUFF WE ACCEPT DONATIONS AND WILL PICK UP LARGER ITEMS. CALL 746-4955 TO ARRANGE PICK-UP. Volunteers are needed to assist

April 15-Guest Speaker –stay tuned for more details

April 24-26 Duncan Home Show-still to be confirmed if we are participating—we may need volunteers

May 15th-17th Maple Bay Boat Show—Volunteers needed

May 20th Guest Speaker –stay tuned for more details

## ERIC S REPORT

I actually put some time in on the Tedora back in January. Ye-Old Dogwood Lumber came through with some really nice Edge Grain red cedar. What grain? Edge Grain. What's edge grain? Here let me try to explain it for you. When looking at the end of a plank, if the growth rings are running parallel to the thickness of the plank, from one end to the other. This is desirable because the wood is most stable. When you have flat grain, the grain running parallel to the width or a grain that changes from an edge grain to a flat grain, the wood has more tendency to change shape. All wood moves depending on grain, moisture (either in the air or the wood) and when sitting in direct sun. When storing wood pieces you should put small, same size sticks between the layers of the wood and out of direct sunlight. If the wood has high moisture content you can also paint the ends of the planks with some old paint. This will help stop the splitting or cracking of the ends of the planks. Good luck with your wood!

## NEW MEMBERS

Paul Donahue  
Herb Strom  
Lori Fasullo  
Bill Rimmer  
Marcel Nussbaum  
Denton Pendergast  
Chris Banner  
Peter Allan  
Hilary Abbott  
Terry Dow  
Bruce Macpherson  
Patrick Esmonde  
Brenda Krug  
Robert Hall

## PARASKAVEDEKATRIAPHOBIA

Do you know the meaning of this word? The answer is somewhere in the newsletter.

## HUDSON BAY COMPANY DUMMY DONATIONS



This is so spooky. Our Len was seen talking to this dummy for over half-an-hour, I think he's in love.

### **Building a Solid Base!**

A sailor ran aground on a sandbar. A passing fisherman offered to tow the sailor's boat off the bar for fifty dollars and the sailor agreed.

After he was off the bar, the sailor joked that at \$50 a pop the fisherman could make a nice living pulling people off the sandbar day and night.

"Can't at night," replied the fisherman. "At night I haul sand."

### **One Step, Two Step, Slide**

Two sailors meet each other on a pier.

Both are dragging their right foot as they walk.

One points to his foot and says, "Pearl Harbor, World War II!"

The other points and says, "Seagull crap, 20 feet back!"

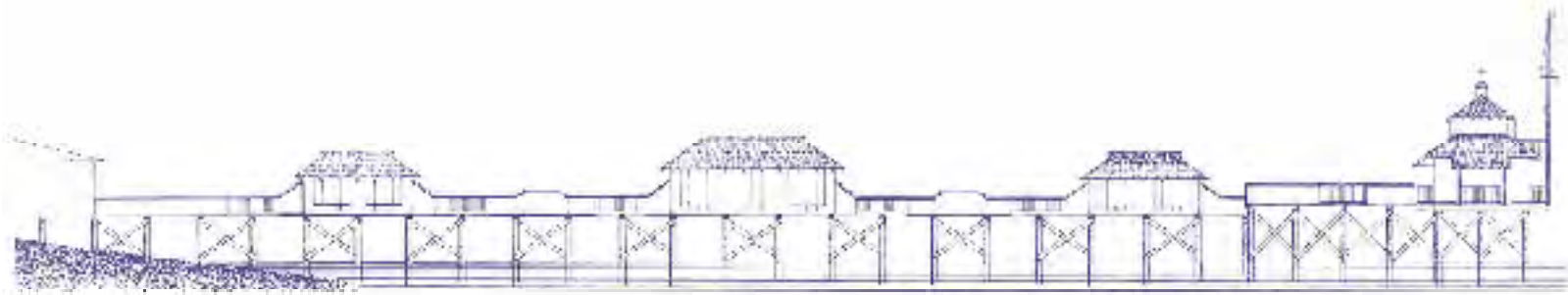
### **You Nautical Romantic You!**

"Dear Heart, I had a great dream last night about you."

"Oh? What was I doing?" She asked with a little giggle.

"You were buying me a new boat."

"How Nice." Was her cool response, "Tonight, why don't you dream up a way to pay for your new boat?"



## 1st Bathroom Renovation



The new European style toilet, foot marks will be painted to help improve your aim.



Cedar strip ceiling, was someones canoe.

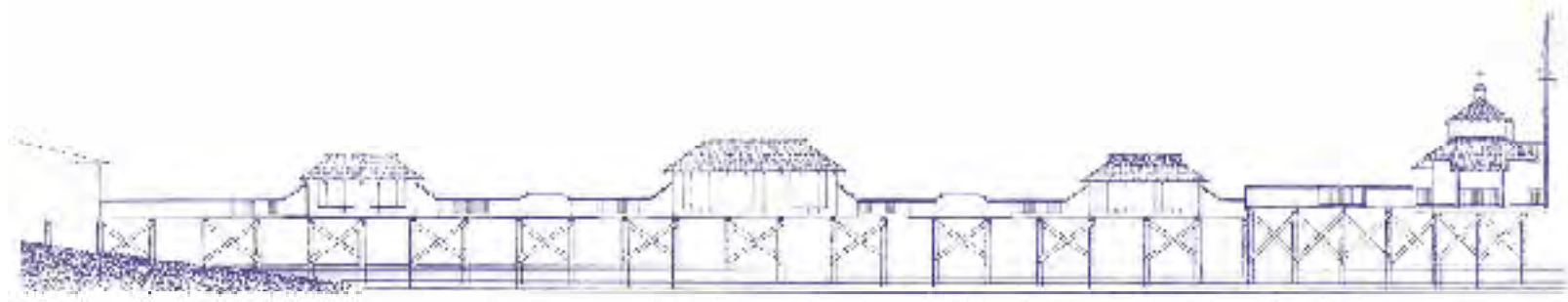


Just a reminder as to what it was.

The updated inside bathroom is now ready for the new fixtures, a huge improvement over what was before. Have a look next time your down at the centre, wipe your feet before entering please.

This project has been spearheaded by Colin Craig and Ian Douglas with hindrence by Dave Knott. Together they have worked Thursday evenings on this project for the past few months, with Colin putting in the major amount of time. All well under budget. Fixtures will be of industrial strength designed to last for many years, also a stainless sink has also been installed outside the bathroom just for keeping all those messy epoxy fingers out of the new bathroom.

Between the three of us our aim was to provide visitors with a bathroom to be proud of, yours will help.

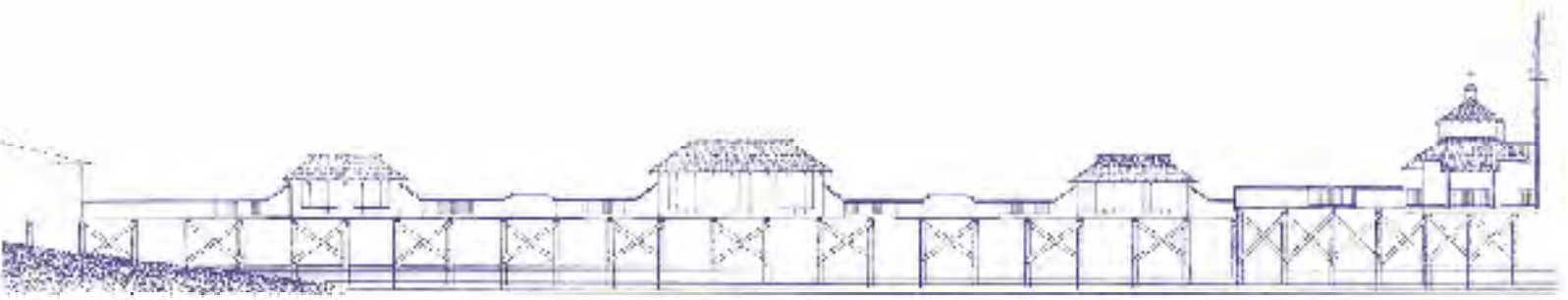


“Ouch!!!! Oh! bu\*\*er! Can someone unscrew my hand.”

Arie van Dyk has been working on a new display for all the model boats in the end pod. All the boats will be displayed on new stands and protected by new partitions built by Arie. This is a great example of a volunteer at work, well done.

With all the upcoming work on the centre, roof, pier etc. the need for volunteers is more necessary than ever. Anyone wishing to come out on a Thursday evening would be welcome 7-9 pm.

The fear of Friday the 13th is called paraskavedekatriaphobia, a word derived from the concatenation of the Greek words Paraskeví (Παρασκευή) (meaning Friday), and dekatreís (δεκατρείς) (meaning thirteen), attached to phobía (φοβία) (meaning fear)



Peter Allen and his 1935 dinghy.

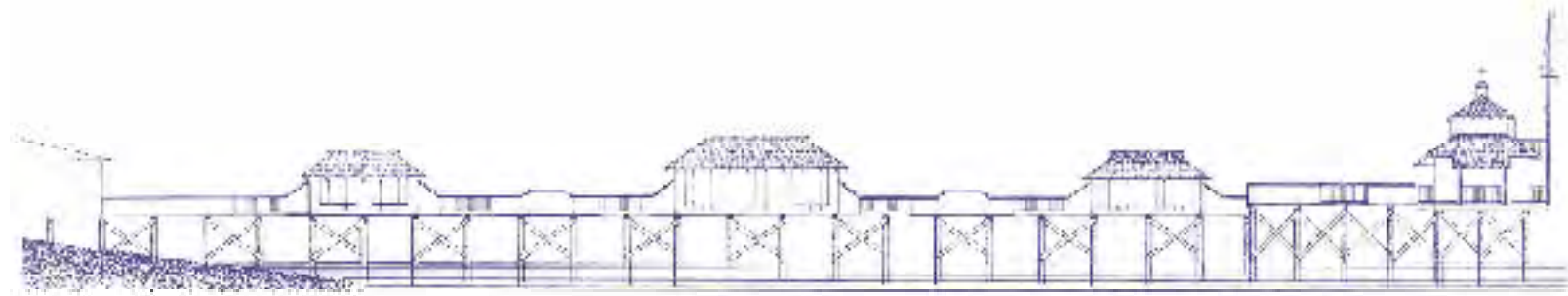
This sweet lapstrake rowboat was built in Victoria B.C. in 1935. The hands that built this boat have passed; his inspiration and craftsmanship remain to this day.

The builder's daughter tells me that she remembers as a child learning to row and a life-long memory of the pleasure of rowing this boat.

The boat remained in the family until 1995 when my eyes found her in the rafters of an old barn — it was love at first sight! Since then many more miles lay under her keel with my hands at the oars.

The restoration of this boat is partly in respect of the builder, and the continuation of the craft.

The people at the Cowichan bay Maritime Centre are cheerful, helpful and productive.

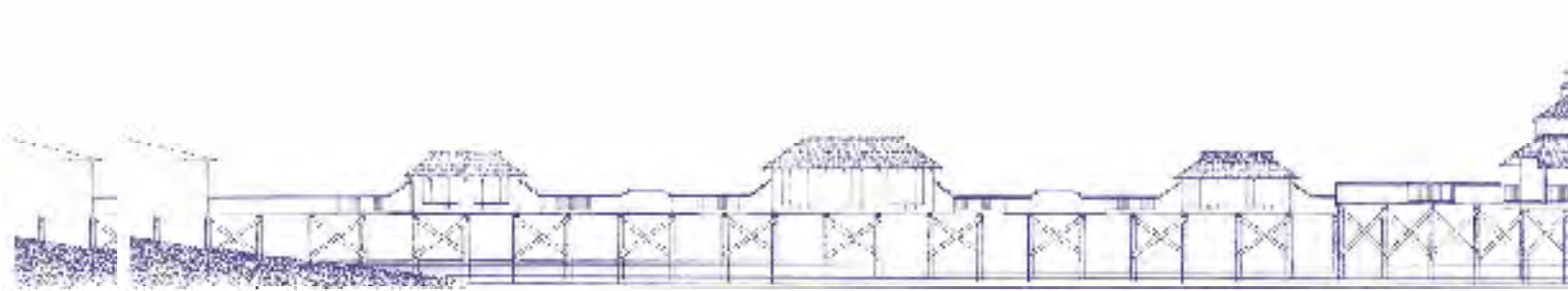


Can I bring my teddy?

Found living in the basement



One of our newer directors letting his hair down.



## KATIMAVICK STUDENT - DAVE PROULX



My name is Dave Proulx and I am 21 years old. I live in a small village called Sainte-Blandine in Quebec. I like this place because everyone knows everyone and I am a social person. I have a sister who is 17 years old and I also have a cat. I began sports at the age of 4. I was doing motor cross events. My mother was not enthusiastic about this because I was very young to be practicing this sport—it was a little dangerous. I do other sports such as snowblading, water skiing, roller blade, biking and ski doo. I did a lot of camping with my parents when I was young, most of the time we would go to New Brunswick. There were a lot of interesting things to see and do there. When I was around 12 we moved to Mont-Joli for two years so my father could be close to his work. We moved back to the village of Sainte-Blandine and moved into the home my father had grown up in. When I was 18 I moved into my own apartment and lived with a girl for one year. I moved back to my parent's house because the money was rare in my wallet. After I got my diploma I did not go back to school because I was not sure what I wanted my future occupation to be. The following year I took an accounting course but I realized this was not for me. Later my friend talked to me about going to Cuba. Of course I said yes! After my travels I knew I wanted to work as a pilot. Unfortunately I had to be bilingual and I was not able to speak English. I was looking to resources to take English classes when my friend told me about Katimavik. I applied to be part of this program and was accepted. I received a phone call in April to say I would be part of the 2008-2009 programs. Since the start of the program last fall I am becoming closer to my goal of being bilingual.