

# SOUNDINGS

Newsletter for the  
Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre  
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## President's Message



The Society has had a successful opening for 2014.

The pods and pavilion have been re-roofed and the pods have been refurbished. Thanks to Tony and all the volunteers. A large crowd gathered for our official re-opening on April 5, despite the poor weather, and our local MP, Jean Crowder cut the ribbon.

We were almost embarrassed by BC Supercargo's generosity when Captain Terry Stuart presented us with an additional \$1000 donation for our newly named BC Supercargo Pavilion.

Lifetime member, Ron Lindsay, celebrated the opening, the erection of the cupola and his wonderful wind vane with a cannon shot.



### Boat Acquisitions

We have received our first boat donation of the year. Rollie Woods donated *Kalisha* – a 1913 cruiser. She is an excellent period piece of Edwardian boating and she's in good shape. She can be viewed on our dock. Thank you Rollie. I commiserate with him that his ownership has been so unexpectedly cut short.

We need two stewards – it could be a husband and wife team – to care for *Kalisha* while she is in our care. The two stewards can also use her but they have to maintain *Kalisha*! If you are interested please email: [cwbs@classicboats.org](mailto:cwbs@classicboats.org) with *Kalisha* in the subject line.



## Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre Small Wooden Boat 'Festival' July 5 & 6, 2014

Registration is now open for our Small Wooden Boat Festival, taking place on July 5&6. We are accepting registrations for sail, power and pulling boats up to 22' in length. Registration forms can be downloaded from [www.classicboats.org](http://www.classicboats.org) or stop by the office to pick one up. Register by June 15 to take advantage of our early bird registration fee of \$55. After June 15 the registration fee will go up to \$75. Please help us spread the word about the festival.

The Small Wooden Boat Festival will celebrate our maritime heritage with many things to see and do. In addition to showcasing small wooden boats along our docks and foreshore, activities planned for the festival include a pancake breakfast, BBQ Dinner, demonstration racing, marine demonstrations in knot tying, steam engines and steam bending, and the ever popular Fast & Furious. To register a team for the Fast & Furious, contact the office at [cwbs@classicboats.org](mailto:cwbs@classicboats.org) with Fast & Furious in the subject line.

Sponsorship Opportunities are available for the festival. Please contact Sharon for a complete list of opportunities and benefits.

### **Executive and Directors 2013/14**

President - Chris Banner

Treasurer - Tim Doyle

Secretary - Len Mayea

*Directors:*

Victor Lironi

Jorg Langewitz

Bob Down

Bob Weinberg

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For information call: **250-746-4955**

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# COURSES and EVENTS at the Centre

## NATIONAL FILM BOARD DOCUMENTARY OF WEST COAST FISHING: THE SILVER HORDE

Friday, May 9th at 7 pm

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 watercolors depicting our maritime and logging history. A brush with the past not to be missed! By donation with proceeds going towards planting fruit trees in Tanzania. For more information visit [www.schoolorchardsafrica.org](http://www.schoolorchardsafrica.org).

## CRUISING WITHOUT TEARS

Tuesday, May 20th at 7pm

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

## KNOTS, BENDS AND SPLICES

Tuesday, May 27th at 7pm

Back by popular demand, an evening of knots, and fancy rope work where you can learn how to get knotted! Instructor: Ted Gaiger, Canadian Yachting Association

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

## BUILDING THE SKERRY

Monday, June 9th to Friday, June 13th

Learn how to build the Skerry, 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>.

Instructor: 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.

Cost: \$875

Register by May 15 with a \$250 deposit to hold your spot.

Class size limited to 5 people.

To register for the above courses, contact [cwbs@classicboats.org](mailto:cwbs@classicboats.org) or call 250.746.4955.



## 6TH ANNUAL COWICHAN BAY SPOT PRAWN FESTIVAL

MAY 24 & 25

A family friendly event with activities for all ages: live entertainers, chef's cooking demonstrations, prawn boil, local vendors, a kids' fun station, and more. We expect many visitors to our Centre during the festival. If you are able to volunteer to give tours that weekend, please contact the office.

## LADYSMITH MARITIME FESTIVALS

Ladysmith Kids' Pirate Day

May 31, 10 am – 4 pm

Ladysmith Maritime Heritage Day

June 6 & 7

A family friendly festival with visiting heritage vessels, harbour tours, marine artists, entertainment, Captain's Dinner and much more. The Ladysmith Maritime Society is looking for heritage vessels to take part. Please contact Rob Pinkerton at [rlpink@telus.net](mailto:rlpink@telus.net) or 250.245.7804 for more information.



## ICE CREAM DRAW

We wish to thank Morning Mist Ice Cream & Candy for their donation of a door prize at our official pod re-opening ceremony. There were more than fifty people in the draw and it was won by Jim Shimuzu.



## MODEL SHIP REPAIR

Dr Ewald Dwersteg, a retired Duncan physician and surgeon, loaned the Maritime Centre seventeen of his exact 1 to 96 scale boat models. They have been on display in the pavilion for several years.

After water damage to the pavilion we have moved the models into the main building where they have become an instant hit. Even when the museum is closed, visitors peer in the window to view them. We are incredibly fortunate that Dr Dwersteg comes into the Centre to repair and clean his priceless models.



## AU REVOIR

Ted and Fred have completed the fishing dinghy for Ted's grandson. It looks great, but I guess we won't see as much of Ted and Fred around the Centre in the next while. We also want to say au revoir to Ashley James and Roche Cove. She is not far away on Pier 66, but Ashley has been a very pleasant winter addition to our Centre. However Ashley has already booked to return next winter!



## CHILDREN'S CENTRE MARITIME DISPLAY

Our pro-active tugboat display for the soon to be opening Children's Discovery Centre in Duncan is under construction, thanks to Arie, Len, Lew, Ken and Tony. If you are able to spare some time to help complete this project, volunteers are still needed. The Children's Centre, an initiative of School District 79 and a host of community groups, is slated to open at the end of May and is located in the field next to Vancouver Island University. The buildings were once used for the VIU hairdressing and carpentry programs.

## LIBRARY

Now open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 to 1.

Our Pavilion houses an extensive Maritime library of hardcover books, complete magazine subscriptions, maps and charts. It's a great resource for members and is now open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 1pm. The checking out of material will be reserved for CWBS members however, the library will be open to anyone interested in perusing the shelves. Our library volunteers are eager to help you find what you are looking for so please pay the library a visit. It also happens to provide the best view in the bay and is a great place to get lost in some good reading material.