

Soundings

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

Local Dragon Boat is Being Prepared for the 2016 Race Season

Fundraising projects for the society come in all sizes and complexities. Here our shop and facilities manager, Tony Owen, prepares one of the community's Dragon Racing Boats for new bottom paint. ⚓



President's Message

Ion Barnes

From where I sit, it is obvious that spring is beginning to take hold. The days are getting longer and the temperature is rising above 10° C.

We too are starting to get our plans in place for the new year beginning with a general sprucing up of our facility. Just ask Tony for his 'to-do list' to see what interests you. Have you looked at our website lately? You will find a calendar with events of all things including space rentals in progress. Browse and bookmark it for review.

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photo by Mel Robinson

Mark Your Calendars

**Maritime Centre
Garage Sale Saturday April
16** Bring your marine treasures,
tools and artwork to sell (and to
buy more cool stuff). ⚓

**Build a Skin-on-Frame
Kayak** You have built the
paddle now build the kayak.
Just in time for your summer
use. **May 21st/22nd at 9am.** ⚓

Telus Provides Funds for Pier Restoration

Under clear skies, on February 20th, Telus representatives met with members of the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society and community members to present a generous donation of \$5,000 toward the reconstruction of its' pier's supports.

Telus installer and CWBS member, **Yvan Harvey** had heard that his company was interested in helping fund community projects and to promote their new fibre optics expansion in the community. He approached them on our behalf and explained our need to restore and upgrade the pier. Our pier committee was approached to arrange for the presentation.

The chairman of the Pier Committee, **Lew Penney**, and committee member, **Sharon McLeod** were responsible for the set-up at the end of the pier and for inviting VIPs and media representatives to the presentation. Telus provided the baked goods. A good turnout of local supporters added conversations and comments to the gathering, ⚓



Top:

Front Row left to right - Lori Iannidinardo, Cowichan Bay Area Director, CVRD; Lauren Barnard, Telus Senior Regional Marketing Manager and Yvan Harvey, Member of CWBS and Telus installer. Back row, Greg Fotos, Telus Field Support Manager for Cowichan Valley and our fearless leader, Ion Barnes.

Middle:

Jennifer Hermary, Outreach Coordinator from MP Alistair MacGregor's office receives sage advice from a CWBS member.

Bottom:

At the left, Pier Committee member and event organizer, Sharon McLeod, joins the discussion (and yes, refreshments provided by Telus were available).



President's Report - continued from page 1

Our office report for February indicates that we are picking up room rentals and student registrations for courses. The Greenland kayak paddle making course is full and the lapstrake dinghy course is beginning to fill up with one student making it known that he wishes to buy the final product, if he can!

Wanted: a keen individual and committee to step forward to head up our Small Boat Festival (planned for June 25), time is of the essence for promotions, vessels on display, venue placement etc. As the saying goes "work shared is less work, fun shared is more fun". Please contact us at cwbs@classicboats.org - subject line: Small boat festival.

With the recent success of the Telus donation, the board is asking for a public relations officer to work on news items and get them to the media. Please send all enquiries to cwbs@classicboats.org - subject line: Public Relations

Work party days - once or twice a month? list of jobs to be done that day or weekend? Please contact Tony by way of, you guessed it cwbs@classicboats.org -

subject line; Work party You will be on our contact list for upcoming work parties.

Stewards - some of our displays could use some TLC and I would like to see members take on the jobs of keeping displays ship shape. As an example, general housekeeping of a Pod or the Pavilion, or a specific display? Recently, thanks to Mel, our flower boxes out front are just blooming with new plants. As they fill in, the burst of colours will be a welcomed view.



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2016 Membership Reminder

Membership for the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre runs yearly from January 1st 2016 to December 31, 2016. To receive the best value for your membership join as soon as possible.

The fees are \$30 for an individual membership or \$50 for a family membership. Members receive discounts on various items for sale. You must be a member for haul-outs boats on our Ways, using the shop and our tools. Summer use of the centre's row boats is also being explored for members. 🚢





2016 Winter/Spring Courses

Victor Lironi

**To register for these courses call 250.746.4955
for information visit: cwbs@classicboats.org**

**We acknowledge the financial support
of the
Province of British Columbia.**

MARCH Courses

Marine Photography with Cim MacDonald

March 12th 9:30am-3:30pm Cost \$48

**Dates for this very popular Course have just been
announced. Sign up soon!**

Learn To Sail a Cruising Keelboat

Using our flagship, Halcyon II, and the Competent Crew Standard of the International Sail and Power Association, you will complete twenty hours of onshore study and instruction, and twenty hours of hands-on instruction afloat. The manual and logbook, included in the fee, will be in your hands the first week in March, and the afloat portion of the course will run over the weekend of March 18/19/20, starting late on Friday afternoon, or earlier should participants be available. Google: *International Sail and Power Association (not Academy)* for information about the organization.

Your instructor is **Victor Lironi**, an ISPA advanced instructor and one of your board of directors.

The fee for the course is \$375 plus GST. A non-refundable deposit of \$175 is needed to book your spot, with the balance due by March 1st, after which the fee is non-refundable.

Class size: minimum three, maximum four. Should we have to cancel the course for any reason, all funds will be returned. This course covers a lot of ground, and is recommended even for those who have already attained basic sailing skills.



A copy of the manual and logbook will be available in the office for you to look at. However, it may not be taken off our premises.

Should you wish to ask me any questions, please leave a message at our office. **Victor Lironi.**

APRIL & MAY Courses

Build a 10' Lapstrake Acorn Dinghy

April 3rd -10th (Sunday - Sunday)

Family Boatbuilding Weekend

May 13th at 7pm & May 14th/15th at 9am

Build a Skin-on-Frame Greenland Kayak

May 21st/22nd at 9am

Visit our web site www.classicboats.org for details. A calendar with dates for all courses has been placed on the home page. ⚓

February 20th General Membership Meeting

24 members and guests attended the February Meeting

Changes in Directors

Keith Williston informed us that he has had to resign as a Director – **Doug Johnson** was added as a new director. This leaves us with eight Directors.

Shop - Tony Reports

several members are doing projects in the shop.

- the Ways are being put into shape for the upcoming season - the deck is being power washed.
- is getting things ready for the Greenland paddle course.
- is beginning to prepare for our Acorn dinghy course.
- has been doing steady work on outboards and other small engines.

Pier - Lew Reports

- Telus gave us \$5000 at a presentation at the end of the pier at 11:30 a.m.
- explanation presentation was given on the new construction, to be done over several years.
- a 1/4 scale model of the large display to be placed in front of our facility to record fundraising efforts was presented to solicit design and text ideas.

Courses - George Reports

- all the courses are going well.
- **Victor** and **George** are working on a basic sailing course using Halcyon. Which is full – hopefully this course will be repeated depending on participant interest.

Policies & Procedures - George Reports

- The new CWBS Facilities Rental Policies and Procedures document were accepted, and will be put on website.

Community Involvement & Events

- **Len Mayea** explained that the CWBS will cooperate with other local groups in trying to have a Community Centre built for Cowichan Bay residents. He will be the CWBS representative
- **Len** mentioned that the CWBS has been invited to have a table at the CVRD community meeting on February 25th. **Doug Johnson** has volunteered to look after our table. Other members will help him.
- Our Marine Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday April 16th.

Mezzanine Rentals

Several community groups have booked the mezzanine for meetings and art shows. Check out the calendar on our Home Web Page to keep track of activities and dates of availability.

Facebook

We have had at least 5 new followers a week since Mel has had control of editing. It seems to be helping with getting the word out on courses and upcoming events. ⚓



Flotsam & Jetsam

CWBS Promotion Picks Up Its Pace in February

Aside from the presentation of funds to the pier restoration by Telus and our General meeting on the 20th, we have made other progress in promoting our activities and services.

Community Conversation Meeting

Directors **Doug Johnson** and **Len Mayea** manned our table acted as our representatives at the CVRD "Community Conversation" meeting on February 25th. The venue had a large local turnout.



Explore Cowichan Vacation Guide Ad

A new ad was created for the 2016 Explore Cowichan Vacation Guide. Found on page 32 this year, the ad highlights our vintage outboard collection. A similar ad will also be featured on the map produced by Cowichan Tourism.

Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre

Visit our 85' pier & Maritime Centre •

Active boatbuilding and restoration • Join courses
in traditional boatbuilding and maritime skills • View
collections of antique outboard engines and finely
crafted boats • Enjoy our community events.

Visit: www.classicboats.org for more information
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Wooden Boat Magazine Article

In their *Currents* pages (page 18) of the February issue of **Wooden Boat Magazine**, the students from **Maple Bay Elementary School** working in the **Maritime Center** wood shop to build a 7'6" **Sam Devlin** designed Polliwog was featured.



Small Boat Festival 2016

Planning for such a major local event takes many volunteers, both at and leading up to the event. This year the Cowichan Small Boat Festival will be reduced from a two-day event to a single day (June 25th). Events need to be planned, exhibitors need to be contacted and promotion has to be put into place. Funds need to be raised. Licenses applied for. Past events included several races (poker race, seagull race, paper bag races and the massive Fast & Furious one-day boat build and race. A pool is also set up for motorized model boats and for pint sized boat builders to try out their vessels. There is a bull-head fishing derby and parade to oversee. Several community organizations also need display space. Then there is the dinner and wine tasting or pub. Local restaurants look forward to the village chowder tasting championships. Venders, snow cones, bands and entertainment, pancake breakfast, silent auction and awards.

So yes we need lots of help but we do this every year and can promise volunteers an enjoyable experience. Please call us if you would like to join us. 

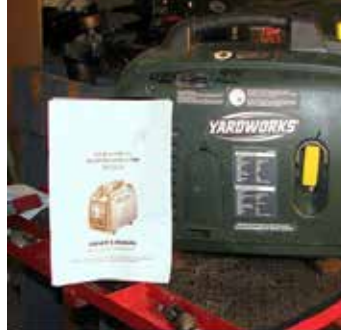
For Sale

This page is available for CWBS members to advertise their nautical items and tools to our readership. Items here are from Tony's Outboard Repair operation. Prices are member prices. Non-members will pay \$60 extra for items priced under \$100 and \$100 extra for items listed as over \$100. No advertising fees will be charged to CWBS members who wish to list items.

Portable Generator 950 watts.

Recent tune up, runs great, reliable start, comes with operators manual.

Member's price \$75
(Non-members - \$135)



4 HP Evinrude with built in tank

Recent power head rebuild, this motor has seen little use in salt water. Starts and runs great.

Suitable for a small dinghy

Member's price \$350
(Non-members - \$450)



5.5 HP Johnson Outboard C 1955

Comes with pressure tank, two line type (shop stand illustrated not included).

This neat old outboard is surplus to our engine display/collection. Has never been in salt water, would make for a fun collector/classic display. Decals in good shape.



Or... on the lake pushing a vintage boat. Has good compression. To make the motor reliable for daily use would require the usual coils, wires, spark plugs, carb overhaul, etc.



Motors like this do not make suitable trolling

motors for the ocean. Not like modern outboards, these motors have lots of fiddly jet adjusters that are hard to reach and usually corrode in the harsh environment of hanging in the salt water.

Sold as is, I have never had this engine running, which the price reflects.

Member's price \$135 (Non-members - \$235) ⚓

Remember - All Current CWBS Members Receive 10% Discounts on Their Purchases at the Classic Marine Store in Cowichan Bay.

Support our Supporters

10' LAPSTRAKE ACORN DINGHY

FOR SALE

The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre hand crafts their Acorn Dinghies in their Lapstrake Boat Building Courses. These are actually brand new, traditionally built boats. The purchase price basically covers the materials used in the build which allows our society to hold more building courses which teach and promote fine woodworking skills.

This dinghy was designed as Cedar lap strake craft fastened with clenched copper nails. The rails and the risers as well as the transoms are made from African Sapele Mahogany. The keelson, keel and all the knees are white oak, and fastened with silicon bronze. Although the design is similar to the Iain Oughtred designed Puffin, this boat is called "The Cowichan" and has a little more tumblehome and fullness of entry. This modification creates a very seaworthy boat by giving it more stability and drier ride in the rough waters of the Pacific Coast. Truly a style that is much sought after in small classic boat groups.

- 10'2" nominal length.
- 250 lb

Youtube videos that show the actual build and launch of the Acorn Dinghy:

Making the Planks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRJWZP6TQfw>

Making the Ribs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDZq5yF5anc>

The Build

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkanMczjyEQ>

The Launch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z0jIF34zPw&feature=youtu.be>

Fly By (Overview of finished Acorn Dinghy)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tfa_CsYZMTU

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