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Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre
February 2014



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The President's Message



I cannot say that I am yet comfortable in the President's chair, because it has also fallen to me to operate the office whenever possible. It's a poor fit for me as I am not an office manager. I also have limited time as I also run my own business. I apologise to members if they have found the office closed, but I have tried to be there nearly every day, at least for a few hours.

Roofing

As you will see, the re-roofing of the pods and pavilion on the pier is now complete. We appear to have dealt with the seagulls efficiently, but we still need suggestions about the pigeons, who manage to perch on the slope of the roof and leave their mark on the new tire-black roof. We will ignore any suggestions concerning firearms! Please email your ideas to cwbs@classicboats.org with **Pigeons** in the subject line.

General Meeting

We will hold a **General Meeting on Monday evening, start at 7pm 24th February** in the Mezzanine of the new building. We would like as many members as possible to attend. If you have any items you wish to discuss, please email cwbs@classicboats.org with **AGM** in the subject line.

Dispute settled

The Centre has been under something of a cloud since Suzan Lagrove ceased to be the Centre's Executive Director in November 2012. We cannot discuss this matter beyond reporting that the issue has now been settled out of court and the Centre's contribution is limited to the deductible on the Insurance policy.

New Staff

We have hired Sharon Mcleod to run the office and oversee activities. Hers will be a part-time position but we will post the new regular office hours as soon as they are established. She starts shortly. Welcome to the Centre, Sharon.

Pier Party

We have tentatively scheduled an official pier-opening party for Saturday April 5th. We hope that the pods will be freshly re-furbished by then. The pier will continue to be closed until the work is complete. It may well be open before April 5th but a lot of work in refinishing the interior and installing the exhibits needs to be done first. If you have some carpentry skills and can volunteer to help please contact cwbs@classicboats.org with **PODS** in the subject line.

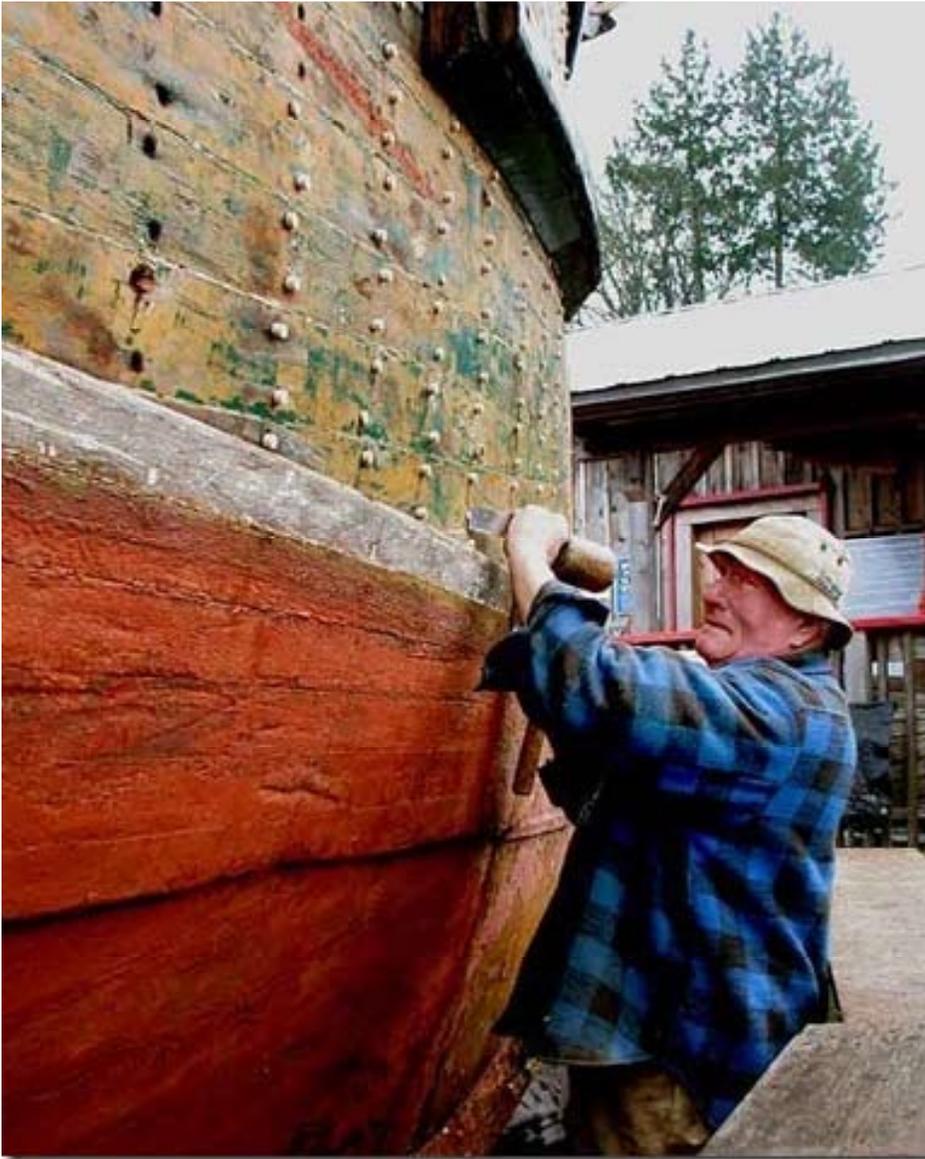
Director Needed

Lori Fasullo, Director and Secretary, has indicated that she has undertaken additional responsibilities in her work life and no longer can afford the time to be a Director. Len Mayea has been appointed Secretary in her stead. If you wish to help the Centre, the maritime and local community and have the time to volunteer your talents as a Director, please let us know, cwbs@classicboats.org, with **DIRECTOR** in the subject line.

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*We need to keep members
abreast of developments and to
discuss new workshop rates,
ways rates and
plans for 2014.*

Please try to attend.



Diligent work progresses

Ashley James continues to work on Roche Cove. He is pictured here carefully chiseling flat his recently installed bungs in the planking. He has installed new bungs on the boat in every plank at ten-inch intervals. This is love of a wooden boat at work.

Executive and Directors 2013/14

President - Chris Banner

Treasurer - Tim Doyle

Secretary - Len Mayea

Directors:

Victor Lironi

Jorg Langewitz

Bob Down

Bob Weinberg

Past President - Gloria Craig - Facility Manager: Tony Owen

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Rowing to Lasqueti



Photograph of rower Carson Tak, just after launching from Cowichan Bay. He intended to row to Lasqueti. He told Tony Owen he thought it would take 2 days. He was rowing a 22' wooden Whitehall he had acquired in Genoa Bay. The boat was originally built in Oregon.

Carson also runs a sailboat water taxi service between False Bay on Lasqueti and French Creek on Vancouver Island. His 30' sailboat makes the trip on Tuesdays when the regular foot passenger ferry does not run. He is also available for hire and will sail anywhere in the Salish Sea, whether it's Texada Island or Vancouver. Carson will go there. Wind willing. He raises the awareness of the world's oil crisis every time he hoists his sails and makes a trip.

In his early twenties, Carson Tak is an inspiration to us all.

Seagulls with a high I.Q.



You can just see the steel porcupine on the roof ridge

The roofing work is now complete on both the Pavilion at the end of the pier as well as on the pods.

We initially took the roofing company's advice and installed wire along the ridge of each pod and on the pavilion. The seagulls thought it a great idea. It gave them an additional foothold and a place to lean. It certainly didn't dissuade them. After a few hours, after we'd watched one rather plump seagull stand on the wire, push it flat against the ridge and then perch, we decided to act.

At a greater expense we asked the roofer to install strips of metal porcupine along the ridge. It works. We have had no trouble with errant seagulls landing on the pods or the pavilion. The pigeons perch on the roof slope – at least on the pavilion, so we still need to solve that problem.

A high level finish on the Pavilion.



When the pier was built in the dim and distant past, a cupola was planned for the top of the pavilion. Unfortunately it was never installed and the pavilion has seemed bereft ever since.

Well, Len Mayea had researched the initial plans, and Jorg Langewitz and Lew Penney designed and built a cupola. Tim Doyle assisted with a `dry' fit, but now the cupola is almost complete and will be installed in the near future. Weather permitting.

Of course a cupola on a pier would not be complete without a suitable wind vane. So Ron Lindsay got to work and designed one. It will be installed on top of the cupola.

Jorg's refit

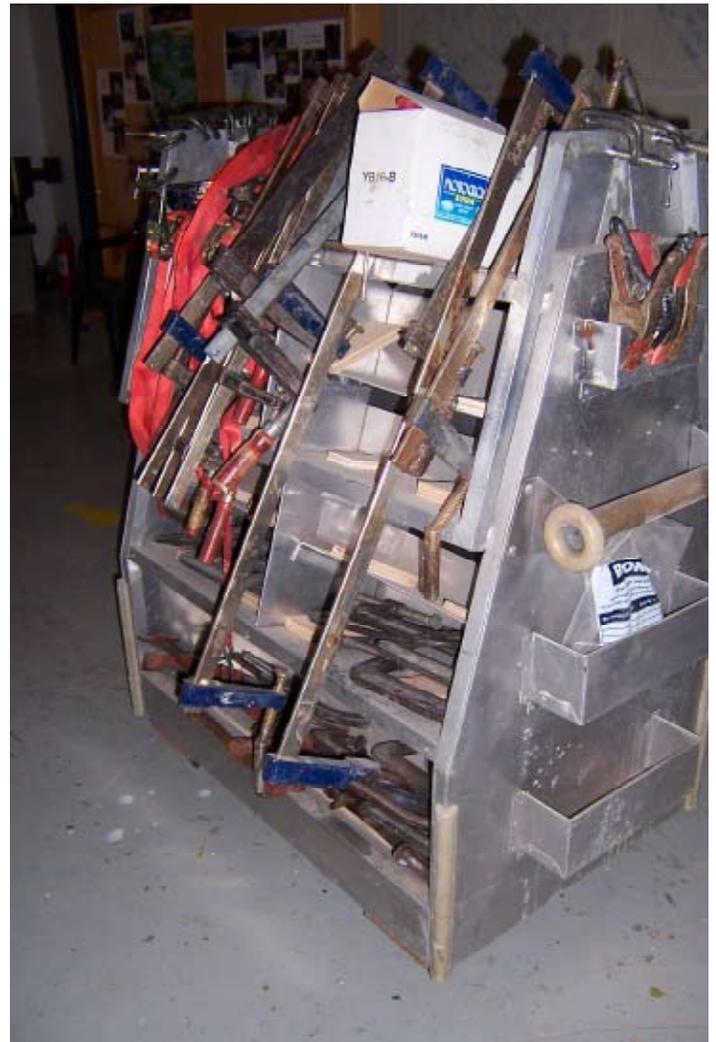


Last month we showed you the mast that Jorg lange-witz built in the workshop and the circus that followed as we got it out of the shop. Jorg is still busy with the tiller (shown here) and the cabin top grabrails and a re-finished hatch. Unfortunately he will be on Salltspring Island for the next few weeks. As he says, "Refitting a boat is expensive. I have to go and make some more money."

A generous spirit

Ian Murray has been most generous with his time in helping out around the Centre during the past few months. He has also been extremely generous in donating items. One of the latest, which he has also extensively modified and fitted out, is a trolley for fasteners.

His trolley was initially used for storing all sorts – including clamps, but Tony Owen is building storage for clamps so hopefully Ian will see his trolley returned to its intended use. Unfortunately Ian has temporarily returned to Alberta, but we expect to see his cheery face again soon and we'll hear his 'hawg.'



Photos for this issue courtesy of Tony Owen, Rachel Penney and Lenore Hietkamp.