

SOUNDINGS

Official Newsletter of the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society

Last chance for raffle tickets

Our Annual Boat Raffle is coming to an end. Draw will take place Thursday, Oct. 17 at 11:00 am at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre.

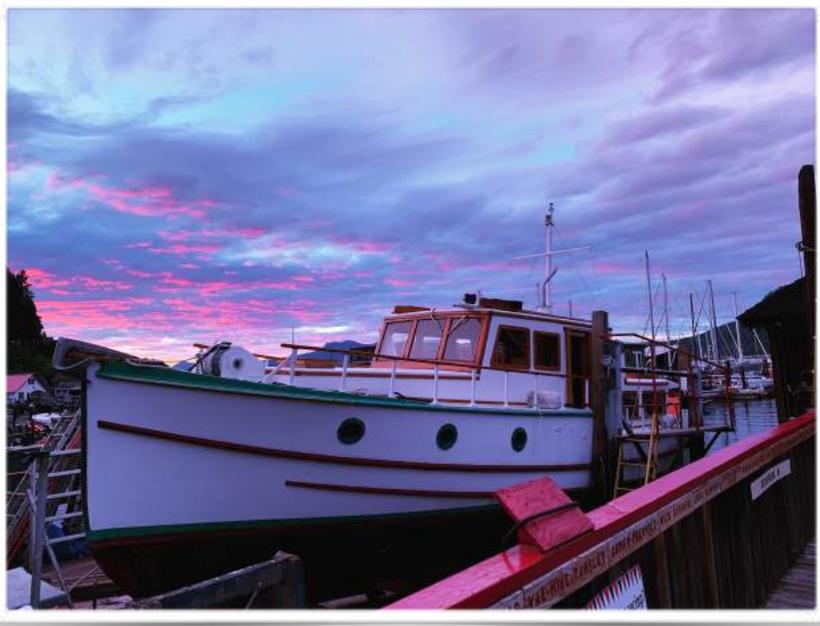
New Pro-D Day camps

The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is now offering Pro-D Day camps. Children can enjoy a fun-filled day including water safety, catching crabs, the row boats, and much more. See page 5

Christmas planning underway

Our festive season will kick off Nov. 21. The merchants of Cowichan Bay will be hosting the ever popular Ladies Night 5 - 8pm. The Maritime Centre will offer Christmas boat children, with hot apple cider and goodies (Donated by True Grain Bread) \$5 per child. Register in advance.

Heritage Ways slowing down?



The Covey Heritage Marine Ways is an integral part of our living museum. Boats are floated onto a carriage and then hauled onto dry land on rails. Visitors enjoy watching the haul-out process as well as the work on the hulls, which are often old wooden boats in need of repair and maintenance. These marine ways were donated to the Maritime Centre by Ron Lindsay of Covey Marine. Ron built, owned and operated the marine ways for 20 years in Cowichan Bay. This installation was supported by volunteers and much materials were donated by local businesses. With only 28 hauls this year compared to over 40 in past years, is this the trend we should expect going forward? We all hope the numbers will increase again in 2020.

Upcoming Events

October 17 - Annual Boat Raffle Draw 11:00am at the Maritime Centre.

October 25 - Nautical Tall Tales Pro-D Day Camp 9am to 4pm Drop your child off for a fun-filled day of mermaids, pirates and sea monsters. \$60 per child. Register in advance.

October 25, 26 & 27 - Spinners & Weavers Show upstairs in the mezzanine

October 27 - Halloween boat building 12:30pm to 3:30pm; Children can enjoy an afternoon of spooky boat building, games and more. Come dressed in costume. \$5 per child.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7pm - Annual General Meeting. We encourage you to come to our AGM. A lot of new things are happening here that we want everyone to be a part of. This is your community museum and we want to hear your thoughts, questions and ideas. A year in review presentation over pizza. Come at 6:30pm for pizza please. RVSP at cwbs@classicboats.org

Nov. 7, 14 & 21 - Teens' Woodworking. Join us in the shop to learn valuable woodworking skills while building your own step stool. 4:30 - 7:30pm. \$65 plus tax

Nov. 21 - Ladies' Night Cowichan Bay Merchants are bringing back the ever-popular **Ladies' Night**. Get your girlfriends together and set out for a night of local shopping, raffle & door prizes, wine tasting and more. 5pm to 8pm. The Maritime Centre is offering Christmas boat-building, hot apple cider & goodies for the kids. \$5 per child.

Nov. 29 - Back in Time Pro-D Day Camp. Explore the history of Cowichan Bay through games and crafts. 9am to 4pm. \$60 per child.

Dec. 5 - Community Light-Up. The Cowichan Wooden Boat Society will once again host its annual light-up. Lights on at 6pm followed by carols sung by the Duncan Choral Society. Hot chocolate and goodies to be served. The pier will be bright with decorated trees sponsored by local businesses and families. Tree sponsorships are available for \$175. The Maritime Centre provides the trees with lights. The sponsor decorates the tree to showcase their business or family. All proceeds go towards the Pier Reconstruction Project.

35th Annual Wooden Boat Festival - June 27 & 28, 2020. Mark your calendars now!

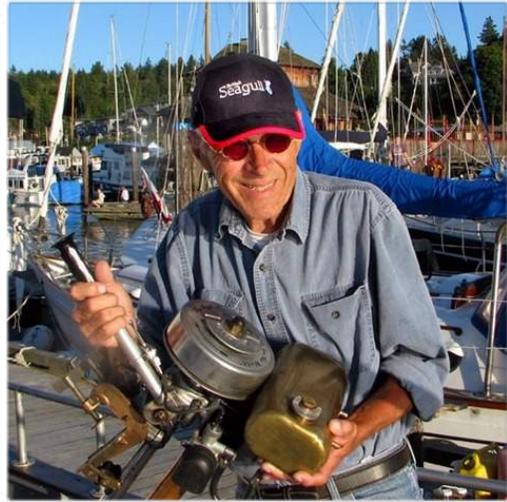
What's happening in the shop?

Recently the shop was busy with a skiff build. Last summer we had a family from California stop in who were very interested in building a boat. Rich and Ryann Ford (father and daughter duo) stayed in contact with Tony Owen about a possible time and cost of constructing a skiff. It all came to be late August. A budget was presented and Rich and his family were onboard.

The skiff build has caught the eyes of visiting tourists over its two weeks of construction. The family has a cabin on Savary Island which is the perfect spot for a boat of this style. The building mold was one we have had in the basement for quite sometime but did need a touch of altering before the build took place. With Ryann returning to Brentwood for another semester, the skiff still needs some finishing touches such as thwarts, risers and a coat of paint. The final steps are right around the corner with an anticipated visit from Rich and Ryann in late October. Stop by and see the skiff while it's still here. Maybe you and your family have a boat in mind to build?



Tony's Tip of the month - All about planes



Tony Owen - Executive Associate Director. Tony is a very popular guy here at the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society. People come from near and far to get advice on boat repairs, engine repairs, painting tips and the list goes on. This new addition of Tony tip's on use of handheld planes will be sure to satisfy your curiosity. https://youtu.be/_3gYqoDgNxY

Sept. Pro-D Day Camp proves a hit

For the first time ever the Cowichan Wooden Boat Society is offering Pro-D Day Camps. Parents can drop their kids off with ease while their children enjoy a fun-filled day of games, crafts, water safety, crabbing and more. \$60 per session. Contact camps@classicboats.org or 250-746-4955 for more information or to register. Recommended for children ages 5-9.



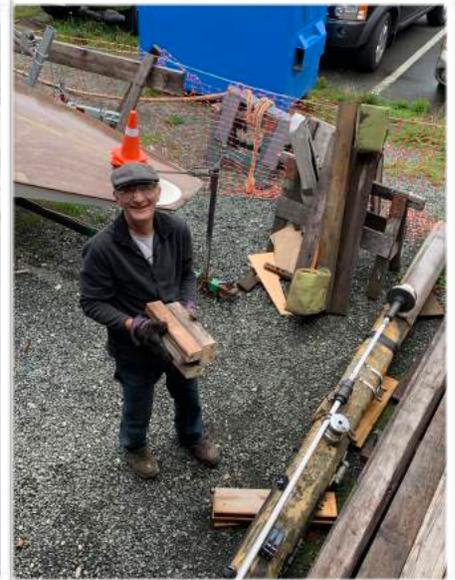
Happenings



Building a boat is for everyone



Off to retrieve their crab



Member Joe utilizing wood scrap



Lew & George bringing in the latest boat donation Te'



Gayle taking the grandsons for a row



Jorg doing mast maintenance

Boats for sale

Click [here](#) for more information regarding our boats for sale.



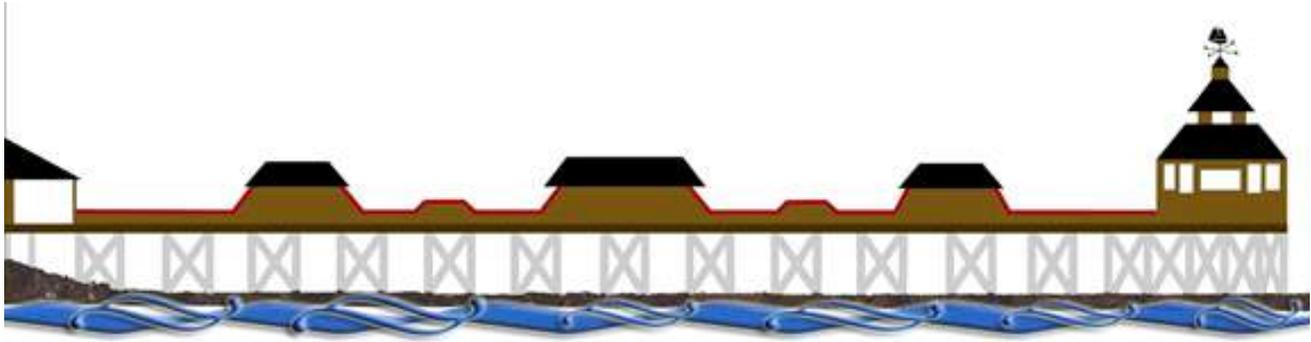
The Te reduced to \$9,900



Stella Maris reduced to \$10,000



Traditional Lapstrake Dinghy \$3950



Pier Report / October 2019

The pier continues to draw people, having completed another successful year with a record number of visitors. It provides a venue for many activities such as a pleasant stroll to enjoy the Cowichan Bay views while recalling the history of the area, a valuable space for a variety of Boat Festival activities and displays, kids boat building booth, the experience of taking a ship's helm at sea, host for the Cowichan Bay Dragon Divas boat or viewing the many boat models. Yes, all these things and more happen on the pier.

The pier being a wooden structure, has an ongoing maintenance schedule which demands a large part of the society's annual operating budget. This year the focus has turned to pile bracing. Referring to the above drawing, the bracing is the cross pieces beneath the pier deck that keep the pilings in place. A survey of these braces has determined that several need to be replaced and or re-attached. The necessary remedy will be accomplished with the help of longtime supporter and friend of the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre, Pacific Industrial & Marine. Their unique expertise and experience is invaluable. This work is not part of the pier reconstruction process to replace aging pilings within the structure.

The Pier Reconstruction program is a separate ongoing fundraising program. Donations to the Pier Fund are greatly appreciated.

Lew Penney

Pier Committee