



Maritimer

November 2011

NOTICE OF MEETING

LADYSMITH MARITIME SOCIETY 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY NOV. 29, 2011
1900 (7 pm)

EAGLES HALL
(921 – 1st Ave., Ladysmith)

No host bar: 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm

AGENDA:

- Approve Minutes of the 25th AGM
(see them on the LMS website)
- Receive and Approve Financial Statements
- Receive and Approve Reports
- Motion to appoint Atchison, Palmer, Leslie
to conduct a Review Engagement of the
finances for the 2011-2012 fiscal year
- Election of Directors
each candidate (see below) will have
3 minutes to speak

there will be a social time with finger food
and a no host bar while the votes are being
counted

- Announcement of successful candidates
- Motion that the signing officers of the
Society be any two of President, Vice-
President, Secretary, Treasurer, and
Executive Director
- Adjournment

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for directors of next year's
Board closed on November 6. Four
candidates have been nominated for three
positions.

The following comments are from each
candidate by way of introducing themselves
to you. Each candidate will also be given an
opportunity to speak at the AGM before
voting takes place. The candidates in
alphabetical order are:

(1) **Sonny Hockey**

*I was born in Malta, immigrated to Canada
(St. Catharines, Ontario) in 1957 and
completed my education there. I was
employed by both Stelco and Firestone in
their respective utilities departments.
Subsequently I was employed by an
insurance company in their engineering
department. I was transferred to Vancouver
in 1980 and remained employed in the same
field until I retired in 2007.*

*Once in Vancouver I purchased a sailboat,
met my wife, Ann, and we joined the
Tsawwassen Yacht Club. I held a number of
positions in the club, namely staff and fleet
captain, vice commodore, commodore and
past commodore. In 2008 we moved from
Richmond to Ladysmith and once here we
joined L.M.S. Since joining the Society, I*

have volunteered on Saturday work parties and at the yearly festival.

I am proud of the achievements the Society has accomplished in the few years I have been a member through the hard work of its volunteers whether they be board members, office staff, Saturday dock workers, the ladies who provide the lunches, and other volunteers I have yet to meet.

Realizing the importance of volunteers, when asked to run for a position on the board, I accepted. If elected, I hope to do as good a job as those who preceded me.

(2) Barrie McDonald

I have been a member of your Board of Directors for four years – one as Treasurer and three as Secretary. I retired to the Ladysmith area 14 years ago and am a boater.

The past four years have seen LMS become widely recognized as a solid contributor to the well being of the community, and as an organization that continues to build important and supportive ties with the Stz'uminus First Nation. In the course of achieving this we have secured long term tenure for LMS on the water lot, have seen significant upgrades in the marina, and are currently revitalizing the all important heritage programs. In my view, without these changes we would no longer have an LMS.

Members, particularly those who are moorers, have experienced significant stress and change throughout this transformation. One of the core priorities for all of us for the coming year must be to get our entire membership back on the 'high road' with a deep mutual sense of pride, ownership, and support for the activities of our Society.

(3) Carlos Pereira

I have been involved with LMS the last 5 years volunteering on dock repairs and as a driver for the shuttle bus at the maritime festival.

I have been boating on the coast since 1988 in "Tahsis". I was a log boom foreman where many of my responsibilities included docks, boathouses, boat traffic, scows and logbooms. Presently I have a wood working shop building doors and doing some boat repairs for locals.

I would like to give my time to LMS as I feel it is providing the Town with a much need facility.

(4) Tim Richards

- *I have just completed a three-year term as a board member of LMS.*
- *I look forward to helping to insure the new visitors centre is widely used by LMS members and our community*
- *My special area of interest continues to be Heritage and revitalizing the LMS shop*
- *I consider clear priorities, and clear policy and procedures to be an important ongoing objective*

The executive officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer – will be decided by the directors from amongst themselves at the 1st meeting of directors after the AGM.

Ballot and instructions for absentee voting on p. 3

ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Reproduce the ballot on this page
Cast your votes (no more than 3 X's)
Seal ballot in plain envelope
Place sealed envelope inside a 2nd envelope
Print your name & address in the upper left-hand corner of the 2nd envelope

Address to: LMS
Box 1030
Ladysmith, BC
V9G 1A7

Post envelope in time for it to be received
prior to the AGM on Nov. 29, 2011

Once received, your name will be checked
against the "members in good standing" list. If
OK, the plain envelope will be held for deposit
into the ballot box by the scrutineers at the
AGM on Nov. 29.

If you wish to return your ballot by e-mail or
fax, we will confirm that you sent the message
prior to your ballot being included in the count
of votes.

e-mail to: lmscommunitymarina@telus.net
fax to: 250-245-0108

Ladysmith Maritime Society Ballot – Nov. 29, 2011



3 Directors to be elected **mark with X**

1. **HOCKEY, Sonny**
2. **McDONALD, Barrie**
3. **PEREIRA, Carlos**
4. **RICHARDS, Tim**



*Festival of Lights volunteers decorate the roof of the LMS shop.
Santa will flick the switch at Light Up Nov. 24.*

TOUR BOAT OPERATORS NEEDED

LMS tour boat program is in need of a couple of new operators. If you are person that enjoys meeting people from your own town and from around the world while exploring Ladysmith harbour, then this is a gig for you. The time commitment consists of a few trips in the Spring and Fall and about ten days during July and August. We have enough operators to accommodate any holiday plans and any emergencies that may arise. A day consists of two trips (10 AM and 2:30 PM) of an hour and a half to two hours each.

An operator must have a Small Vessel Operator Permit (SVOP), a three day course and a one day Marine Emergency Duties (MED) course which are offered in Nanaimo. LMS will sponsor you for these courses if you commit to two years as a tour operator. The SVOP qualifies you to run commercial vessels other than tugs under 5 tons. Presumably you already have a marine radio certificate. Training in boat handling, local knowledge in navigation, history and wildlife identification will be done by experienced operators.

This is a rewarding and fun way to volunteer with LMS. Look for huge smiles as you teach a child how to run a boat or find a mom and baby seal stretched out on a log boom. Watch the dozer boats perform, have staring contests with eagles... all in a day's work.



for more information contact Rob
250 245 7804
or
rpink@shaw.ca

2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payable at the AGM

\$5 – youth \$20 – single \$35 – couple

DONATE YOUR TOOLS AND SUPPLIES!

Sawzall - Skillsaw - Drills - Chisels -
Screwdrivers - Hammers - Work lights -
Clipboards - Boats & Marine items

Your LMS Workshop is gathering steam!
Work on the *Saravan* rounds the corner for
this year, and several other projects lie in the
near future.

The workshop could definitely use
donations! If you have some little used
tools, please consider putting them in the
shop where they will be utilized. For
example we recently bought an electric drill!
Who would think we needed a simple drill?
And we should really have four or five on
hand, considering our plans to open up to
more members projects and public classes.
All sorts of items would be appreciated,
large and small.

Please call Tim Richards at
250-245-0377, or timrichards@shaw.ca
or Doug Dobbs at
250-210-1161, or dcdobbs@hotmail.com.

You can also drop by the shop Monday,
Wednesday or Friday mornings to drop
things off. Please be sure to leave your
name so we can acknowledge donations.
Thank you!

WINTER PREP FOR BOATS

A message from our Wharfinger
Mark Mercer

Winter is fast approaching. If your boat is
moored at the LMS Community Marina,
please take the time to come to the marina
and prepare your vessel for the winter
season. All dinghies must be off the dock
and out of the water by November 15, 2011.
Halyards are to be secured, tarps secured,
hoses put away, power cords secured etc.

This is a good time to closely examine your
power cords to ensure they meet the
standards for a marine environment and are
proper 30amp cords.

And, by the way, check your vessel after any
storm. It is the owner's responsibility to
remove snow from vessels and boathouses
and to check that all lines are secure.

If you have a question, call Mark at 250-
245-1146

AGM
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
Eagles Hall
1900
2012 memberships and
LMS vests will be on sale at the door

JEFF & CONNIE BREMER

“This is surreal” says Connie into her cell phone, when I call her for an interview. I am at home in Ladysmith but she is on a mountain in the wilderness of Strathcona Provincial Park. Jeff and Connie were hiking there because their boat died in the summer and they turned to hiking instead of boating.



*Jeff and Connie
in front of a piece of
their copper enamelling
artwork*

Jeff likes building all kinds of boats. He built the one that had just died 5 years ago. It was an experimental 20 foot inflatable skin boat. A passion for fishing is something that both Jeff and Connie share. For many years Jeff ran a fishing charter business in the USA and Connie was an office manager.

Connie is from Edmonton. They met at an acupuncture college in California, where they were students. Their two adult daughters live in Canada, one in Halifax and one in Victoria. Retiring and selling off all their belongings in the USA, Jeff and Connie took two “tween” years after they moved to Canada. They travelled in their “Bigfoot” RV, making a fishing pilgrimage from Osoyoos to Whitehorse. They stopped to fish in every lake that they could along the way.

They returned south the same way but when they got to Revelstoke, Connie said, “I need a home.” The Tarot Cards said, “Slow death (no change) in Slocan” or new ideas in Ladysmith. In addition to being close to one of their children, Ladysmith appealed to them because of its size and location. “The people talk to you when you want to talk to them and when you need privacy, they leave you alone” says Jeff. Connie is growing an “intensive garden”, using raised beds and semi-circular frames for summer and winter produce.

They bought an aluminium 16' Lund, fishing boat on the way back from the Wooden Boat Show in Port Townsend this year. It has a trailer for mobility and a canopy enclosure for Connie. They have been using it to fish in the freshwater lakes around here. Jeff enjoys smoking his freshly caught Rainbow Trout. In a few years, they plan on getting a sailboat, keeping it at the LMS Marina.

“We love it!” says Jeff. He and Connie work as a team, operating the *Maritimer*. They joined the LMS because they enjoy being part of the boating community. While attending an LMS meeting in the Spring 1 1/2 years ago, they heard the call for volunteers to operate the *Maritimer*, from Rob Pinkerton (yes, someone listens to you, Rob). They took the Operators Course and made a commitment to operate the *Maritimer* for 2 years. They were grateful for the willingness of the LMS to pay for the course fees.

Jeff operates the motor, freeing Connie to give the tour and to scout wildlife. Everyday there are different things to point out to the passengers. Things are always changing under the water and on the water,

the weather, the sea, the birds, the animals (sometimes they see ospreys, eagles and seals) and sea life changes under the water too.

Ladysmith Harbour is a busy harbour. Passengers are often people who work or have worked in the logging industry. They tell you new information about the past and the present operations and the history of Transfer Beach.

Usually twice a week, Jeff and Connie walk happily down to the LMS docks from their home on White Street. They are happy to be outside, on the water and with passengers who are happy to be there. They enjoy the opportunity to help people and to learn something new. For Connie and Jeff volunteering is a two-way street, giving and receiving happiness.

LMS FEATURED IN YACHTING MAGAZINES

Four yachting magazines and Take 5 have featured LMS and Ladysmith in 2011. The articles, and word of mouth, have been the main reason many of our visiting boaters stopped by. We thank them all for their support of our marina.

If you haven't read it, the article below was included in the November issue of Take 5.

“The Ladysmith Maritime Society (LMS) will soon see completion of a vital part of its ambitious project, the \$1.7 million LMS Visitor Facilities Upgrade Project. The Reception Centre, designed for community users and marine tourists alike, will become

permanent feature of Ladysmith Harbour this autumn. Weather permitting, the Reception Centre, currently under construction in Bamberton, will be towed to the LMS Community Marina during the second week of November.

The 3000 square-foot Reception Centre, on a concrete floating platform, will be secured to pilings and moored near the LMS Maritime Museum and its collection of heritage vessels. The facility will be accessed by a newly-built ramp, with a specially designed wider, sturdier, more gently sloped approach for individuals with mobility problems.

The new facility's interior construction will continue at the LMS Community Marina, with completion slated for mid-December. The completed building will provide quality amenities such as showers, laundry, and meeting areas for marine visitors and meeting rooms for various local functions including LMS member activities. It is envisioned that the Reception Centre will attract marine tourists to Ladysmith Harbour, thus boosting the local economy.

The LMS Visitor Facilities Project has several components besides the Reception Centre some, like the new ramp, already completed. The LMS Community Marina now has a 600-volt electrical supply, together with new water and sewage services. An important part of the project, to be installed on completion of the Reception Centre, will be the first Ladysmith Harbour marine sewage pump-out station, designed for use by local boaters and visitors.

Construction of the LMS Visitor Facilities Upgrade Project is on schedule for the 2012

boating season, and is also on budget. LMS has been successful in securing funding from several provincial and federal funding agencies to cover the majority of the project's elements. Thanks go to Western Economic Diversification Canada; Island Coastal Economic Trust Fund; Community Futures; and Enabling Accessibility Fund Canada.

The Ladysmith Maritime Society is celebrating its twenty-sixth year this year. The over-arching purpose, as stated in the LMS constitution, is to serve the community. Besides its new facilities, it offers, among other programs, an annual Marine Festival, a maritime museum, historical boats, support for a disabled sailing program, and a nesting site for the endangered West Coast Purple Martin. The society continues to work towards developing an attractive presence on Ladysmith's waterfront, restoring historic vessels, gathering maritime history, and employing young people in a maritime environment. The society enjoys relationships with a broad range of local and other community organizations that focus on serving the regional community."

RECEPTION CENTRE

Some pilings have to be placed and the Bill Adair shed moved in preparation for the reception centre's arrival. Those are expected to be completed Nov. 14. As the tow from Bamberton will take approximately 16 hours, a calm weather forecast is critical. The tentative arrival will be on Nov. 15.

Watch for it!



almost at the lock-up stage



getting wrapped up for the move to Ladysmith



ready to go

YOUR 2010-2011 LMS TEAM

Executive Director Dave Ehrismann
Wharfinger Mark Mercer
Directors Doug Bell
 Marnie Craig
 Cliff Fisher
 Barrie McDonald
 Jim Montgomery
 Harold Moy
 Paul Notte
 Betty Pearson
 Tim Richards

LMS HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE

If you use Facebook, friend the Ladysmith Maritime Society's page. Check out who likes LMS! You might reconnect with a summer visitor or former moorer. Just search Ladysmith Maritime Society.

LMS VESTS NOW AVAILABLE



The vests are royal blue with the logo and “Ladysmith Maritime Society” embroidered over the left breast.

Men’s & Women’s
L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Volunteer Price \$10

Regular Price \$30

Vests on sale at AGM

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 24 – Ladysmith’s Light Up

Nov. 29 – LMS AGM

Dec. 10 – Mt. Brenton’s Christmas Lights Cruise

1st Tues. of month (usually) – board meeting

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