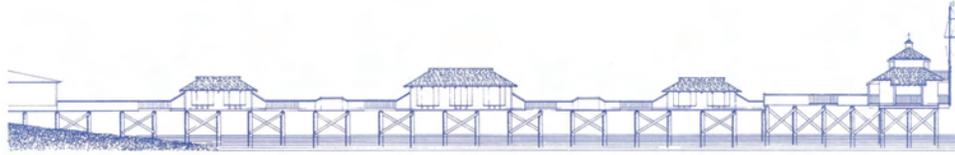


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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY APRIL 2010

### Board of Directors

**President** – David Knott  
**Past President** – Lewis Penney  
**Secretary** – David Orlic  
**Treasurer** – Peter Holmes  
**Executive Director** – Suzan Lagrove  
**Directors**  
Colin Craig  
Bruce Dickinson  
Paul Donahue  
Hylton McAlister  
Lorraine McDonald  
Bob Weinberg  
**Shipwright** – Eric Sandilands

### IMPORTANT DATES

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Garage Sale...9am – 3pm  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – Members BBQ/Social  
April 18<sup>th</sup> – Director's Board Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – Prawn Festival

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Newsletter Editor: Sue Weinberg

CHANCES COWICHAN: The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre is grateful for the support from CHANCES COWICHAN. The funds are crucial to our ongoing work.

### President's Report

If you have been down to the centre lately you can't but help notice that construction has started. Finally, after two years of planning, working out the financing, raising money and finalizing the building design, the ground has now been broken. The result will be a brand new look for our society, with opportunities to expand our presence in the village and valley. In the meantime, the rest of the centre functions as normal despite the intruding construction. The workshop is still usable except for the tool room, which is no more. The display area is doing just that; displaying all our tools, wood, project boats and whatever else that had to be moved.

The Wednesday Knights' hydro-plane project is coming to a close. Just two more pieces of wood need to be fitted before the finishing takes place. Hopefully, this will be just in time for the warmer weather when we will be able to see how this little baby moves. The ongoing quest for volunteers is still necessary. Even though construction is happening, other maintenance issues to be resolved. One project will be to move Suzan back to the front of the building into her old office. The rat problem has been sorted out and now the office needs sorting out – the partition removed and the room painted. Anyone who feels they could help, please contact Suzan. One of our directors Bruce Dickenson has taken on the role of maintenance projects, if you have the time and would like to help, again please contact Suzan and she can add you to Bruce's call list.

At the beginning of April we have two events happening: our famous garage sale and an evening social which, weather permitting, will be the first BBQ of the year. Mike Tansley will be giving a talk on emergency procedures at sea, aimed mainly at women.

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### President's Report Cont'd

Subjects will include 'what do you do if your man goes overboard' the answer to which is not 'open up the throttle and head the other way while checking his life insurance.' Should be a good evening - hope to see you all there.

The ways have been made ready for this year. Some strengthening plating has been done with plans for a rebuild next winter. Book soon if you plan to be hauled as the calendar is filling up fast. This year Eric will not be hauling in or out on Sundays, so plan accordingly.

So as someone once said "Onward and Upward."  
-David Knott

### Letter from the Past President

Our contractor, MacDonald and Lawrence Timber Framing, has arrived on site, creating a flurry of activity. All the hours of planning by the Building Committee are now being set in motion. Machines are busy digging the foundation on the outside and on the inside. Shop walls are being moved for a new bathroom. The most important parts of the construction that you can't see are the developments taking place at the Bamberton shop. Timbers are being cut and shaped in order to become the structure of our new building. There is an open invitation for all to visit the shop at Bamberton to witness this amazing craftsmanship. Take the time to follow the progress of the timbers. They will see their completion at the Centre's party for "the raising of the frame" when all these timbers are fitted to make our new building. An old fashion barn raising!!!

Thanks to all for joining us at the sod turning and making it a very memorable event. A special mention should be made to the laborers on the shovels for the photo-op and

their support.

These are definitely exciting times and there will be many more to come.

-Lewis Penney

### Notice from Director Paul Donahue

## *Ahoy there!*

The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre is opening its new Interpretation Centre this summer.

A **Volunteer Coordinator** is required to create positions, recruit, manage, schedule and train volunteers to assist the Maritime Centre in operating its new centre. A volunteer recognition programme will also need to be developed over time.

This unpaid position would provide an individual (with previous experience in managing people) with an opportunity to meet and work with others committed to providing community service and socializing with like-minded people.

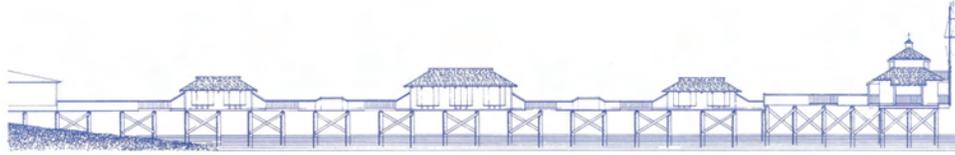
Primary functions include welcoming visitors, sale of giftware, and providing an outline of the exhibitions and programmes offered. Prior knowledge of maritime history is not a prerequisite, as the Maritime Centre will provide the necessary training.

Interested persons should contact  
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### Renovation Update



Removal of current washrooms

### Photos Courtesy of Suzan Lagrove



Pouring and compacting the fill



Old washroom removed – cement slab remains



Eric's office/tool room after being taken apart

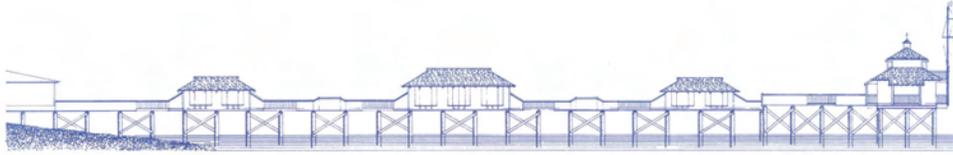


Removal of cement slab from washrooms



New washrooms being framed inside

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## Photos of Len Mayea at Work



Donor name plaques for boardwalk



Len hard at work!



## Loading Lumber on the "Cielo di Vancouver"



Thank you to Western Stevedoring and D. P. World for allowing us to visit the ship while it was loading. Thank you to the Captain and 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer whose onboard team greeted our members. – Bob Weinberg