

SOUNDINGS

Newsletter for the
Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre
April 2014



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President's Message

"Such great achievements cannot fail," said Samuel Butler and it should surely be our motto as we launch our 2014 season.

We have, with thanks to the numerous volunteers, completed the pods, refurbished the interiors and re-mounted our exhibits. We have finally completed the pier by installing the cupola - it was drawn on the original plans when the pier was built over 25 years ago. We thank our roofers – Golden Rule Roofing for supplying the young muscle needed for the installation! We are also incredibly grateful to Ron Lindsay who made the elegant schooner wind vane. It's the topping on the cake!

I do not wish to single out any individual volunteer but must mention Ken Olive, who despite a torn rotator, has regularly turned out to help. A new member, Ross Runciman, almost singlehandedly repainted the interior of the middle pod while Lew Penney has painstakingly remounted exhibits. Jorg Langewitz and Steve Hodder rebuilt the pavilion staircase and Steve also supplied cedar for the railings. Ion Barnes performed prodigious feats with the power washer. Thank you Ion. Charles Rowley demonstrated that some sailors have green thumbs and replanted and tidied our boxes. We had approximately 30 volunteers during our work weekend and we could not have done without them, or without Tony Owen who capably managed the volunteers. Our team achievement was great!

I hope to see as many members as possible at the official opening ceremony on Saturday April 5th. The ribbon cutting at 2.15 p.m. by our local M.P. Jean Crowder will be followed by a buffet reception in the mezzanine.

Our courses have restarted. Victor Lironi's Introduction to Navigation was amazing. I have been a navigator for years, but some of his shortcuts amazed me. I look forward to Ted Gaiger's knots

and Victor Lironi's *Cruising without tears* which I'm sure will be inspirational.



The Society on TV.

On Thursday 20th March Daphne Good from Shaw TV interviewed Sharon McLeod, Tony Owen and Chris Banner, the president, for a feature on Go TV about the Society. If you don't have a TV but have access to a computer you can view both segments at <http://www.shaw.ca/ShawTV/Victoria/Shows/goisland/#>

Scroll down to the heading "go! Island" at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre.

Upcoming Event

National Film Board documentary of West Coast Fishing : *The Silver Horde*

CWBS members Wayne and Maureen Loiselle (Grail Dancer) invite all to join the upcoming showing of *'The Silver Horde'* - a NFB documentary of the history of fishing on the West Coast, presented by Cecil Ashley. Also, well known local artist Doug Harrison will display his extensive collection of original water colors depicting our maritime and logging history. A brush with the past not to be missed !

Friday May 9

7:00 pm at the mezzanine

By donation – proceeds will plant fruit trees in Tanzania

(www.schoolorchardsafrica.org)

Future Courses

Tuesday April 22nd 7pm-9pm

KNOTS, BENDS AND SPLICES — Back by popular demand an evening of knots, and fancy rope work.

Instructor - Ted Gaiger. - Canadian Yachting Association

Cost: members \$20, non-members \$25



Tuesday May 20th 7pm-9pm

CRUISING WITHOUT TEARS. A retrospective based on 50 years cruising the BC coast with tips on what to do, and what to avoid.

Topics will include cruising with infants, teenagers, cats, elderly dogs, mutinous crew and other family members.

Instructor: Victor Lironi - International Sail and Power Association

Cost: members \$20, non-members \$25

Monday June 9th to Friday June 13th

BUILDING THE SKERRY

The Skerry is a stitch and glue 15ft double ender. She is a fast rowing and sailing dinghy.

Google Chesapeake Light Craft for additional details or take a look at Christine de Merchant's blog at <http://www.christinedemerchant.com/skerry.html>.

The Instructor will be David Skelhon – former shop manager at the Centre. He has built an Oughtred designed Blackfish Sailing Dory and a Wharram Tiki. He cruised extensively in both. Course price \$850

Contact cwbs@classicboats.org with Courses in Subject line or phone 250-746-4955

Executive and Directors 2013/14

President - Chris Banner

Treasurer - Tim Doyle

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Directors:

Victor Lironi

Jorg Langewitz

Bob Down

Bob Weinberg

Past President - Gloria Craig - Facility Manager: Tony Owen

General Manager: Sharon McLeod

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Tom Handford came from Sooke to assist with the library stairs.



Charles Rowley was too shy for a picture but he did excellent work

Karen Coward sweeping up





Victor Lironi fed the troops



Even the windows sparkled after being cleaned by Holger Hietland

Eric Sandilands and Paul Hunt - who came by boat - consult on a construction detail.





Tim Doyle and Jorg Langewitz replaced rotten timbers in the centre pod.

Jorg Langewitz and Steve Hodder rebuilt the pavillion staircase.



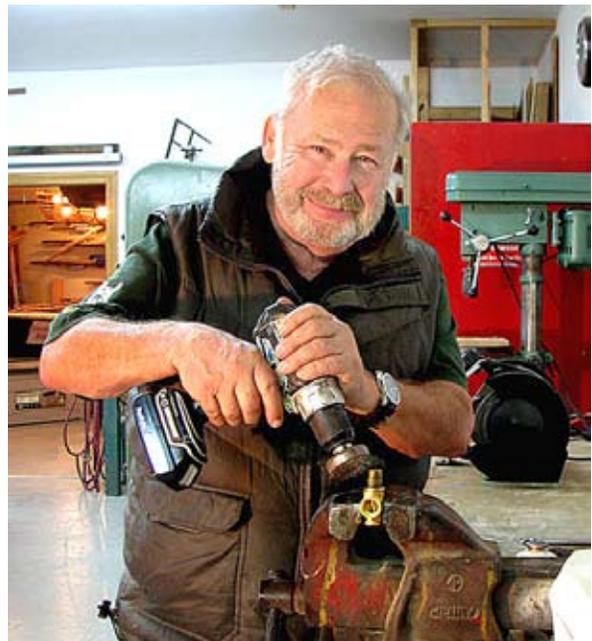
The front clean-up by Tim Spicer was diligent and intense.

IN THE SHOP

Ted Gaiger and his son Fred have almost rebuilt a run-about for Ted's grandson. It is finished with wood and numerous fishing accessories. Ted even located a suitable outboard and a trailer. It looks great!



Audey Barr has been busy refurbishing part of his fuel pump.



The Wednesday Knights second Snipe is reaching its finish having received a gleaming coat of dark green paint applied in the roll and tip method by master painter, Colin Craig. Left to do is the mast and rigging, painting the inside and a few coats of varnish on the bright work. They are all looking forward to getting this into the water and comparing its performance with the other Snipe "Knightmare." Although years apart in age they were both built to the classes specifications so it will be interesting to see how they perform together.

Next Project : Skerry building

