
SOUNDINGS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE COWICHAN WOODEN BOAT SOCIETY

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Annual Boat Raffle

Get your tickets while you can, raffle draw date will be Oct.8 at 11am at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre. Tickets available in reception or over the phone.

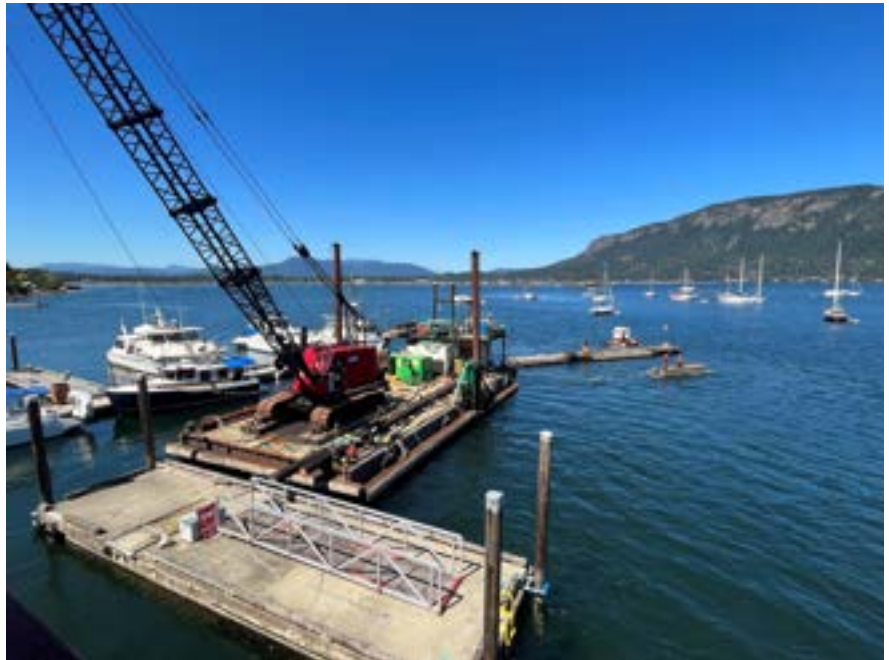
Upcoming Events

Pro D Days are back! Our first day camp will run Oct.21 Register by email, camps@classicboats.org

Marine Garage Sale Oct.1 9am to 3pm
Tables available to rent for \$25
Accepting donations of marine related items, tools etc. until Sept.28 Contact Mel

Boat Donations

The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre is looking for boat donations. The society's income is based on grants, general donations and boat donations. Sail or power, large or small, fiberglass, wood, or steel—we've accepted them all over the years. "Project boats" are generally not financially viable. The perks are it benefits young people, you receive a tax credit, avoid hassles of selling the boat and avoid the time & cost involved in ongoing upkeep/repair of the vessel. If you are giving it thought and would like to inquire more, email cwbs@classicboats.org.



Heritage Pier Rehabilitation

Pacific Industrial Marine did a preliminary visit with their barge in mid-August and drove several test piles along the length of the pier to determine the length of the metal pilings that will need to be fabricated for the project. The crew also removed two of the floating docks temporarily to enable barge access to both sides of the pier. The project is to start on September 26. New metal pilings will be driven on the outside of the existing pier and supports will be threaded underneath to replace the existing support system, which consists of a wooden piling system that was installed in 1925. After three years of closures the Directors, staff, volunteers and the community are thrilled and excited to see this project complete. The pier will turn 100 years old in 2025. Stay tuned for that epic celebration!

Children and Youth Programs

The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre put on three week-long Junior Captain Camps this summer. Children enjoyed a jam packed schedule of fun put together by Daphne Hachey and Mel Robinson. The school year is now upon us and we once again will be offering Pro-D Day Camps. Check the website for dates, cost and register at camps@classicboats.org



Boats For Sale

Davidson 9 - \$2500



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.

On The Horizon



Marine Garage Sale - Oct.1, Now accepting donations of marine related items until Sept.28. Tables available to rent for \$25 to sell your own items. We will have a good selection of marine related items, tools and more. Smokies and a refreshment on the Patio Portal, \$10 per person

Pro D Day Camp - Children between the ages of 5 and 10.

October 21st, 2022, February 17th, 2023, April 17th, 2023, May 5th, 2023

\$50 per session or \$175 for all four dates

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

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

Annual Boat Raffle Draw - Oct.8, 11am at the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre

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

“Patience.....”

“...The unpredictability of labour and work schedules in this time of covid.”

My hope in my last report was that I would be able to announce the start of construction. Late September now looks like the earliest that will happen. As disappointing as that is I do know that steel has been bought, measured, formed, welded and coated. Test piles have been pounded and docks relocated to allow room for the barges needed to do the work.

Neighbor's have graciously assisted; Bluenose Marina has allowed a few fingers to be temporarily shortened and the Dungeness Marina has provided moorage space and other assistance to allow barge access on their side.

Everything is in place for the workers.

Our August 20th members meeting on the Patio Portal was well attended. The weather couldn't have been better.

Conversations and ideas covered a number of topics:

- 1) Face to face meetings/socials should be more frequent.
- 2) We are well placed to have more school children come to our Maritime Centre. School curriculum and required volunteer hours can be met here as we offer links to Indigenous and European history, ecology, art, oceanography etc. Our workshops and available expertise can provide hands on experience in working with wood and other materials. We also have watercraft and access to the sea. We need to take advantage of this opportunity.
- 3) We must broaden our mandate to get more people out on the water to enjoy the beauty of paddle and wind propelled wooden boats.

We always have great ideas. We also have need of volunteers to make them happen. If any of the topics we covered at this meeting interests you please contact the Centre. If you have any other ideas for events, workshops, courses you would like to present please contact us.

Please enjoy this late summer and early autumn.

Ron J E Parsons