

Soundings

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

How Many Volunteers Does It Take To Flip A Dragon?

A call went out to CWBS members to help turn the newly painted racing dragon boat over on its trailer. As usual, the call was answered and a crew did show up and successfully flipped the 750 lb boat with little effort. Afterward coffee, pastry and conversation were served. A big thanks to everyone who helped. ⚓



photo by Tony Owen



President's Message

Ion Barnes

Earlier this past month, I took on the Greenland Paddle course and made a lot of shavings. That does happen with almost any construction job and in the end, I now own a very nicely proportioned paddle, and bonus!, a work cradle to hold it. I joked with another student that I would be inclined to dress up the cradle and display it and the paddle on the fireplace

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Mark Your Calendars

Maritime Centre

Garage Sale Saturday April 16 9 am-4 pm. Bring your marine treasures, tools and artwork to sell (and 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.** ⚓



Victor Lironi

Education Events Division

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 was a successful month for our
educational division.

Two courses were fully subscribed and completed: the **Greenland Paddle Making course** given by Mark Reuten, and the three day **Cruising Keelboat course** given by Victor Lironi.

The April **Lapstrake course** did not have enough applicants and is being rescheduled for later in the year. Tentative dates are August 6-13, and these will be firmed up and displayed early in April.

The Family Boatbuilding

course, open to any two friends or relations, is scheduled to be run May 13/14/15 and is to be taught once again by Mark Reuten. This course was extremely successful last year and there is one completed Elegant Punt on show in the centre. There is one place still available in the course. Check the details on our website for an absolute bargain.



**Greenland
Paddle Making
Course**

Photos by Ion Barnes

The Greenland Kayak Construction

Method course is being offered on May 21/22 to be given by Gerhardt Raven, a well known local kayak builder and instructor. This is very reasonably priced at \$150 + tax.

Please check our website for details.

We have not forgotten the always popular **Marine Photography course** and are actively looking for dates convenient for our instructor Cim, and for those likely to attend. Keep checking our website.

This fall we will be offering something new: a two courses in one day **introduction to Coastal Navigation**. The morning course will run on 9am-noon in the classroom; the **course afloat on Halcyon** from 1pm to 4pm in the afternoon. The fee for each course has not been set at this time, but will be modest. You must be, or must become, a member to take the afloat portion of the course. The course will be given by Victor Lironi of the International Sail and Power. ⚓

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mantle. Our instructor Mark, was always helpful and full of suggestions if someone was hung up on a detail, which really helped to keep the project flowing. After a day and half, we were leaving with a paddle that needed nothing more than a wipe of sealer before testing our paddling skills using a Greenland Paddle.

Tony has finished with the paint work on the Jolly Dragon boat with a couple of volunteers. I think he was getting apprehensive with the delay of good weather but the sun came through at last.

We have several other boats that need attention and volunteers are needed. A volunteer is someone who is willing to spend perhaps one day per week to get down and dirty, cleaning, scraping, painting, or replacing parts as required. You might be working by yourself, as is your choice or bring a friend. We start with a list of jobs to do and then format a



sequence to follow. The end result is the satisfaction of bringing a boat back to life.

This month we are ramping up the schedule with our garage sale, April 16th, tables are available for rent to display your stuff. Saturday, April 23rd, is the Massive Marine Garage Sale in Victoria, hosted by the BC Maritime Museum, beginning at 9am to 1pm and at the end of the month, and if you still have money left over, there is the Waterfront Garage Sale at the Ladysmith Marina and Heritage Center Saturday-April 30th, between 9am and 3pm.

Halcyon gets a shave & haircut in preparation for the Cruising Keelboat Course

Yup, spring has sprung, time to go nuts. I have lots of house-work, yard work and project (boat) work to do before the weather turns cold again in seven months. How about you?

- Ion ⚓

Flotsam & Jetsam

Give Where You Live

TELUS is offering to donate \$25 to the charitable organization of your choice when people switch to Optic TV on their **TELUS Fiber Optic Network**. If you are planning to sign up for their services be sure to visit: telus.com/fibreforgood to view a list of local charities (and oh yes, the **Cowichan Wooden Boat Society** is on the list). ⚓

Check Your Flares

This year the **Cowichan Power Squadron** has joined with **Lakes Marine Supply** at 5968 Canada Hwy, Duncan, on April 23, 2016 to collect and properly dispose of outdated flares for local boaters. It is law from Transport Canada that flares that more than 4 years old must be discarded (but you can't just discard them in the garbage, set them off without cause or throw them in the water etc.). Any flares manufactured in, or before, 2012 should be replaced this year. ⚓



George Karras

Boat Sales

Two amazing small boats are being offered up for sale this month at the Cowichan Maritime Centre. Stop by to view them. Recent surveys are available.



◀ Cedar Strip Canoe with 2 hardwood paddles

\$1,500

▼ 12' Geodesic Sailing Dinghy. A poly-tarp sail sprit-rig with well built fir spars

\$2,500



Lew Penney's

Pier Report

While waiting for the final engineers report on the requirements to restore the pier, the plans for fundraising are moving ahead. With the warm and sunny weather, we are starting to see an increase in visitors

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to the village of Cowichan Bay and our pier, which continues to be a major attraction and activity for the community. An information display outlining plans will be erected in front of the centre in time for the upcoming garage sale and boat festival. ⚓

Cowichan Wooden Boat Society

Maritime Garage Sale

Saturday, April 16 From 9 am - 4 pm

Cowichan Bay Marime Centre

Bring in marine related items, tools and artwork to donate for the sale or rent a table to sell your own goods (call 250-746-4955 for more information) or just come in to browse for bargains .

No Earlybirds Please

Small Boat Festival 2016

Three planning meetings have taken place for the 31st Cowichan Wooden Boat Society Small Boat Festival that will take place on June 25th. This year we are committed to run as many of the past family events enjoyed in our previous festivals as we possibly can in the one day event. This event includes activities throughout the whole village and includes all the local businesses. It is also intended to appeal to all ages of family members so we will need a boat-load of volunteers to create the safe and enjoyable experience that will engage all our visitors. If you would like to be involved by overseeing a race or event please call us for more information. We are also looking for corporate sponsors who would like to contribute to the event - to promote their businesses and support the local community. Join us for planning meetings which are currently held Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon in the mezzanine. **call 250.746.4955 for more information.** ⚓