



Maritimer

September 2010

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR VISITOR CENTRE

Federal Government Strengthens Tourism Industry in Ladysmith: Aug. 12

On a sunny morning at the LMS docks, the Hon. Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, announced a \$250,000 investment for the LMS Visitor Centre Project. Cathy Robertson, General Manager of Community Futures in Duncan, was the Master of Ceremonies.

The Ceremony started with a traditional Stz'uminus welcome greeting and prayer by Buffi David and Pearl Harris.



*Buffi David and Pearl Harris
Doug Bell & Gerry Giles in background*

Duck Paterson, Deputy Mayor of Ladysmith, opened with remarks on the changing economic base of the Community.

The Minister of State announced the investment,

(to) “improve the tourism operations, attract investment and create new opportunities for our region.”

The cooperation between the First Nations and the LMS was highlighted. Pearl recognized the benefit to both our communities, helping to overcome a tradition of mistrust and isolation.



*the Hon. Lynne Yelich speaks
Gerry Giles, Duck Paterson & Cathy Robertson in background*

Barry Janyk, Chair, Island Coastal Economic Trust, discussed marine tourism as a niche market that benefited the harbour and the town. He thanked the LMS for helping to save the purple martins.

Gerry Giles, CVRD, pointed out that marine tourism at LMS has implications for the whole valley, such as visitors going to the vineyards and the Kinsol trestle.

LMS President, Doug Bell, closed the ceremony identifying the benefits of a mixed use waterfront and improved economic infrastructure.

NOMINATIONS

It's time to think about nominations for the Board of Directors. With a revolving board of nine directors, three positions for 3 years terms are open each Annual General Meeting. A 2-year position is also open this year. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.

As a working board, there is a time commitment beyond attending a monthly meeting. Various committees meet separately, and following up on decisions may require hands-on involvement. This is not to scare you away, this is to make you aware of the facts.

Committees composed of both board and non-board members are: finance, heritage (museum & vessels), members & volunteers, festival, policies, marina operations, safety & security, marketing, planning, grant applications.

As always, LMS is looking for new faces on the board. If you have an interest in the future of LMS, please consider joining the dedicated folks presently on the board.

Please note that:

1. a nominee must be a member in good standing
2. nominations must be signed by 2 seconders who are members in good standing
3. nominations must be received in the LMS office no later than **5:00 pm. October 31, 2010**
4. there will be 4 directors elected at the AGM on Nov. 23. 3 to serve 3 yrs; 1 to serve 2 yrs
5. the directors will elect the executive officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer) from amongst themselves at their first meeting after the AGM.

For more information contact:

Executive Director, Dave Ehrismann
250-245-0109 or lmscommunitymarina@telus.net

or

Nominating Chair, Jim Montgomery
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(see nomination form on page 9)

25th ANNIVERSARY

To start the celebrations, a picnic was held on the docks on July 26, the anniversary of the incorporation of Ladysmith Tall Ships Society in 1985. Balloons decorated the picnic dock, some moldy-oldy music was played, 25 cent tickets for prizes were sold (the funds went into the donation jar for Rainbow's skiff), tales of times past were exchanged, and harbour tours under the full moon were enjoyed.

A more formal celebration will be held on October 30 to recognize the 25 years of history, the folks who have contributed, where the Society is in 2010 and what the next 25 years can mean.

Ladysmith Maritime Society
25th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, October 30, 2010

Cottonwood Golf Club 1975 Haslam Road, Cassidy
No host bar: 18:00 Buffet: 19:00 Celebration: 20:00

\$25

Tickets available at LMS office in Expo Legacy Bldg. and at the Members' Meeting on Oct. 14.



LMS marina circa 1985

MEMBERS' MEETING
Thursday, October 14, 2010
1900 (7:00 p.m.)
Ladysmith Secondary School
multi-purpose room

PAUL NOTTE: A PIRATE GIVES BACK

Making like a pirate, sailing the southern ocean and having adventures, was Paul's dream.

Originally from Victoria, after a car accident in 1998, he had to quit work as a crane operator near Mission, B.C. He still has back and neck injuries. Following his dream, it took him to the tropics on the east coast of Australia. Donna, his wife, and Paul spent six months in Canada and six months each year in Australia, for three years. During that time, he discovered that open ocean sailing was not for him. He liked coastal sailing. They sold the boat, moved back to Canada full time and bought another boat.

He came to Ladysmith about four years ago after seeing the Festival of Lights in the snow. He thought, "Here is a community that values the meaning of Christmas". While helping with the Festival, he talked with Cliff Fisher and, as they say, "the rest is history". Paul continues to volunteer with the Festival of lights and with the LMS.

Paul is one of the four Harbour Tour boat operators. He was impressed by a tour, that was given by Rob Johnson. Paul tries to emulate him, making his tours light hearted, funny and knowledgeable. By expressing an interest in his passengers, he is able to tailor the harbour tour to suit their needs and make the visitors feel welcome.



Paul Notte with grandson, Robbie

Volunteering can be a family affair. Donna is Paul's best friend and it is something, that they share. While she does not do a high profile job

like Paul, she is flexible, doing many different jobs for the LMS. Volunteer flexibility is essential to maintaining an organization like the LMS, as oil is to an engine.

Paul says that Ian, Donna's son, is carrying on the family value of volunteering. He is one of three operators of The Assist Boat for the Disabled Sailors. He helps them to have a safe and successful experience on the water. At 15 years of age, being a strong swimmer and caring for people it would seem that he would be a natural for the job but he had a fear of disabled people. He now enjoys working with them. It has been a learning experience.

Still the romantic, the Pirate and his mate were married on July 25, 2010 at the Ladysmith Amphitheater under a full moon. Congratulations Paul and Donna!

SEA LIFE GALLERY

A gallery of local sea life is being set up behind the LMS Museum in the back right passageway. As the heritage boats are currently being housed in the large blue boathouse for the summer months, the water behind the museum makes an excellent place to view sea creatures. Informational charts and salt-water aquariums will provide hands-on-activity opportunities to share the richness and diversity of our waters.

The sea life viewing station/gallery will probably operate during June to Sept. for tourists and some school groups. After the season the sea life will be returned to their natural environment.

We have two aquariums, but would appreciate a third one. If you have an aquarium, pump, etc. you aren't using and would like to donate or loan it to LMS, please contact Dave Ehrismann at:

250-245-0109 or lmscommunitymarina@telus.net

Also, if you have an interest in our local sea life and have ideas to share we welcome your input and assistance.

Museum Curator: ShirleyBlackstaff 250-245-3075

SUMMER STUDENTS LOVE THE LMS

As Rat in “The Wind in the Willows” (Kenneth Grahame) said, “...there is *nothing*—absolute nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.” For the summer students it is a complex job. The complexity lies in the relationship with visitors, members, Dave (office), Mark (dock) and Shirley (museum).

The students are often the first visitor contact with the LMS. How do they deal with one who does not want them handling their lines or another that wants two boat lengths of dock space? Talking about the marina services and the town facilities is important but what about the boater who wants to talk a lot about their experiences or their boat?

The visitors that the Maritimer talked to said that their experience had been positive and informative. Not only were they told about the Dock routines but also any of the town events.

The students are there to help LMS members with anything around the dock, such as electrical box keys, lifting things, picnic tables, etc. If it is OK with Mark, a second pair of hands can be very useful for boat repairs. They can also be a source of information if Mark is busy.

The students deal with the visitors' money, inputting the data for account and statistical information into Dave's computer..

Mark is primarily responsible for the students, their training, safety and schedules. He says that they all have good attitudes, following instructions and showing initiative. They like helping the visitors, dashing off enthusiastically to greet them. Listening to instructions from Mark, they complete maintenance jobs using their initiative to solve any difficulties.

Shirley is developing hands-on activities for children, especially school groups. The students are helping to build a marine eco-system display and a puppet play. Shirley has been shown how children can make First Nations costume jewelry.

The summer students for 2010 are Lesly, Jon and Jaime. Lesly is a mother of two who is completing her Business Administration degree at VIU. The job provides her with valuable business experience. She is the administrative assistant, standing in for Mark. In addition to greeting visitors she manages the cash from boating fees and organizes the other students schedules for Mark. A valuable resource of cultural values, she helps to bridge the gap between the Stz'uminus First Nation and the Town.

Jon is studying Theatre at VIU. “My friend would have liked it here”, he said. His friend died in a car accident on the day that Jon started working with the LMS. He finds that working on the docks helps him deal with the loss. Customer service is job #1 with Jon. Consequently, he studied books about the town history as well as gathered information on the shops, restaurants and other activities. He is regarded as the handyman of the students, fixing the docks, painting and repairing.

Jaime is entering grade 12 at Ladysmith Secondary School this Fall. Next year he plans to go to VIU to study Early Childhood Education. He will be teaching young children and will be a male role model for them. An enthusiastic greeter he enjoys asking visitors “How was the trip? Where are you from? How is the water?” Later the visitors will feel comfortable asking him questions about the town. He also helps the LMS members, waters the flowers and works on maintenance projects, such as bailing “C.A. Kirkegaard”.

Many visitors appreciate the students' enthusiasm.



Lesly Harris

GETTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Live outdoor theater was organized to coincide with the Schooner Cove Rally on July 15, in order to increase the number of visiting boats.

“The Road Less Travelled” was produced by the Bamberton Historical Society. It was 4 stories taken from the first half of the 20th century. They were about building the road from Victoria to Mill Bay (over the Malahat), logging camp life, Japanese Internment affecting communities and V.I. Rum Runner adventures during Prohibition in the USA.

The show was held at the Expo Legacy Building Amphitheater. Over 20 people enjoyed the show and they were enthusiastic about the stories and the acting. Donations were collected. Schooner Club members said that they would tell their friends and that they would be back next year.



Footnote: George's Restaurant in Ladysmith, invited the cast and crew back for coffee and dessert after the show. They appreciated the generosity so much that, when all 13 performances were completed, they booked George's for a wrap-up dinner celebration.



LMS Burgees now available
(on docks or in office)
Members \$15
Non-members \$20

SATURDAY WORKPARTIES START OCTOBER 2

It's that time of year again when Mark, Graham, and Harold are looking for volunteers to assist with the repairs, maintenance and construction of docks. Also, painting, ensuring the safety equipment is ready, keeping the tools in good condition etc., etc. Not everyone has to bang nails, there are plenty of not-quite-so-physical jobs to keep all our volunteers busy.

The priority this fall will be the positioning and installing of three new fingers on "C" dock. Miscellaneous maintenance and repair jobs are ongoing. The specific schedule on any Saturday will be determined by the list of jobs needing attention and the interests and skills of those who show up.

Sound like fun? Yes, indeed! Just talk with some of the crew who have laughed while they worked together to improve the marina. Come on down to Boathouse #13 at 0900 on Sat., Oct. 2 for coffee and orientation. Can't make it Oct. 2? The coffee will be on at 0900 every Saturday. Show up when you can; you will be welcomed.

Not into that kind of thing? How about bringing down lunch for the crew one Saturday? A hot lunch is really appreciated by the work crew. Several volunteers share lunch duties so that each is responsible for one lunch every few weeks; more people would spread the load.

Don't get upset when we ask your age. LMS has volunteer insurance in place - those over 80 are only covered for “administrative” jobs.

If you have any questions about the Saturday workparties, please contact:

our wharfinger, Mark
250-245-1146 or lmswharfinger@gmail.com
or
Harold Moy
250-245-9272 or h.moy@telus.net

HAPPENINGS AT LMS

The LMS office has been the social centre for two recent functions in co-operation with Ladysmith Waterfront Gallery. The gala opening of ArtJam, a cross-cultural, Japanese-Canadian art show, with Stz'uminus blessing, eagle dance and Japanese instrumental entertainment, was held on July 9. A BBQ on the docks for all the artists preceded the evening function. The following week Ladysmith Downtown Business Association and Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce jointly invited the community to a social evening.

Community Futures staff enjoyed a harbour tour-BBQ-kayak day at the marina July 16.

Purple Martin chicks were banded and registered during the open house on July 18.

The summer family learning series, a new activity for members, is off to a good start. With little notice, several members brought kids/grandkids to the four Saturday events. An expanded series will be organized for 2011 – watch for the details.

On Aug. 28 the three Dragon Boat teams paddling from the LMS Community Marina held a BBQ on the docks.

LMS displayed the “Sudbury” workboat at “Arts on the Avenue” - thanks to Paul Notte, Dave Ehrismann and Betty Pearson for setting up and manning the display.

The book launch of “Pulling for Stz'uminus: The Pearl Harris Story” was held on the docks on Sept. 4. A welcome and prayer, reading of the book, demonstration of carving, and BBQ'd salmon & bannock courtesy of Pearl, were enjoyed by those in attendance.

The replica Viking ship “Freydis Joanna” was displayed at the amphitheater beside the Expo Legacy Building Sept. 13 & 14.

Newcomers Club held a social on the dock.

Four groups of cruising vessels have enjoyed rendezvous at LMS facilities and Ladysmith. One more group to come.

This summer two ocean-going canoes were moored at the marina adding to the attractions.

Adaptive Recreation Cowichan has had a successful season with 77 participants sailing from our docks.

The tour boat operators and museum volunteers held an end-of-season pot luck BBQ on the docks.

Did you know all this was going on? Sometimes those e-mail messages get lost but we'll keep trying to keep you informed.

UPDATE ON “C.A. KIRKEGAARD” & “HI BEAUTI”

At the members' meeting May 18, 2010, a lively discussion took place after the Heritage Committee presented the pros and cons for keeping two of the vessels in the LMS fleet. Votes were taken with overwhelming support for retaining “C.A. Kirkegaard” and developing a plan for her re-furbishment, and for disposing of “Hi Beauti” in a manner befitting a heritage vessel. Nothing has been done to “Kirk” as yet. “Hi Beauti” has been donated to the renowned Stz'uminus carver, John Marston, who has expressed great interest in restoring her to her original beauty. “Hi Beauti” will be heading across the harbour to John's uncle's at Shell Beach where the work will take place.

AROUND VANCOUVER ISLAND

Jim and Pat Montgomery with Paul and Donna Notte are planning a trip around Vancouver Island next summer. An initial meeting will be announced in the near future for those interested in participating - stay tuned for to email from LMS or e-mail to:

panotte@shaw.ca

or

jcmontgomry@yahoo.ca

(note the misspelling in the e-mail address)

RAINBOW'S SKIFF/DINGHY

This new addition to the LMS fleet was donated by Robert and Margaret Lawson. She was built in the 1890's and spent many years on "Rainbow", the first vessel commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy. Robert has spent many hours on the restoration of the skiff. There is more to be done when funds become available. Tax receipts will be issued for donations to assist, and a separate account has been set up at LDCU to accumulate funds for this project. Our museum curator, Shirley Blackstaff, and Robert have created an interesting display in the museum with a wall of pictures, stories and artifacts behind the skiff. Take a look next time you visit the marina.

HERITAGE BOATS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This fall we have need of workshop volunteers. The 'Car Shop' - our boat workshop - is in need of cleanup and lots of repair and maintenance projects are in the wings. If you are the least bit handy and are interesting in helping to keep our fleet in good condition, we need to hear from you. We would like to gather a Saturday morning "workshop" crew to begin tidying the workshop, inventorying our resources, and beginning work on several craft. We will join the dock workparty for lunch. If you would like to help, please leave your name with Dave Ehrismann:

250-245-0109 or lmscommunitymarina@telus.net



recent visitor at LMS marina

LMS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

At the 2009 AGM a motion was carried "to appoint Elaine Layman, CMA, to conduct a Review Engagement of the finances for the 2009-2010 fiscal year." Recently LMS has been advised that one of our insurers requires that the financial statements be drawn by a CGA or CA. We have not been successful in replacing the insurer. Therefore, a change must be made. In order to facilitate the change, a motion will be put before the members at the October 14 meeting: "to appoint Atchison Palmer Leslie, Chartered Accountants, to conduct a Review Engagement of the finances of Ladysmith Maritime Society for the 2009-2010 fiscal year."

THANKS TO LAYMANS

Elaine and Doug Layman have been long-standing supporters of Ladysmith Maritime Society. Although it was probably not noticed by most members, their contribution to LMS has been considerable. For many years they donated bookkeeping services and preparation of financial statements; it is only in recent years that LMS has been paying for the services of their business. The encouragement, assistance, and excellent service they have provided to our Society has been of great value. Thank you, Elaine and Doug.

NOMINATIONS for BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are interesting in helping LMS by serving on the 2010 Nominations Committee, please contact the Chairman, Jim Montgomery, or ED, Dave Ehrismann. This is a short-term involvement between now and the AGM Nov. 23.

Jim Montgomery

250-245-5616 or jcmontgomry@yahoo.ca

Dave Ehrismann

250-245-0109 or lmscommunitymarina@telus.net

Care to serve on the Board of Directors? Even better! See information on pages 2 and 9.

YOUR LMS TEAM

Executive Director Dave Ehrismann
Wharfinger Mark Mercer
Directors Doug Bell
Martin Dunsmuir
Cliff Fisher
Barrie McDonald
Jim Montgomery
Harold Moy
Betty Pearson
Tim Richards

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 14 - Members' Meeting

Oct. 30 - 25th Anniversary Celebration

Nov. 23 - AGM

May 28-29, 2011 – Maritime Festival

MEMBERS' MEETING

**Thurs., Oct. 14 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ladysmith Secondary School
multi-purpose room**

Agenda will include:

- resolution re: financial services

“to appoint Atchison Palmer Leslie, Chartered Accountants, to conduct a Review Engagement of the finances of Ladysmith Maritime Society for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.”

- 2010-2011 Budget

- members' survey

- nomination process

- marina facilities project

tickets for the 25th celebration will be available

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM
(nominations close 5:00 p.m. October 31, 2010)

Name of person nominated: _____

Signature of person nominated certifying that:

- (i) he/she is willing to serve on the Board for at least three years;
- (ii) he/she is a member in good standing; and
- (iii) he/she has read what is needed from its Board members (see page 2)

(signature) (date)

This nomination is seconded by the following two members in good standing:

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

*this form must be submitted to Executive Director, Dave Ehrismann, at
lmscommunitymarina@telus.net or (250) 245-0109
by 5:00 p.m. Oct. 31, 2010*

Please provide some personal background about yourself and what you think you can bring to the board or what you think the board needs or should be doing in the upcoming year. Note that this section may be copied into a newsletter prior to the AGM.

