

Soundings

NEWSLETTER FOR THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

Waldorf School Elegant Punt Project

Earlier this year, we had a family boat building project where family groups could build a Bolger Elegant Punt with an instructor. One kit was not used and was subsequently sold to a parental group from the Waldorf School as a summer project for their grade 7 students.

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Top photo by Tony Owen
Bottom Photo by Mel Robinson



Ion Barnes President's Message

We have been very busy for the past month and a bit. We hosted a successful Small Boat Festival, introduced a program centered on Women working with tools, and helped a parental group from the Waldorf school build

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Mark Your Calendars

Lapstrake Boatbuilding Course - Sunday to Sunday Sept. 11 to Sept. 18. Learn how to build a traditional lapstrake rowing dinghy. ⚓

General Membership Meeting - 9:30 am Saturday August 20th. 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 or visit: cwbs@classicboats.org

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

The Lapstrake Boatbuilding Course is back!

The always popular Lapstrake Course is back, featuring the Auk type version of the Acorn Dinghy. **Eric Sandilands** will be here to run the course.

Dates: Sunday September 11 to Sunday September 18.

The cost is \$1285.75 including all taxes.

You can find details of the Auk on your browser, (<https://neilparkinson.wordpress.com/category/auk-clinker-ply-dinghy/>) but we will be building it the traditional way using timber planking and copper fastenings. You will also find our own YouTube video of a previous course (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDZq5yF5anc>). ⚓

Introduction to Coastal Navigation & The Course Afloat on Halcyon



This two courses in one day event consists of three hours of classroom instruction in the morning followed by three hours of instruction afloat in the afternoon. The classroom course may be taken by itself as a stand alone item, but the afloat portion on Halcyon does require the morning theory class as a pre-requisite. Boat handling ability is NOT needed.

Each course costs \$30 plus GST.

Instructor is **Victor Lironi** of the International Sail and Power Association.

Saturday September 24 starting at 9am.

Women's Introductory Woodworking Course

Ok guys, time to buy a new lock for the shop or at least prepare to share your shop space with your wives and daughters. On July 9th and 10th retired shop teacher, **Steve Taylor** and loyal assistant **Ion Barnes** held a class designed to introduce women, who had little to no experience building with wood, to using power and hand tools safely and effectively.



The course was a huge success with all participants claiming to have a great time and asking if a more advanced course could be developed. Other women in the community that heard about the project are also asking when a second introductory course



would be held. One female visitor actually looked in at the activity and commented with surprise that we “allowed women to work in the shop” ⚓

Photos by Ion Barnes

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a boat with five grade 7 students in just five days. Suffice to say, the activities have stimulated interest in what we are, and what do we have in store for the fall? What would you like to do?

After all that, I have been working on my dinghy for the Victoria Symphony Splash. It is curious to me that my small boat, of 11 feet, has had the most use and travelled more than any other boat I have owned. Why? probably because it is the easiest to take with us. But it begs the question, How much use do larger boats get? I have heard of one boat that never left the dock, but the owners would be

on their boat every weekend for the summer, just tied to the wharf, going nowhere. Did it serve the purpose?

In a few weeks, we will be holding the last General Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in October. I ask of everyone to attend and give us your thoughts as to how we have done and what you envision for our game plan going forward in the fall. Your input is of great value but it needs to be expressed so please plan to attend.

Thank you, Ion ⚓

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They asked if we would provide some assistance to build the boat and again **Steve Taylor** and **Ion Barnes** jumped in. **Steve** began by giving the students the rundown on shop safety and the proposed machinery to be used in the construction of the Elegant Punt then it was over to **Ion** to get the project going.

After five days, at four hours per day, they were able to build and get the first use of their boat.

What I found to be very exciting, was their exclamations after one day of working on seemingly disjointed tasks, then realizing how the various pieces come together to look like a boat. What a transformation! I always enjoy hearing the comments once the realization become apparent. They are so honest and without reservation.

The Elegant Punt is now in the hands of the Waldorf parents. ⚓



Photo by Ion Barnes

Sign Dedication set for August 20

The beautiful hand-carved sign that welcomes visitors to our Maritime Centre has finally been moved from leaning against the model sailing ships display inside the building to its' new position in the sun.

The sign was designed and created by long time volunteer and museum supporter **Herb Rice** but zoning regulations and the task of developing a proper stand that would support and accent the craftsmanship took several years. Efforts of the centre's staff and volunteers have come together to give the sign the recognition it deserves. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this possible.

A dedication ceremony will be held after the August 20th General Membership meeting. Plan to join us for cake and coffee to celebrate this important accomplishment. ⚓



Photo by Mel Robertson



Dale Gagné

Tax Tip

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is licenced to provide tax credit receipts for donations made to the organization. These can be receipts for cash donations or donations of goods. We, of course, must be accountable and careful on what we accept and how it is reported to the Canada Revenue Association. One misconception often made is that the donor expects to be able to write off the total value of their donation on their taxes. In reality, only a portion of the donation can be used and it depends upon the donors' total income, taxes and the amount of the donation. BUT WAIT -- as they say on the TV ads, the CRA is offering a "Super Credit" for donors who are donating for the first time or haven't made a donation in the last 5 years. This offer is also retro-active to the year of 2013.

First-Time Donor's Super Credit

The federal government introduced the first-time donor's super credit in Budget 2013. Donors to your charity can claim this credit as long as they, or their spouse or common-law partner, have not claimed a charitable donation tax credit in the last five years. Donors can claim the new credit once for any tax year between 2013 and 2017. To learn more, go to www.cra.gc.ca/donors. ⚓



Lew Penney

SAVE OUR PIER

The pier restoration project is moving along thanks to individual donations and support. Without the grass roots individual donations, we would have a difficult time continuing our quest for the restoration.

Latest grants we have applied for include FortisBC Community Giving \$15,000.00 cash donation and we are preparing grant applications for Seaspan, Chevron, and a CVRD Regional Grant.

Herold Engineering has completed structural drawings to allow steel pilings to be fitted to the pier. ⚓



Cowichan Wooden Boat Society General Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 20 at 9:30 am

Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre (Pier Pavilion)

The Mezzanine will still be in use by the Visions Artists Show & Sale that day

Kudos for the 2016, 31st Annual, Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Festival

By Lew Penney

This year's festival was well attended by the island community and the product of many enthusiastic volunteers who worked long hours and the many valued sponsors supporting the free community event. It included many kid's events like face painting (thanks to Telus), boat building and Remote Control Boats.

We also want to thank the boat owners for showing their wooden west coast classic boats. A great number of wooden boat followers visited our docks. Great fun as usual with the brown paper bag dingy races being a constant crowd pleaser. Five Cowichan Bay restaurants served up their own style chowder in hopes of being the people's choice award for the annual clam trophy.

The only real disappointment came from having to cancel the very popular 'Fast and Furious' race because of a lack of teams signing up this year, Keep posted for next year's festival on June 17th 2017. ⚓



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Rachel Penney



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Awards

•
Cowichan Bay's Best Chowder

Cow Cafe (for the 3rd year in a row).

•
Best Sail

Golden Eye

•
Best Pulling boat

Blackfish

•
Best Power

SoJourney



Festival Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

On July 17th the CWBS directors held an informal BBQ dinner for the community volunteers who had worked to make the 2016 Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Festival such a huge success. Famous local BBQ 'celebrity chefs' were enlisted to prepare the meal while more volunteers set up the venue on the pier. The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all. Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and early corn was served for dinner. Cake finished the meal and left over wine and beer from the festival enhanced the lively discussions, stories, rumors and lies. ⚓



Photos by Rachel Penney

Visions

Be sure to visit the
Visions Artists
Gallery Show & Art Sale
 in the
 Cowichan Maritime Centre's Mezzanine
 August 7th thru August 27

The work of 13 artists and artisans fills the mezzanine in the Maritime Centre in Cowichan Bay. All are Visions Artists, the group who for 20 years has been presenting the summer studio tour, and for the last 4 years staging gallery shows in such places as Chemainus Theatre lobby, Cowichan Performing Arts theatre lobby, Portals gallery in Island Savings community centre and the Coast Collective Arts Centre in Colwood. In all, there are 35 members of the Visions Art Tour Society covering all aspects of art and all in the Cowichan Valley.

For more information, go to the website:
www.visionsarttour.ca