

# SOUNDINGS

Newsletter for the Cowichan Bay Wooden Boat Society

Winter 2008

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## MEETING DATES

As we look forward to 2009 the following dates have been set for **General Meetings**: 17 January, 21 March, 16 May, 18 July, 19 Sept. 21 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 21 Feb., 18 April, 20 June, 15 Aug., 17 October, 19 Dec.

We look forward to a very busy and successful 2009.

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I want to thank all of you that attend the Annual General Meeting. Annual General Meetings provide two important opportunities. The first is to inform members of what has happened in the past year and offer advice. Second is to present the financial picture for approval and elect a new slate of Board Members to steer the ship. I am very appreciative of those members who have committed the time to be a Director to help make the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society the best it can be.

Committees to manage the work will be set up immediately, with a Director chairing each committee. They will need your help to accomplish the tasks. Please be generous with your time, talent and lend a hand.

Looking forward, I see another busy year. Though we do not have the pressures of two major, very successful events of last year, the Tall Ships and BC 150 Celebrations, other projects demand our attention and efforts. Starting immediately will be the renovation of our bathrooms, producing a strategic plan, restoration projects and working up new exhibits for our guests to enjoy.

As well, the boat shop is always looking for new boats or restorations. Maybe this is your year to make it happen. The quiet, less hectic hours of winter can provide a more relaxed time for members to share ideas or work on projects.

I want to wish you and your family the very best during the Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!!

Lew Penney

## MANAGERS REPORT

### Year in Review

My first full year at the maritime Centre has been interesting and an opportunity to learn a lot. We received \$10,000.00 towards our Classic Boat Festival that we held in May. This was a fun filled 3 day event. The funding for this event was from my 1st grant application regarding the BC 150 celebrations.

My next grant application was to Young Canada Works for our summer student program. We were successful at getting funds for 2 summer students for July and August. (Logan Lobo and Scott Wise).

We also applied to the CVRD and received \$10,000.00 which will be used for bathroom renovations. The work on this project will start this month.

We were chosen as one of 9 nonprofit organizations to take part in the Katimavik program. We have Devon Delorme with us until 14 January 2009, then we will have a new student until April

**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.

and our third one will be here til the end of June.

In the community I have involved myself with the other museum directors in the local area — the Cowichan valley Museum in Duncan, Shawnigan Lake, Lake Cowichan, Ladysmith and the BC Forest Discovery Centre.

One of my objectives has been to increase our profile in the community and make more people aware of our facility and what we have to offer. This has been through media press releases about events and by writing articles for two local magazines.

I have tried to involve more members in activities with our BBQ's, Women in History Month talk, Halloween Decorations, and Heritage Week displays.

Our membership continues to grow with approx 85 new members this past year. We need more of our members to take an active role with various committees and events, including our Annual Sail Past.

I would like to acknowledge a few volunteers who have spent many hours around the centre — Len Mayea continually making kids boat forms for the kid's activity centre and Colin Craig for his many hours getting the workshop area reorganized and well supplied with equipment. Ian Douglas for his time spent on maintaining Sweet Pea and taking members out and teaching them how to sail. Lisa Doberthien for her many hours finishing and restoring various boats. Lorraine McDonald for spending time helping in the office.

We had a successful raffle this year as we sold \$7700.00 in tickets. Our Tall Ships participation gave us a good audience for selling tickets, as did the other boat shows we attended at Maple Bay, Ladysmith. We also took part in the Brentwood Bay boat show this September.

Three major tasks that we have been working on are the redesigning of our website, which should be finished by year end. We are working with Connie Manning, web designer, and Laura Fee from the Divas is writing some of our text.

The restoration of the pictures in POD 1, I have been working with Grant Kernan from ak photos, to redo the picture displays, they will look great once we complete the project.

Lastly I have been working with Vancouver Island University to have a student studying for their MBA in business to take us on as a project to help us develop our business plan including marketing and financial goals.

I had hoped to have a student on board this November but it looks like it may be the July session before we have this project up and running.

I am looking forward to a great 2009 with more activities happening at the centre.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

With all events, what we need more than anything is volunteers, many of our members do volunteer their time, but, as often the case, it is the same faces every time, thank goodness for their dedication. So, please, when the call goes out for volunteers consider joining in. You may be surprised on how much fun work can be.

Dec 6th Sail Past-fun packed day. Breakfast from 8-11 and a visit from Santa. Check out our bake sale, crafters and silent auction. Entertainment during the day . Hay Ride by donation with money go-

ing to the United way Sail Past at 5:00.

2009—Mark your calendar and watch for more info on the following in our next newsletter:

Feb 16-22 Heritage Week—Guest Speaker Dr. Barry Gough (18 February, 7 p.m.) Come and hear about his latest book *Fortune's a River*. *Fortune's a River* is the most authoritative and readable account to date of just how British Columbia became British and how Oregon, Washington and Alaska became American. It has been nominated for two awards—Finalist for the Writers' Trust Nereus Non-fiction Award and Finalist for the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize, BC Book Prize.

Dr. Barry Gough was founding director of Canadian Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, Fellow of Kings College London, and Life Member of the Association of Canadian Studies. Author of ten previous books, he has been called the "foremost expositor of BC nautical history."

## BOAT STEWARDSHIP

The Society owns the sailing sloop *Sweet Pea* and two lapstrake dinghies made available for rowing.

In order to use the dinghies one must be a Member in good standing, sign in and out of dinghy registration book, wear a lifejacket and preferably be able to row! During the past year the dinghies were used a total of 14 times.

*Sweet Pea* is available for any Member in good standing to participate in day sailing. The Society has deemed it a requirement that one of the two boat custodians, Ian Douglas or myself, or a Director, must skipper the boat when it is being used. During the past year *Sweet Pea* was sailed with Members on board 5 times (all with Ian Douglas).

*Sweet Pea* was featured in our own Classic Boat Festival in May. She was sailed to the Maple Bay Marina Wood Boat Festival also in May; the Ladysmith Wood Boat Festival in June; the Maple Bay Yacht Club Tall Ships Sailpast in July and the Brentwood Boat Festival in September. She was well received in all of these outings and generated interest in the Society.

Ian Hammocks

## KATIMAVIK

### Meet Devon Delorme-our Katimavik student

Devon was born August 11th 1989 in Winnipeg (Winterpeg) Manitoba. He has always lived in Winnipeg and this is his first trip to the west coast. Devon moved around within the Winnipeg area attending various schools including Ukrainian emersion school. He graduated from Gordon Bell high school in 2008. As this was an inner city school many different ethnic groups attended this school. Located in the heart of Winnipeg it was rich in cultural diversity, this atmosphere inspired Devon to travel across Canada in order to see what other adventures he would encounter. Devon will be volunteering with us until 14 January, 2009, then he is off to Ottawa as he continues his nine month adventure with Katimavik. Be sure to stop by and say "hi" to Devon and wish him luck on his exciting adventure across Canada. See *photo pages*.

## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

As you know the everyday running and maintenance of the Maritime Centre is an ongoing challenge.

With rising insurance costs, hydro and other miscellaneous costs, effective January 1st 2009 the following

Membership fees will be in place—Individual \$30.00 or Family of 4-\$50.00. (Family membership is limited to 2 adults and 2 children under 19 years of age living in the same household)

We appreciate your continued support of the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society and the Maritime Centre.

## NEW PROJECTS IN THE SHOP

Jean Paul Paterlini is one of the newest members of the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society. It did not take him long to get sawdust on his hands. Jean Paul's first project is a 17' Chesapeake Touring Kayak. Jean Paul is originally from Frances and has lived in Cowichan Bay for 4 years. He is very excited about his project and invites members to stop by and see his progress.

## THE RED BOBBLE HAT

Top of the season to you all, the red toque has come out. Things at the shop are at a steady pace, but without tourist interruptions.

We have several members working on their own projects including a 17' kayak, a shellback dinghy, and a 10' early 1900 lapstrake dinghy that, believe it or not, needs some work.

I think I shall go and spend some time with Tedora and get to know her starboard side. The shop is getting a new washroom; the other one was really in need of some work. Thank you very much to directors and members who are responsible for the upgrade.

We have decided to work on some of our boats in the "Main room." The Peterborough run-about is being stripped and scraped. It will get a new deck and lots of varnish.

The old clinker is next, much to do there. Hey it is all fun though and anyone who wants to come down and play — excellent!

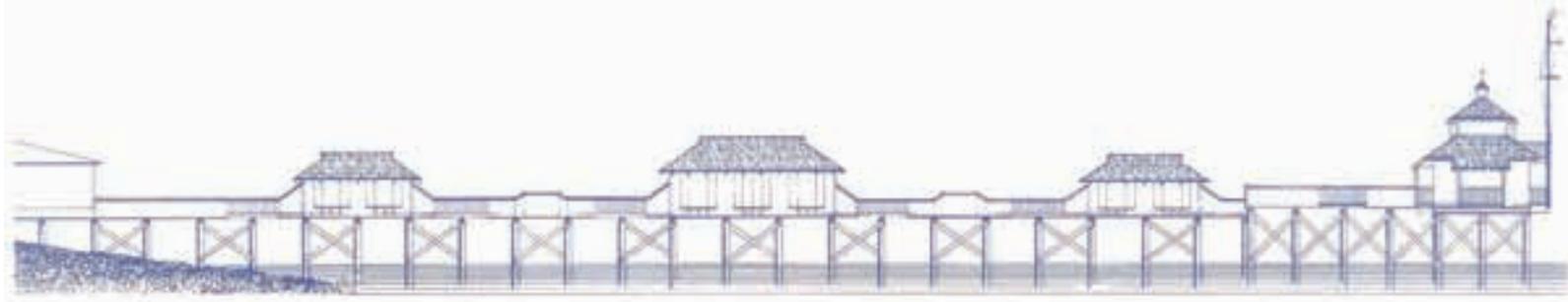
Cheers, Eric



Devon Delorme - next lesson 'turning machine on.'



Halloween House by Devon – actually if you look close you can see it is Len Mayea with a wig.



## 1st Bathroom Renovation



Blues Brothers, Ian and Colin, putting their heads together.



“When I nod my head, you hit it.”



This, folks, is what you have been sitting on when you have been having a quiet, relaxing and contemplative moment (or movement).