
SOUNDINGS

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2023 THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

Wooden Boat Festival Returns

Our Annual Wooden Boat Festival will take place July 22 & 23. The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is excited to be able to once again put on this ever popular community event. As work continues on our historical pier we are planning for the festival behind the scenes.

Upcoming Events

Pro-D Day Camp - Feb.17
Children Ages 5-9 Cost:\$50

Annual Marine Garage Sale - March 5 We are now accepting donations of marine related items and workshop tools. Tables are available to rent for \$25 items can be anything you like. Sale starts at 9am and runs until 3pm. No early birds please.

Spring Break Camp - March 13-17
Children between the ages of 5 and 9 are invited to join a exciting week here at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre! During this camp children will enjoy a fun-filled week of great activities including, exploring the beaches of Cowichan Bay, maritime crafts, games, boat building, scavenger hunt and other age-appropriate activities. Cost: \$250 per child

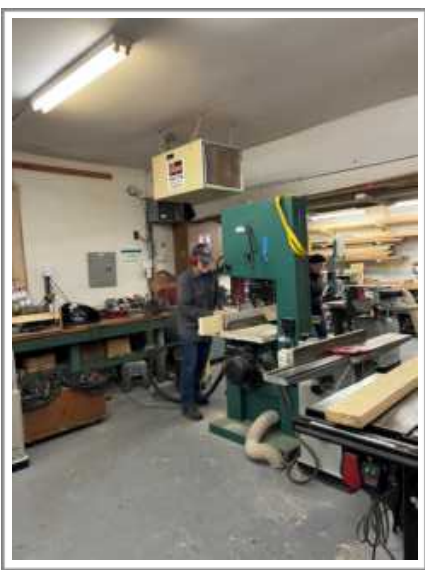


100 Warmland Women Comes Through

100 Warmland Women was formed in December of 2017 as a response to the tremendous spirit of generosity that exists in the Cowichan Valley. While many chapters in large cities struggle to gather 100 members, Pam Richmond recognized the giving nature of her fellow Warmlanders and floated the idea on Facebook. Within hours she had forty women wanting to join! A Lead Team of organizers was formed within days and 100 Warmland Women was launched. The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society was selected this quarter and received a generous amount of \$6600. Photo credit to Rachel Penney; From left to right, Pam Richmond, Mel Robinson, Carmel Nelson, Sylvia Berryman.

Whats going on in the shop?

Over the past couple months we have had an increase of membership and workshop usage. Volunteers putting on various small courses and members working on boat builds and other projects. The workshop is fully equipped with all the machinery and tools needed to get that certain project done. We also rent space which comes in handy for those members who just don't have the adequate space at home. If you are interested in becoming a member, using the workshop or renting space, please contact Mel at facilitymanager@classicboats.org



On The Horizon



Pro D Day Camp - February 17, Ages 5-9. \$50 per child, runs 9am to 4pm

Family Day - February 18, Bring the family down for a fun-filled event. children's boat building, photo scavenger hunt, hot chocolate, coffee and goodies to be served.

Annual Marine Garage Sale - March 5, 9am to 2pm, we are accepting donations of marine related items and workshop tools now until March 1st. Donations can be dropped off anytime Wednesday through Sunday 10am to 4pm. Tables are available for rent \$25.

Spring Break Camp - March 13 to 17, Ages 5-9, \$250 per child for the week, 9am to 4pm

During these camp days children will enjoy a fun-filled day of great activities including crabbing, exploring the beaches of Cowichan Bay, maritime crafts, games and other age-appropriate activities.

Junior Captain Camps - Children will enjoy a jam packed week of activities such as crabbing, rowing, beach combing, scavenger hunts, games, crafts, workshop activity and more. Ages 5-9, \$250 per child per week

Camp dates as followed:

July 3-7, July 10-14, July 24-28, July 31 - Aug 4, Aug 14-18, Aug 21-25

To register please email camps@classicboats.org



New Administrative Assistant - Kelly

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is pleased to welcome aboard Kelly to the staff.

Visit our website for full bio.

Summer Student Job Opportunities

Maritime Interpretive Guide (2 positions) - Job Description

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is an equal opportunity employer. We thrive in a diverse work environment and encourage all qualified applicants to apply. Applicants from equity groups (such as Indigenous youth, youth with disabilities, visible minorities, members of the LGBTQ2+ community, and new Canadians) are warmly encouraged to apply.

The ideal candidate will be a secondary school graduate attending a post-secondary school. Ideally they will be enrolled in one of the following disciplines, communications, fine arts, history, museum studies, education, tourism, public relations, hospitality, business management, or a related discipline.

Responsibilities:

- Enhancing the visitor experience by meeting and greeting visitors, handling queries, directing visitor traffic flow, and leading guided tours,
- Planning and implementing our most popular community event, the 38th Annual Wooden Boat Festival,
- Coordinating and leading educational maritime-themed summer programs for children and youth,
 - Opportunities for improving and upgrading existing museum displays and signage,
 - Advertising upcoming activities and events and filling registrants,
- Gathering feedback and conducting post event, post program and visitor satisfaction surveys,
- Opening and closing the facility and ensuring site safety procedures are followed.

Rate of pay is \$18.00/hour. The work term is 16 weeks starting May 21, 2023. The schedule will not be a set weekly schedule. The schedule will be by Agreement under section 37(1) of the Employment Standards Act.

Once the student is selected there will be a schedule drawn up in consultation with the student. This will represent an average of 37.5 hours per week.

To apply please send cover letter and resume to Sylvia Berryman, Executive Director. admin@classicboats.org by March 31, 2023.

Heritage Collections Assistant (1 position)

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is an equal opportunity employer. We thrive in a diverse work environment and encourage all qualified applicants to apply. Applicants from equity groups (such as Indigenous youth, youth with disabilities, visible minorities, members of the LGBTQ2+ community, and new Canadians) are warmly encouraged to apply.

The ideal candidate will be a secondary school graduate attending a post-secondary school. Ideally they will be enrolled in one of the following disciplines, communications, fine arts, history, museum studies, curatorship, hospitality, business management, library management, merchant marine training, graphic design, art history.

Responsibilities:

It is estimated that 40% of the time will be curating, cataloguing our exhibits, 30% of the time will be planning Speakers/Workshop Events, 20% of the time will be spent as an ambassador for the Centre, and 10% boat festival activity.

1) Cataloguing of Displays and Inventory – cataloguing/enhancing/completing existing displays and improving our virtual website and social media presence. Presently our Heritage Collection is distributed throughout the facility in one of our 7 exhibits locations: reception displays, mezzanine library, Dwersteg model boats, Cowichan Bay History exhibit, children’s interactive centre, Outboard engine display and Tall Ship Display. The result will be a comprehensive list of what resides at the Centre, where it is located and how to best look after the artifacts. This may involve repositioning some of the displays to improve the flow of the Centre. We also have artifacts that need research done to determine their origin and value to the Centre. This would be part of the cataloguing process.

2) Speakers/Workshop Event Planning – research and develop a roster of maritime oriented speakers/workshops for presentation at the Centre.

3) 38th Annual Wooden Boat Festival (the festival is planned for July 22 and 23, 2023). The Heritage Collection Assistant will join the Festival planning committee to help organize the event.

4) Visitor Experience. Throughout the 14-week work term, the Heritage Collection Assistant will be on relief reception duty, to provide coverage when other staff is not available.

Skills Required:

- excellent verbal and written communication skills
- comfortable working in a marine environment
- enjoys engaging in conversation
- detail oriented

- self-disciplined and able to work independently
- able to work some evenings and weekends
- Must be aware of, and sensitive to, First Nations culture and heritage
- Skills that would be an asset: knowledge of local culture and First Nations history, public speaking, graphic design, Competency with Microsoft Word and Excel, fluency in a second language.

To be eligible, you must be:

- a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada
 - legally entitled to work in Canada;
 - between 16 and 30 years of age
- enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in the next academic year.
 - be able to register in the Young Canada Works
- commit to the full duration of the work assignment

Work Environment and Compensation

Rate of pay is \$18.00/hour. The work term is 14 weeks any time between May 21 and September 9, 2023. The schedule will not be a set weekly schedule. The schedule will be by Agreement under section 37(1) of the Employment Standards Act. Once the student is selected there will be a schedule drawn up in consultation with the student. This will represent an average of 35 hours per week but will allow for some 3 and 4 day chunks of time off.

To apply please send cover letter and resume to Sylvia Berryman, Executive Director. admin@classicboats.org by March 31, 2023.

President's Report - Ron Parsons

My first report for 2023 starts with this update and then presents my November 2022 AGM report. Since then work has begun on the Pier and is moving along quite well. We are planning our exhibits for the Pier re-opening this spring. As you read along you will see our plans for the coming year. If any of these ventures interests you please step forward and become part of the team.

President AGM report 2022

The President spoke on the following topics from this past year and what 2023 should bring:

There have been many changes to the organization and Maritime Centre this past year most notably the creation of the Executive Directors position and most recently Administrative Assistant. In creating these positions we are wisely placing our future in paid staff to run day to day operations keeping Directors to act as Board of Directors as happens in successful organizations. The transition required tweaking of roles and duties.

The pier project will be getting underway in early December. Delays have been part of this process as we work around natural ie fisheries, tides and covid related delays ie contractor staff shortages, supplies etc. Our current funding may get us to completion though it is anticipated that more will be required to complete the project. Our main objective is to allow public access with this first phase.

The membership wether as donors, volunteer workers or Directors have done a stoic job in supporting and maintaining this facility this past year and particularly during covid years when our funding model was battered by low visitation and inability to put on fund raising events.

The President went on to list all volunteers and staff who have contributed to keeping our doors open along with our financial supporters who generously kept us afloat the last two years when asked to.

Tony Owens semi retirement was noted. His payed duties are limited to running the Ways. Having said that he continues to contribute his talents to our small engine refurbishment including the historic Seagull outboards, building display pieces and the Pantry which has become a much used support structure for the community.

We hope that 2023 allows us to bring back the events which have been fun events for us and the community and had disappeared due to covid.



9 AM - 3 PM | SUNDAY, MARCH 5

ANNUAL MARINE GARAGE SALE



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