
SOUNDINGS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

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Annual Boat Raffle

Next off-site venue will be July. 23 at Duncan Canadian Tire. The raffle boat will once again be at the Cowichan Exhibition Fairgrounds, September 16,17 & 18. If you are interested in volunteering please contact reception.

Upcoming Events

Annual Wooden Boat Festival on July 23 and 24 is cancelled for this year due to the pending Pier Rehabilitation Project.

Membership General Meeting: August 20, 2022 at 12:30 pm.

Watch our website for upcoming events.

PayPal Giving Fund

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is now signed up to PayPal Giving Fund Canada. PayPal Giving Fund Canada allows people to support CWBS through PayPal, GoFundMe, Facebook fundraisers, and other technology platforms. You can set up a dedicated donation campaign for your birthday or other celebrations on Facebook, PayPal does not charge a user fee. CWBS will receive 100% of funds contributed. To donate click on <https://www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/charity/3427021> 100% of donations made to PayPal Giving Fund Canada are granted. Facebook will email your donation receipt issued by PayPal to your Facebook-registered email



Junior Captains' Camps are back!

This summer the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society will be running four camps. Three Junior Captain Camps and one teen woodworking & nautical skills camp. Our child and youth programming coordinator Daphne Hachey has returned for another season. Camps are loaded with activities such as educational scavenger hunts, crabbing off our docks, rowing, knot tying and so much more. If you are interested in any of our programs please contact camps@classicboats.org for more information and availability.

Children and Youth Programs

This year the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre will be running an abundance of programs for children and youth. Programs will include Pro D Day Camps, Junior Captain summer camps, Teen Woodworking, Youth volunteer programs, rowing lessons and more. For more information and dates please visit classicboats.org



Boats For Sale

Davidson 9 - \$3450



Davidson sailing dinghy in perfect condition. At 9FT it would be an excellent boat to learn to sail.

Peapod - \$3400



14FT Peapod. Very pretty boat and all ready to go. Comes complete with oars.

Traditional Lapstrake Dinghy - \$3200



Traditional clench nail lapstrake boat. This boat was originally built at the Maritime Centre and raffled off. The owner has since donated it back. Boat is in beautiful shape, could use a light sand and re varnish.

Comes equipped with a trolling motor and winter cover.

Happenings



Mount Prevost school group in for a boatbuilding workshop



Pacific Salmon Foundation enjoying lunch catered by Leeward Cafe



Ken Backer playing music for the Fathers Day Event



Tony and his daughter enjoying a game of corn hole on the patio



Linda & Michelle providing live music on the Patio



Another classic finds a home

On The Horizon



Junior Captain Summer Camp - Children between the ages of 5 and 10 are invited to join the Junior Captain Summer Camps here at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre! We are excited to offer 4 weeks of camps this July and August.

During these camps children will enjoy a fun-filled week of great activities including learning some woodworking skills by creating a project in our workshop, boat safety and rowing, crabbing, exploring the beaches of Cowichan Bay, maritime crafts, games and other age-appropriate activities.

Teen Woodworking & Nautical Skills - Teens will construct a Pacific Northwest Coast Indigenous paddle, small version, designed by Herb Rice Salish Artist. July 25 to 29 - Ages 10 -15 3 spots open / \$225 per teen

Junior Captain Camp - August 22 to 26 - FULL

Traditional Lapstrake Boat Building Course - January 23 - 27 / January 30 - February 3

Raffle Boat at Cowichan Exhibition Fairgrounds - September 16, 17, 18

BC Gaming Event License #132743

4800 Tickets Printed

800 \$5 Tickets and 4,000 5 for \$20 Tickets



1st Prize: 10' Wooden Lapstrake Acorn Dinghy built at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre, Value \$6,500

2nd Prize: Hand Carved Cedar Chest built and donated by Don Knudson, Value \$2000

3rd Prize: 'Making a Splash' Original Painting donated by artist Dominique Eustace, Value \$550

***Draw:** 11:00 am on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre



1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

Presidents Report - Ron JE Parsons

I am already looking ahead to my next report in a couple of months time. Right now we are all set to start our Pier restoration. Construction agreement has been signed, steel ordered and prepped and go ahead from all levels of government and regulatory bodies. All we wait for is the predictability of the sun and tide and unpredictability of labour and work schedules in this time of covid.

In a couple of months I want to celebrate the new steel structure supporting our link to the sea, our additional exhibits in the Pods and Pavilion and docks. I want to welcome visitors from all over the world and our island community to enjoy the walk along our pier and enjoy a maritime view of Cowichan Bay.

I want to celebrate our future and guide our society back to its roots, the building and repair of wooden boats. With our house literally in order and solidly upright for generations we can focus on fun events and activities.

There is so much to think about and so much potential and to our members who have provided financial support during the last number of years please come to our General meeting in August and share your thoughts. I look forward to seeing you. Check your email. Details will follow .

Thank you.

Ron JE Parsons

Heritage Pier Rehabilitation - Lew Penney

Ready to build

After generous community fundraising, a financial contribution through Pacific Economic Development Canada under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund and a grant through Dogwood Heritage Society of BC under the 150 Time Immemorial Grant Program we are well on our way to reopening the pier. Other input in this project includes technical advice from Cowichan Tribes, Herold Engineering, Madrone Environmental Services, Cowichan Valley Regional District, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. we have a Building Permit: it's a go. To complete the process Pacific Industrial Marine, a community company has been selected as prime contractor.

To make all these contributions work, hats off to the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society's staff and the countless hours contributed by volunteers. The actual driving of the pilings and laying of steel is scheduled for August but be assured there is lots of preparation required before this happens. The main goal of this stage of the project is to install a new culturally sensitive indigenous exhibit on the pier and to re-open the entire length of the Heritage Pier as soon as possible, by repairing all that lies below the deck of the existing pier. The next stage will involve repairs above the deck of the existing pier and possible improvements to our floating docks that surround the pier.

Please bear with us as there is expected to be some minor disruption during construction as a barge and crane will be moving in alongside of the east and west sides of the pier to drive in new metal pilings. Thankfully we have the cooperation of the neighboring marinas and their owners to the east and west of the Pier, the Bluenose Marina and Pier 65 Marina. With good communication and patience, activities on the pier should experience only minor disruptions.

Restricted public access to the pier for the past year has shown all how much people appreciate the walk on the pier. It will be rewarding to see things back to normal. Having restrictions to the public access removed will allow visitors and the community to enjoy the pier, the exhibits and the views.