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# Soundings

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

## Fast & Furious Racing at the Cowichan Wooden Boat Festival

Many wooden boat festivals on our coast simply give visitors the opportunity to examine the maritime art and history resulting from skillfully built wooden boats. Cowichan Bay is a bit different; its' wooden boat festival is an interactive family experience where visitors are invited to join in many of the activities offered. The

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### President's Message

Ion Barnes

Hi everyone! Now that our summer weather has returned in April, I spent the day replacing our older exterior locks around the buildings.

At the centre, the pace is beginning to pickup. We have just finished with our annual Garage Sale on April 16th which was followed by the Victoria BC Massive Marine Garage Sale April 23 then the Ladysmith Marine Sale on

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**Meet the Quackers - Last years 'Fast & Furious' Champions:** Lyndon Crossman, Kailyn Crossman, Bradley (a friend of his son - sorry, last name unknown) & Andre Kilmo

## Mark Your Calendars

### Family Boat Building

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - May 13, 14 & 15th. Build your own Phil Bolger Elegant Punt just in time for summer. ⚓

### General Membership Meeting

- 9:30 am Saturday May 14th. Join discussions affecting Cowichan Wooden Boat Society's development. ⚓



Victor Lironi

# Education Events Division

To register for these courses call 250.746.4955 for information visit: [cwbs@classicboats.org](mailto:cwbs@classicboats.org)

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



Family Boatbuilding

## The Family Boatbuilding Course

is 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 at the centre. **At the time of this writing there is one place still available in the course.** Check the details on our website for an absolute bargain.

By popular demand, a **Ladies Introduction to Woodworking Course** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, from 9am to 1pm both days.



Finished Utility Box

You will learn how to use a variety of shop tools and will take home a quality built wooden utility box. You will learn how to measure and mark, how to use three different types of saws, how to use clamps, the table and hand sander, the drill, and finishing techniques.

Your instructor is a professional, Mr Steve Taylor, a retired shop teacher with years of experience.

The cost is inclusive of instruction and all materials, and is a bargain at \$85 plus GST. As the class will be limited to six participants, you should sign up and pay the fee right away.

## Marine Photography Course:

Saturday June 11 from 9.30 am to 3pm.

We are happy to announce that we have found mutually acceptable dates for Cim MacDonald to run her popular Marine Photography Course.

The course is open to both beginners and advanced participants. Advanced students will be shown how to enhance their photos and should bring some photos they have already taken, plus a laptop (if available). Both groups will learn the principles of work flow and will be able to go out and shoot the maritime scene.

The cost of the course is \$48, to be paid at the time of booking. Minimum needed for the course is six, with a maximum of fifteen. ⚓



## Introduction to Coastal Navigation & The Course Afloat on Halcyon

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 a classroom environment; the **Course Afloat on Halcyon** will run 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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April 30. Only two more to go, the Independent Boatbuilder's Marine Swap and Shop on May 7th in Coombs and Dean's Swap & Shop Saturday May 14, 9:30 to 3:00 at Dean's Boat Storage and Parts (5147 Polkey Road, Duncan). I love garage sales when there is boat stuff available.

We are progressing with our Small Boat Festival and there will be lots of help needed. Please don't hold out until the last minute as we need to have our tasks manned several weeks before the show.

I had a visitor stop by from the other side of the country recently. He is Barry Darby, from Winterton NL., a member of the local Newfoundland Maritime Museum and was asking about how we do things and what works for us. Barry is an engaging person and is strongly committed to preserving the old ways. To this end, his team of researchers are collecting verbal anecdotal submissions from old timers, for future information to be shared with new people. It is

very important when it comes to the preservation of a way of life. When it is gone, it is very difficult to bring it back with accuracy when we only have basic information and a large amount of guessing, such as archeology. I might get a rap on the knuckles for that but I believe it to be true. How do we know what took place 100 years ago? We have to surmise and have an educated guess. No wonder our history gets turned over once in a while. "Oops, we did not know that!"

Well, we do know that we are committed to our centre and there are many improvements on the drawing board. At our next General meeting, on May 14th we will be able to tell you much more.

As a last reminder, Tony is looking for volunteer helping hands to complete projects within the facility and I suggest that you phone to ask him how you may help. It can be just one day a week, every week, same project or a different one, what ever works for you. Lots of little things that make big things, you know how it goes. ⚓

*Fast & Furious - continued from page 1*

'Fast and Furious' is the festival's biggest and most prestigious event. The participants in this event must show a mastery of a number of skills. They have only hours to build a "boat" which they race in a specified course to collect the prize. They are not only judged on their finish place in the race but also in their presentation. They have to survive the 'trash talk' from other teams, build their creation with a budget of \$100 and keep it afloat during the race. They have to choose a crew that can work together and adapt to the build as it progresses and keep the water out. There are many creative designs and some actually float. **If you would like to participate or sponsor a team call Mel at 250-746-4955.** We have to know how many entrants we have to plan for the build sites. ⚓



*Materials, building methods and team presentations do vary, yet surprisingly, many also of these creations actually float!*



George Karras

HONEST GEORGE'S  
**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.



◀ **New 10' Acorn Rowing Skiff**

**\$2,500**

**SALE PENDING**



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

**\$2,500**

**Cowichan Wooden Boat Society  
General Membership Meeting**  
Saturday, May 14 at 9:30 am  
Cowichan Bay Marime Centre



Lew Penney's

**SAVE OUR PIER**

Plans for fundraising are continuing and our large display is being prepared to be installed in front of the Maritime Centre & office. The following are groups now contributing funds toward resoration of the pier. ⚓



**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 Wednesdays from 10 am to 12 noon in the mezzanine. **call 250.746.4955 for more information.** ⚓



*Seagull Racing at the 2015 Festival*