



# Maritimer

FEBRUARY 2010

## THOUGHTS FROM PRESIDENT DOUG

I want to share a few thoughts on what your Board has been working on and some of our challenges since our AGM last fall. We have sought input from several members and are very appreciative of their perspective and time commitment to LMS; and we invite input from others as we address the challenges.

So what have we been working on? Establishing next year's moorage rate has been one of our key areas of discussion. From prior communication you'll recall that moorage rates are established on a yearly basis and are driven by revenue requirements. For more information see "How Are Moorage Rates Set Anyway?" on page 3.

We have had considerable discussion on what to do with the 10% discount for payment of moorage in advance. Your board believes that there is no benefit to LMS to retain the discount and has decided- to phase it out over a two-year period. The discount is reduced to 5% this year and will be zero in 2011. The focus on our moorage rate and our approach to the discount led to considerable discussion on how to recognize volunteers who contribute so much to LMS. We sought input from members of the regular Saturday work crews as to what we should do. Several alternatives were considered, including a program that links hours contributed to LMS in a given year to an opportunity to reduce moorage. We also considered whether the privilege of moorage at the Community Marina should carry expectations for contributing to LMS. After much discussion, we decided that we need to learn to walk before we run on these types of issues. We have decided that our focus will be on initiatives that recognize the contribution of volunteers in non-monetary ways. We would very much appreciate your input into the key question of how we should recognize and grow our remarkable level of volunteerism in LMS. Please come

prepared to share your thoughts in our general meeting on February 24.

Speaking of volunteerism, you'll see in other areas of this newsletter the great work that is being done to plan the next projects - from replacing water lines to landscaping and waterfront cleanup initiatives.

Progress continues under Tim's leadership on the LMS heritage strategy. This will also be a subject of discussion on February 24.

Planning is well underway for this year's Maritime Festival on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Cliff and Dave have been leading initiatives to expand the participation of other community organizations. Building on prior years, this year's festival is going to be a remarkable event.

Progress continues on implementation of the Visitor Center. We have retained an architect to help us through to a development permit and, subject to success on further grant applications; we are expecting construction to start in the fall. Again, more on this on February 24. Grant applications continue to be a significant area of focus for the board. We should have a better handle on our grant situation by the middle of April.

Growing marine tourism is a key area of focus this year. We achieved remarkable improvement last year with a 300% increase in visitor nights over the prior year. You'll recall that we measure our progress by tracking visitor nights. Five visitor nights is one boat staying for five nights or five boats staying for one night. I hope you are asking yourself how you might assist in increasing marine tourism at our Marina - how about arranging a rendezvous with your friends or inviting fellow boaters to visit Ladysmith Harbour, take a Harbour tour and enjoy our remarkable Museum.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Members' Meeting on February 24.

Regards,  
Doug

## ALL ABOUT MOORAGE

As of April 1, 2010, moorage rates will be:

**Open moorage** \$5.50 per foot per month

**Boathouses** \$0.35 per square foot per month

Discount of 5% for full payment year-in-advance on all moorage if received by April 1.

**Visiting boats** \$1.25 per foot 1<sup>st</sup> night,

\$1.00 per foot subsequent consecutive nights

All moorers (other than visitors) are required to sign a contract, to provide payment in advance (annual or monthly post-dated cheques) by April 1, 2010 and to provide proof of liability insurance of at least \$1 million on boats and boathouses. As well, boathouses must be in compliance with standards set out by the marina committee – letters have been sent to all boathouse owners (see below). Contracts will be mailed to current moorers by the end of February, if not picked up at the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Contracts are not effective until signed by LMS.

The following letter was sent to boathouse owners January 8, 2010:

*Ladysmith Maritime Society is continuing to address the safety and esthetic issues pertaining to boathouses at the marina. As our marina is the first water-side introduction to LMS and the community, we strive to provide a welcoming presence to visitors. This includes a safe, attractive marina*

*Please be advised that regular inspections of boathouses are conducted. Owners will be notified, by phone and/or mail (to the address provided on the moorage contract) of any deficiencies noted. A two-month period will be allowed in which to address the deficiency. If the deficiency is not resolved within the two months the moorage contract will be cancelled. Once the moorage contract is cancelled, moorage will be available for an additional two*

*months at a monthly rate of double the then-current rate. At the end of four months, if the issue is still not resolved, you will be required to remove your assets from the marina or the bailiff will be contacted.*

*This sequence of events may seem harsh, but only to those moorers not willing to meet the LMS standards.*

*Also, there has been a continuing problem with the electrical supply along “C” dock (boathouse row). In the past, some moorers have taken it upon themselves to change wiring, breakers etc.; this has impacted the whole system. Our investigating electrician has come to the conclusion that a few moorers are drawing more power than our system is designed to provide and have caused the main breaker to trip. In order to address both problems, 15 amp breakers will be installed on the LMS side of the electrical supply and the electrical cabinet is locked. Please use only the outlet assigned to your boathouse; and, if you find that your system is down, check your own breakers before notifying our wharfinger.*

*This is to advise you that at the moment your boathouse complies with our standards.*

OR

*This is to advise you that your boathouse is deficient in the following:*

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*Your moorage contract will not be renewed as of April 1, 2010 unless these deficiencies have been resolved to the satisfaction of the LMS marina committee. Please contact our Wharfinger, Mark, with your plans. Mark can be reached at (250) 245-1146.*

*Your assistance in maintaining a safe and attractive marina is appreciated.*

## HOW ARE MOORAGE RATES SET ANYWAY?

Each year when the annual budget is being considered, your directors struggle with a balancing act between what must be done, what would our various committees like to do, and what an affordable moorage rate is. Our contract moorage rates reflect the result of these deliberations.

Moorers at LMS Community Marina don't get just moorage. They get heritage boats, a museum, a maritime festival, a disabled sailing program, purple martins, and a harbour tour program. The long-term tenure we now have on the water lot on which the marina is located was offered in recognition of these community service activities. Moorers also get the advantage of LMS being a non-profit, charitable organization with no requirement to make a profit and no obligation to charge GST, as well as a substantial benefit from thousands of volunteer hours that help keep costs down.

We don't want our marina to be the fanciest, but we do want it to be safe, compliant with regulations pertaining to marinas, valued by the community, and attractive for our moorers, our members, and for visitors from land and sea.

Gaming funds have kept the heritage vessels and the museum functioning up to the present time. LMS has been advised that these funds will no longer be available once the current agreement expires. Some years ago, in anticipation of the cancellation of the Gaming funds, a policy was adopted to set aside 10% of gross moorage revenues for our heritage vessel program – this policy has been expanded to all heritage programs including the museum. A separate account was established and funds have been transferred each year; \$25,000 was withdrawn to build the museum. This account, which currently has a balance of \$100,000, constitutes our only safety factor. It is not the intention to use this money for anything other than its stated purpose, but it does represent

cash available in case of emergency, providing security for our organization.

So, why all this information? Questions have been raised as to a “sizeable slush fund” built up from ever-increasing moorage rates. What slush fund? There isn't one. If you consider the Heritage Vessels/Museum fund as a contingency fund, it is none too large for the size of our operations with a budget in excess of \$400,000 annually, together with risks that accompany operating in a marine environment.

More questions? Just ask.

## BOOK LAUNCH and SIGNING

“Hills to Harbour; A British Columbia Forest Industry Story” by long-time LMS member, Harry Erickson, is fresh off the press. This educational book is the story of Harry's life in the forest industry from training as a diesel mechanic through the challenges of a changing industry to his retirement. As Harry worked mainly in the Ladysmith area, and in particular in the Machine Shop (now known as the Expo Legacy Building), where the LMS office is located, his story will form part of the educational material on the forest industry for local schools and in our museum. Harry's stories and wonderful historic photographs will be of interest to everyone interested in local history.

All members and their guests are invited to the

**Book Launching of “Hills to Harbour”**  
by  
**Harry Erickson**

**Saturday, February 27, 2010**

**LMS office**

(610 Oyster Bay Drive)

**1300 – 1500 ( 1 – 3 p.m.)**

light refreshments will be served

Harry will be signing books which will be available for purchase at \$20.00

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I write this message, I realize today is my one year anniversary as the Executive Director of LMS. It has truly been a fabulous year being with a great organization with so many involved members, volunteers, moorers, visitors and community members. It also reminds me of another anniversary occurring this year. It is Ladysmith Maritime Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Celebration planning has already begun, more details can be found in this edition of "Maritimer". We would appreciate hearing from members on their history and contribution to LMS during the past 25 years.

The year 2010 will be a busy year for LMS. We have one grant in place and are seeking additional grants to help fund the construction of a Visitor Centre, replacement of the access approach and gangway, addition of a sewage pump-out station and electrical upgrades. We hope to have this project completed in time for the 2011 summer season.

The 2010 Ladysmith Maritime Festival, under Cliff Fisher's leadership, will be a two-day event.- May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Cliff is planning lots of entertainment and events. In addition, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Navy with our Naval Day festival.

Marketing and promotion is under way to attract marine tourism to experience the "*must visit harbour*" on Vancouver Island and "*Ladysmith hospitality*". Our advertising material also features our award-winning museum, heritage vessels and wonderful harbour tours. We are expecting lots of visitors to the LMS Community Marina.

The Board of Directors have set in place exciting priorities for 2010. Some of our

focus for this year will be on Members Benefits, Volunteer Recognition Programs, and Heritage Programs

2010 will also bring an increase in participation with the citizens of Ladysmith, Stz'uminus First Nation, local businesses, organizations, families and visitors. We will be welcoming the community to their waterfront to experience the "must see" harbour of the Gulf Islands which is home to the largest purple martin colony on the Island, a base for Cowichan Independent Living Adaptive Recreation Program, home to a sea life observation dock, the "kids don't float" program and a great place for an enjoyable stroll along the beautiful waterfront and marina.

Thanks again to the many individuals who over the last 25 years have put their time and energy to making LMS the remarkable organization it is today. I ask you to join and assist me in continuing the accomplishments of this organization in the next year and beyond.

Dave Ehrismann

## HERITAGE VESSELS

SUZAN Lagrove, the Executive Director of Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre, will be speaking at our members' meeting on Feb. 24. She will be sharing her passion for history and heritage and wooden boat projects. Afterwards there will be a general discussion on the future for LMS vessels.

## NEW BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

Ladysmith Downtown Business Association has partnered with LMS to provide benefits to our members. Several businesses have agreed to offer discounts to LMS members-in-good-standing when they show their membership card. This is a major benefit to our members; but it has to be a 2-way street. The benefit to the businesses is the increase in tourist business from the increase in visiting boats at the marina. You can help: welcome our visitors, spread the word of the generosity of the businesses, and say thanks when you are in their establishments. We will acknowledge their participation on the LMS website, post their names in our office, and encourage visitors to utilize their services.

At this newsletter goes to press, the following benefits have been arranged:

**Art of Brewing** - 11% discount on ingredients

**Ladysmith Auto Supply** – discount offered  
**Ladysmith Car Care** - \$10 off repairs & maintenance

**Lait Bloomer Florist** – 15% discount

**Mr. Poppers Sweet Shoppe** - 10% discount

**Paul Mycroft** - 10% discount on any project

**Robson O'Connor Law Office** – consultation service

**The Chronicle** – news on line at

[www.ladysmithchronicle.com](http://www.ladysmithchronicle.com)

**Vision Arts** - buy 1 – get 1 free

As other businesses join the program, their names will be added to the website information and members will receive an e-mail message.

## Haven't paid your 2010 dues yet?

Here's how:

Send a cheque payable to LMS to:

LMS

Box 1030,

Ladysmith BC, V9G 1A7

or

Drop by the office (in the Expo Legacy Building) with your cheque or cash

Dues are:

\$5-youth \$20–single \$35-couple  
\$50-family

## LMS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Did you know?/

LMS was incorporated July 26, 1985 as Ladysmith Tall Ships Society.

The name was changed to Ladysmith Maritime Society July 10, 1991.

The founding members were:

Dean Jantzen

Joanell Jantzen

William Gilman

Martinus Koorn

Bryan Loveless

Susan Loveless

John Powers

Dougall Warren

Erma Warren

Material for a display of LMS's history is being gathered. Do you have some stories to share or pictures about LMS that you would be willing to loan to us? Please contact Betty Pearson (250-245-5544) or our Executive Director, Dave Ehrismann (250-245-0109).

We will be celebrating with a bang up gala on **October 16** - mark your calendar!

## SATURDAY WORK PARTIES

On Saturdays a dedicated group of volunteers work on and around the LMS Community Marina. These volunteers build, maintain and improve the marina, heritage vessels, museum and other LMS assets. They also get to meet and socialize with members of the society and community and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by other volunteers.

We need people with all types of skills, from dock & building construction & repair, to landscaping and painting. If Saturday is not for you, how about during the week. For a full list of volunteering opportunities contact Dave at 250-245-0109 or Mark at 250-245-1146.

So far this year volunteers have completed the following:

- Exterior trim on all doors of museum and office
- Painted our two-story office space in the Expo Legacy Building
- Decorated the office
- All metal work/flashing detail on the museum
- Improved flashing on LMS Boathouse #13
- Installed Skirting and tie-rails on Dock C
- Built and installed fire extinguisher stands on docks A and B
- Work shop maintenance

Work in progress:

- Decking of 100 feet of dock to replace existing unusable float at the end of A dock
- Float replacement, from bottom of ramp to in front of museum
- Replacing breakers with 15amps
- Cathodic protection on steel pilings
- Banner painting for visitor docks
- "Maritimer" refurbishing

Next projects

- Replace waterlines
- Install uniform standard outlets
- Skirting boards
- Replace deck on Dock B
- Landscaping
- Waterfront clean-up

Many thanks and much appreciation goes to all who have put their time and energy into these projects.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – what else is new?

We always need people who enjoy working on projects - heritage boats – museum– festival – Navy Day display – 25<sup>th</sup> celebration – sorting out old records – you name it. We can also use qualified skippers for our boats, boat-stewards for our heritage boats and people to help in our museum. Call the LMS office (250-245-0109) or other contact numbers listed in this newsletter if you have a bit of time and a desire to help.

## BLADERUNNERS PROGRAM



**Nanaimo Youth Services Association**  
*"Believing in the power and potential of youth"*

During two weeks in January, we participated in the BladeRunners program at the LMS Community Marina. The program entailed a two-week work experience for a youth to work at the marina. The program is totally funded by BladeRunners.

The BladeRunners program builds community partnership and connects motivated, job ready youth with valuable employment opportunities in the Customer Service and Tourism industry. It is organized by the Nanaimo Youth Services Association (NYSA) and has an operations office in Ladysmith for Ladysmith Youth. It is a six week work-experience placement. Participants obtain valuable employment skills and work-based certificates, such as First-Aid, WHMIS, and Serving it Right.

Mark Mercer and Annette Douglas provided the hands-on work experience. Both Mark and Annette were pleased with the participant's contribution and learning experience.

BladeRunners offers this program on a regular basis in Ladysmith. If you have a business and would like to participate in the program, contact either Melanie Morton or Chris Lakusta at NYSA for more information. 250-713-4311.

## 2009 VOLUNTEERS



The dedicated volunteers of Ladysmith Maritime Society are the backbone of our organization. Out heartfelt thanks goes to each and every one who has contributed to our growth over the life of the Society. Listed below are the 2009 volunteers.

Steve Arnett	Diane Edwards	Ted Kordic	Brigid Reynolds
Doug Bell	Greg Edwards	Charlene Lee	Tim Richards
Fern Bell	Dave Ehrismann	Ed Lipsett	John Rodall
Naomi Bibbs	Hunter Ehrismann	Bryan Livingstone	Marion Rodall
Harry Blackstaff	Harry Erickson	Bryan Loveless	Kathy Rogers-Arnett
Shirley Blackstaff	Marg Erickson	Bruce Maclock	Marina Sacht
Bob Bossons	Joan Ethridge	David McClure	Pat Samson
Kevin Bouchard	Donna Fell	Muriel McClure	Terry Satchell
Sandy Bouchard	Rod Fell	Barrie McDonald	Betty Seaton
John Bowen	Ron Finlay	Peggy McDonald	Rick Seaton
Heather Brown	Cliff Fisher	Colleen McGinnis	Ian Smith
Keith Brown	Dianna Fisher	Mark Mercer	John Spruce
Sandy Brown	Ditte Fletcher	Marv Mielnichuk	Peggy Spruce
Tony Bunn	Graham Fletcher	Jim Montgomery	Ron Statham
Don Cole	Alan Fogg	Pat Montgomery	Sharon Statham
Donna Condon	Marianne Fourt	Harold Moy	Rod Sword
Gord Corbin	Vince Fourt	Alan Newell	Jack Timurian
Gail Corneliuson	Jane Fowler	Paul Notte	David Trevorrow
Bruce Cousens	Peter Fowler	Erik Olesen	Brent Turner
Barb Creek	Al Gilroy	Betty Pearson	Kelly Turner
George Creek	Anne Gilroyed	John Pearson	Bill Vangenne
Deb Cross	Sid Gray	Betty Peebles	Mary Jean Vangenne
Bob Cross	John Hall	George Peebles	Dougall Warren
Garry Dalby	Don Hay	Bob Pinchbeck	Erma Warren
Terry Davis	Dot Hay	Rob Pinkerton	Jim White
Christine Devlin	Sonny Hockey	Tricia Pinkerton	Gerry Yellowlees
Annette Douglas	Robert James	John Plecas	
Bill Drysdale	Bob Johns	Mif Plecas	
John Dul	Marilyn Johnson	Stan Pollard	
Martin Dunsmuir	Rob Johnson	Rowan Raphael	<b>Sincere apologies to those missed</b>
Vickie Dunsmuir	Pat Kirkham	Gordon Reid	

## VOLUNTEER CLIFF FISHER



*Cliff pointing to list of 2009 volunteers*

Cliff Fisher has contributed to LMS as a director, work party member and Maritime Festival organizer. He has been a director for four years, helping to steer LMS through the changes to become more community oriented. Since becoming a member of LMS he has worked on the dock work parties. Last year he successfully chaired the Maritime Festival committee and has agreed to do the same this year. Thank you, Cliff.

**Maritimer:** Cliff has a ready laugh and cheerful disposition. When we met for his interview at the Saturday morning work party, I told the crew that I was interviewing Cliff for an article in the Maritimer. I asked if anyone had a funny story to tell about him. "That is the funniest story that I've heard all day," was the quick reply. We all had a good laugh. It is this camaraderie in the work parties that brought Cliff to Ladysmith and the LMS

**Cliff:** Dianna and I are from Nova Scotia. I started as a military police officer in the army and later became a civilian police officer. Next, I worked for Sears in sales. Dianna was on pregnancy leave from

teaching and I wanted to try something else. We headed west pulling a small trailer with all that we owned.

When we arrived in Vancouver, 60,000 Jehovah's Witnesses had rented all the rooms. Eventually, a kind lady let us stay in a small room at the back of her house. The next day I spoke to a very helpful personnel manager at Sears, who got me a job in repackaging Returns. Promotions in Sears led to management but it was a time of reorganization and I was able to get a buy-out as the Catalogue Centre in Burnaby closed.

An opportunity to buy a bakery required a fast learning curve in cake decoration. Later a Superstore was built nearby. I couldn't compete with the price of bread which they sold as a loss leader. I sold the bakery and became a Superstore bakery manager. Finally, I worked as a food tech. for Inovatech, holding two patents and traveling all over the world.

When we were thinking of retirement, we visited friends while staying at Page Point. As I was walking along the dock at LMS, I happened upon a work party of five or six guys. I think Harry Blackstaff and Ron Statham were among them. They stopped for a break and included me in their conversation and jokes.

Dianna suggested that I would enjoy living here in Ladysmith and working with the LMS. She was right and we moved here five years ago. I enjoy working within an organised framework, the fun and refreshments after a day's work.

I like taking a project and running with it.

## **LADYSMITH MARITIME FESTIVAL MAY 29 & 30**

This year's Ladysmith Maritime Festival, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 29th & 30th, is beginning to shape up quite nicely. Once again we will have pirates, rogues and seamen abound, kids entertainment and activities, heritage displays, music, and a bull head fishing derby, just to name a few. The Royal Canadian Navy will also join us to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Look for more details in the months to come.

ps. Dig out that old costume as we will be having a seafaring parade day in town to show folks how much fun we have in Ladysmith when we dress up and get silly.

### **NAVY-LADYSMITH CONNECTION**

Are you ex-Navy? And/or do you have any photos or artifacts depicting connections between Ladysmith and the Navy? Jim Montgomery would like to talk with you about LMS showcasing the Navy at the festival. He could do with some help, too. Please contact Dave at 250-245-0109 or Jim at: [jcmontgomry@yahoo.ca](mailto:jcmontgomry@yahoo.ca)

### **MARITIME RADIO COURSE VHF & DSC**

If you have a VHF radio on board your boat, and wish to actually use it, you must have a Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Maritime). Brian Crompt, of Mount Brenton Power & Sail Squadron, will be offering this 4-session course at Frank Jameson Community Centre May 3, 5, 10, & 12 at a cost of \$75. Those wishing to take only the DSC portion can attend the last two sessions at a cost of \$40. Register with Frank Jameson Community Centre (250-245-6424). If you have questions about this course, call Brian Crompt at 250-245-8620.

## **LADY B**

The new workboat is proving to be very useful, sturdy, efficient, and easy to operate. Our wharfinger, Mark Mercer, has a smile on his face as he maneuvers her around the marina. The contest at the AGM to name her was won by Mark with his suggestion "Lady B". The overwhelming number of votes for this name represented a tribute to Betty Pearson for her years of service to LMS. Betty has expressed much appreciation for this honour and enjoys watching "Lady B" at work.

Is there someone with a router who is skilled in making signs? "Lady B" needs a couple of trail boards.



*Lady B*

### **MUSEUM CURATOR HONOURED**

Shirley Blackstaff, the curator and major force behind LMS's award-winning museum, has been named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Saltair Ratepayers Association for her design and set up of signs in Stocking Creek Park showcasing it as an interpretive centre for the natural world.

Congratulations, Shirley.

## **“CANADIAN YACHTING” FEATURES LADYSMITH**

An interview with Dave Ehrismann about the article on Ladysmith in Canadian Yachting (Nov. '09)  
by “Maritimer”

A number of e-mails and phone calls from friends in B.C. and Ontario .have been received about the article. Are we becoming a tourist destination?

*Absolutely, we are becoming a must visit destination.*

How did the article get started?

*Paul Notte was chatting to the authors, Anne and Laurence Yeadon-Jones, at the Maritime docks. They told him that they were visiting to update their boating guides. Paul suggested they speak with me.*

Was there much information to update?

*I'll say. Ladysmith Maritime Society Community Marina did not appear in their guidebook.*

You must have been a big help to them because the article is so enthusiastic about Ladysmith!

*The town business community was very helpful. Anne and Laurence received Ladysmith hospitality and were very appreciative.*

Do you think their article is an accurate representation of Ladysmith?

*Yes, they did a good job of representing Ladysmith as Heritage by the Sea, identifying specific places and activities. Ladysmith and Ladysmith Harbour are “must see” marine tourist spots.*

What do you see happening to LMS as a result of this article? (A more detailed article will appear in Northwest Yachting Magazine, who claim they are the largest boating publication in the Pacific NW.)

*It showcases Ladysmith as a positive experience for people unfamiliar with the town. Marine tourism will benefit not only all the marinas in the harbour but all the businesses in the area. We are working on increasing (i) the number and duration of visitor nights, (ii) the tourism market and (iii) the cooperative relationship with the surrounding community.*

The article shows that LMS is becoming a magnet for visitors to the community of Ladysmith because of the LMS friendly “Hello”.

## **IS YOUR PCOC ON BOARD? IT'S THE LAW**

All operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes (including dinghies and personal watercraft) must have proof of competency on board at all times. This law came into effect September 15, 2009. Failure to provide proof of competency may result in fines of up to \$250, or more. You can obtain a PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operator Card) in a number of ways; however, the course and card available through Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons is one of the few cards accepted in the U.S.A. as proof of competency.

Brian Crompt, from Mount Brenton Power & Sail Squadron, has agreed to instruct the 3-session Boat Pro course, which culminates in the PCOC exam, in the LMS office. If you are interested in attending, please pre-register with our LMS Executive Director, Dave, at 250-245-0109. A minimum of 5 people is required.

**Dates: April 8, 13 & 15**

**Time: 1900 – 2130ish**

**Location: LMS office**

**Cost: \$55**

Course Content:

Thu Apr 08 Instructional lesson 1

- o Introduction
- o Know your boat
- o Equipping your boat
- o Safety awareness
- o Marine rules of the road
- o Aids to navigation

Tue Apr 13 Instructional lesson 2

- o Review lesson 1
- o Trailering
- o Getting under way
- o Anchoring
- o Docking
- o Locks
- o Water related activities
- o Preventative maintenance

Thu Apr 15 Course review and examination

## 2009 LIGHT UP PARADE



Don Hay, Harold Moy, and Mark Mercer decorated our entry in the 2009 Light up parade last November. The fish was carved by Ben Petersen. Mark, Dave Ehrismann and their families towed, rode, walked, waved, and handed out candies alongside our 1959 Glasspar.

Here are some of the pictures.



*In Glasspar (l-r): Hunter Ehrismann, fisherman model, Trinity Ehrismann, David McNab*

*In Trailer (l-r): Jade McNab, Teresa Melchoir, Daegan Mercer, Tristin Ehrismann*

## LMS HOSTS OLYMPIC SCREENING

Aggie Hall is the spot to watch Olympic showings on a big screen TV throughout the four-weeks of the Olympics and Para-Olympics. Come join in the fun and cheer for Canada.

**On Friday, February 19, 2010, 2 - 7:30 pm,** LMS will host the Olympic Events at Aggie Hall. All LMS members, their families and friends are invited to join in the excitement. Meet with your fellow members and enjoy some light snacks and coffee.

The Olympic events featured are:

Mens Curling, Canada vs. Denmark 1400hrs

Womens Skeleton 1645hrs

Womens Curling, Canada vs. Denmark  
1900hrs

Mens Skeleton 1930hrs

The event is free for everyone  
Hope to see you there

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb. 19 – Olympic viewing  
Feb. 24 – Members' meeting  
Feb. 27 – Book Launch  
Apr. 8, 13, 15 – PCOC course  
May 29 , 30 – Maritime Festival  
Oct. 16 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Nov. 23 - AGM

## **MEMBERS' MEETING**

**Wed., Feb. 24  
1900 (7 p.m.)**

**Ladysmith Secondary School  
multi-purpose room**

Agenda will include:

- Speaker, Suzan Lagrove, of  
Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre
- discussion on Heritage strategies
- update on LMS activities

Moorage contracts available for pick up

## **2009-2010 DIRECTORS**

President	Doug Bell
Vice-President	Tim Richards
Secretary	Barrie McDonald
Treasurer	Betty Pearson
	Martin Dunsmuir
	Cliff Fisher
	Jim Montgomery
	Harold Moy

## **STAFF**

Executive Director	Dave Ehrismann
Wharfinger	Mark Mercer

**The support of our members in these exciting times is critical to our future. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and the opportunities to help are endless. Just call Dave, or Mark, or any director about their wish lists.**

## **LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY**

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