

# SOUNDINGS

Newsletter for the Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Society

Summer 2008

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

You will note in this issue of Soundings, the Annual General Meeting of the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is the 18 November 2008. One of our responsibilities as members of a society in the Province of British Columbia is elect Directors. These people keep our ship afloat and work with the crew to ensure programs are delivered to the best of our ability.

I invite all members to consider running for a Directors position. It is an opportunity to have your input into a valued organization. Please be generous with your expertise and time. Contact the office 250-746-4955 or cwbs@island.net to have your name added to the nominating committee's list for election.

## MANAGERS REPORT

### TALLSHIPS 2008

A good time was had by all even with the odd hiccup in the mix.

From people in costume to the boat builders we entertained the public.

We set up on the Wednesday and our team of boat builders worked with passion from sun up to sun down to produce our signature product — the 10' lapstrake dinghy. A gentleman in Lake Cowichan is the proud winner of this boat. Lisa, one of our regular volunteers, has been busy painting and making the boat a beauty. Our raffle was a success as we sold \$7700.00 in tickets. Thanks goes to Rick and Darcey from Step Inn Stones B & B [www.stepinnstones.com](http://www.stepinnstones.com) along with Ocean Ecoventures Whale Watching [www.oceanecoventures.com](http://www.oceanecoventures.com) for providing our second prize and Herb Rice [www.coastsalishjourney.com](http://www.coastsalishjourney.com) for his carved Salmon that was our third prize in the raffle.

A "thank-you" BBQ was held for all those who volunteered during Tall Ships, without their support we would not be able to showcase the maritime centre to the thousands of spectators who passed by our location.

### SUMMER STUDENTS

This year we were fortunate to have two summer students with us. Logan and Scott started at the beginning of July and will be heading back to school come September. They have been busy painting, tearing the basement area apart so we can reorganize it, and doing the daily routine of keeping the centre neat and tidy. They acted as tour guides to four different groups of young people that came for a tour and built their model boats including painting and decorating them.

## MEETING DATES

As we look forward to 2008 the following dates have been set for **General Meetings**: 19 January, 15 March, 17 May, 19 July, 20 Sept. 15 Nov.

These meetings are on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the library pod at the Maritime Centre.

You are encouraged to attend and be involved with your Board of Directors. You are part of the decision making process at these meetings.

The opposite months will be **Board of Directors** meetings. As a member you may attend a directors meeting as a guest. At these meetings you are not part of the decision making process, although your comments and questions are welcomed.

These meetings will take place at the same location and time on 16 Feb., 19 April, 21 June, 16 Aug., 18 October, 20 Dec.

We look forward to a very busy and successful 2008.

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

Two of our groups were Japanese students from Queen Margaret School, 40 of them over the two days. What an adventure they had. We wish them luck as they pursue their education, hopefully they will come and visit us when they have time.

### FIRST POD UPGRADES

We have been busy working on getting our first pod displays redone. We applied for a grant from BC 150 and were successful getting money to redo this section of our displays. Many hours were spent at the archives in Duncan along with Kathryn Gagnon, the Curator/Manager of the Cowichan valley Museum and Archives, researching old photos to enhance our display. One of our newer members, Grant Kernan from akphotos, is donating his time to help us reproduce the images. Our committee also includes Dave Knott, Vice President CWBS and Rachel Penney. We will keep you posted as to when we have it completed early this fall.

### SHIPWRIGHT AND THE YARD

Eric had an article printed in Western Mariner magazine, a scan is in with the photo pages.

### 2008 COWICHAN CLASSIC

The day dawned with rain, something we didnt need, but boosted by South Cowichan Rotary clubs famous pancake breakfast, the day slowly became brighter. The view from the pier reminded one of how Cowichan Bay must have looked in years gone by, with classic sail and power boats tied up at all available space. The *Oriole* did look a bit odd with her unique rig. All participant entered into the spirit of the day despite the drizzle. The Sunday of the sailpast turned out a much better day with brilliant sunshine, the Work Boat Association all entered the sailpast and even surprised the *Oriole* crew with the number that took part, it was certainly an impressive sight to see close to 50 boats in the bay.

It had been more than six months of planning for this event, with a special thanks to all involved. Plans are already in the works for the 2009 event, if you wish to be involved please contact Suzan.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

12-14 September: Brentwood Bay Boat show  
 10 September: Weekly work parties at 7:00 p.m.  
 14-21 September: Boat building workshop  
 20 September: General Meeting 9:30 am  
 4 October: Pot luck BBQ for members-more details will follow by email  
 October is *Women in History* month – watch for details of scheduled Guest Speakers  
 18 October: Board meeting  
 15 November: General Meeting 9:30 am  
 18 November: AGM 7:00 pm  
 6 December: Sail Past - Tables for rent for crafters \$25.00 per. Need baked items for a bake sale.

### BINGO

This newsletter I'd like to tell you a little bit about our "bingo" money and its importance to the society. The name "bingo money" itself is no longer strictly accurate, but persists from its beginning as a grant from a bingo hall's profit. The bingo money is one of the back bones of our finances but many members know little of it. We receive two types of bingo money: a) a direct grant from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch and b) a share of the operating profits of the casino in Duncan.

The profit share we receive because the society is a member of the Duncan Dabbers, the group that runs the casino. Operational profit (as opposed to gambling profit) is distributed among the members of Duncan Dabbers. In return the members, including the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society, are required to contribute hours of volunteer time at the casino. You can expect to see an email requesting volunteers for this task. Last year our share of the operating profit was \$10,354.50, an amount we are permitted to spend as we wish.

The second part or the Direct Access Program Grant we receive from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, at \$34,600 per year is a much greater amount of money. There are restrictions on how we can spend this money, shown on the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. web site as

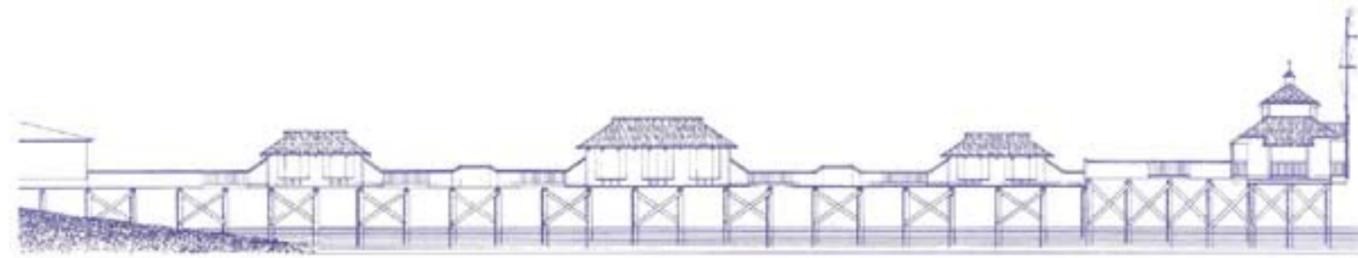
6. *Grant funds may only be used within BC to cover eligible costs essential to the delivery of an approved program, including, but not limited to:*
  - a. *Operational costs directly attributable to the delivery of the program, such as wages, utilities, facility rental, supplies, etc.;*
  - b. *Rental or purchase of equipment essential for the delivery of the program; or c. In-province travel essential to the direct delivery of the program.*

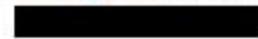
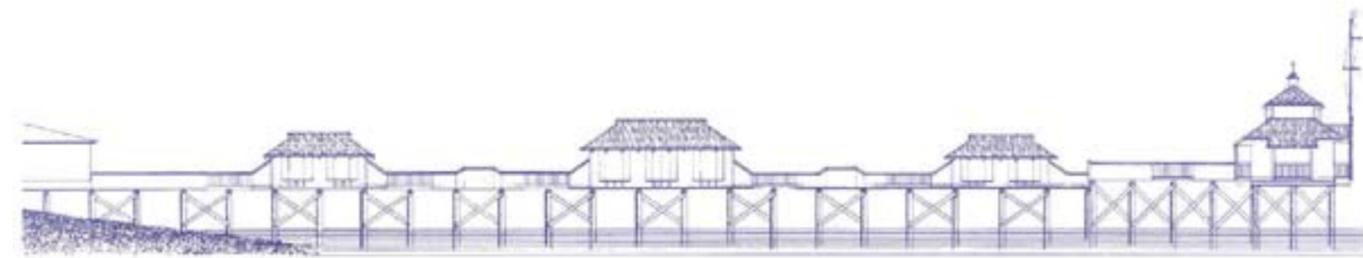
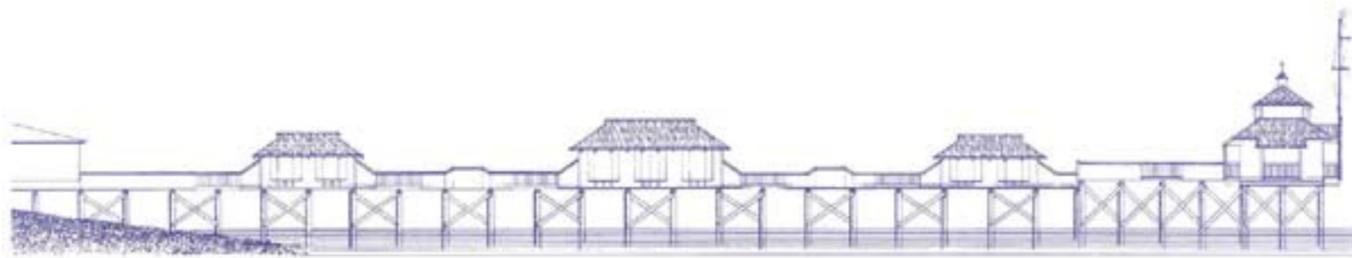
We keep our interpretation of these regulations simple and use the grant money to pay salaries. The salary costs for our year round two employees will be about \$90,000 next year so you can see how important that \$34,600 is.

Please keep this in mind when Suzan is looking for "bingo" volunteers.

Pete Edgar  
 Treasurer

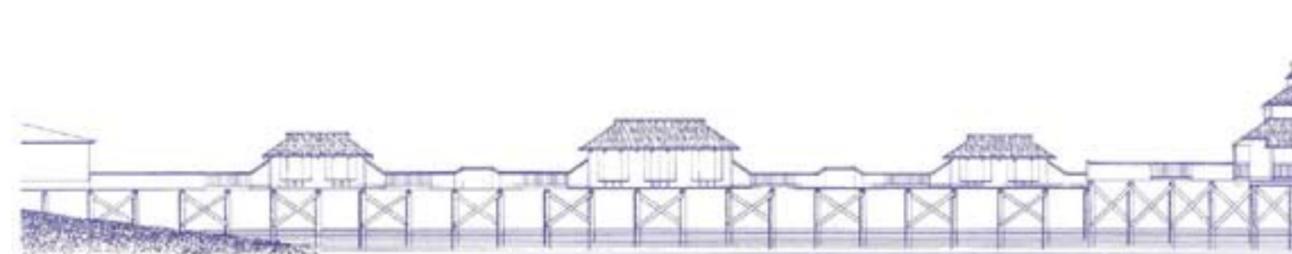
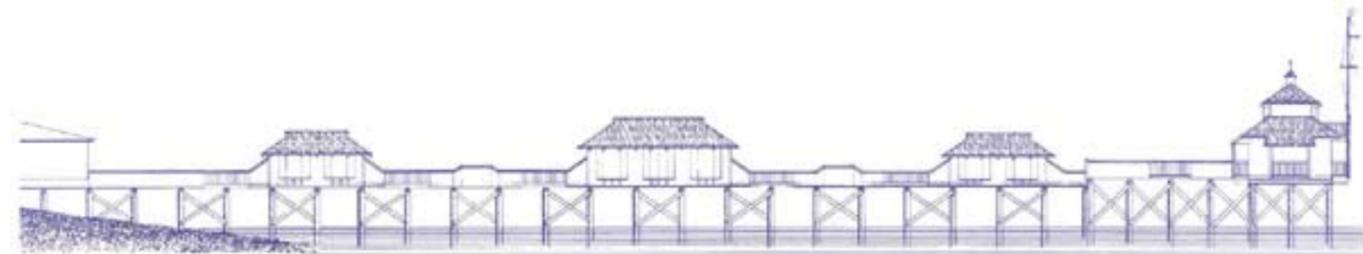
Had you heard that you can now get Viagra in powder form to put in your tea. Doesnt improve your sex life, but is stops your cookie from going soft





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Eric's article as printed in WestCoast Mariner



#### COWICHAN BAY MARITIME CENTRE

Back in 1999 the classic 36-ft double-ender VESTA, barely afloat in Cow Bay, came into the care of the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre (CBMC) and work began on her stabilization and restoration (see *Dockwalk: Cowichan Bay, Maple Bay, Genoa Bay, Saltspring Island & Crofton* in *The Westcoast Mariner*, September 1999). The VESTA was reportedly built on the Fraser River in the 1940s as a combination salmon gillnetter/troller. She was donated to the CBMC by Jack Jensen and the story told to this editor (then editor of *The Westcoast Mariner*) was that the VESTA had the distinction of having been fished over the years by only father-and-daughter crews. Acquiring the VESTA from the CBMC was Kevin Heuser and he recently had her up on the Centre's ways for an annual shave and haircut (photo left). CBMC's shipwright Eric Sandilands has been restoring a 1921 (according to a serial number on a plank) vintage 18-ft, double-ended 'Dispro' for a Vernon area customer. The boats were produced by the Disappearing Propeller Boat Co in Port Carling ON and were so-called because the articulated shaft could be raised up into a tunnel for landings etc. The Dispro at CBMC has a 6-hp 'Silent Dispro' engine. As time and resources come available Eric pushes ahead on the rebuild ("the big one") of the 1914-built (Donald Robertson, Esquimalt) 36-ft TEDORA ex ELMIRA (belongs to a CBMC member) which spent some time in the BC Forest Service fleet. Last winter the port side had frames and two-dozen-plus red cedar planks installed (2000 two-inch silicone bronze #12 screws later) and the starboard, hopefully in better shape, will be tackled this winter.

