Heritage Vessel Report to LMS AGM, December 2013

LMS Heritage Vessel Workshop

The LMS Boat Shop has completed several projects this year including upgrades to the Saravan; refit of the tour boat Maritimer with a fabulous new paint job; repair and repaint of a rowboat; repainting, caulking and repairing the hull of the C.A. Kierkegaard; reorganization of the shop procedures and the introduction of Work Orders that can be used by any area of the Society to get work done.

The Porlier Pass Troller was pulled out of the water, significantly overhauled and cleaned up, and now holds a place of honour in the new Harbour Heritage Centre. The workshop itself has seen upgrades including additional electrical plugs, lights, and an upgrade to bring the system up to code; dedication of new areas to specific tasks such as areas for painting, welding, wood working; and outfitting three work stations with a set of tools; acquisition of new tools including a bandsaw, two routers, an air sander, and more.

Currently shop volunteers are working on the Sudbury II Work Boat with the Glaspar and the C.A. Kierkegaard coming in next.

Several new volunteers have offered services. The list now includes Jack Bennett (Shop Foreman), Harry Blackstaff, Earl McKeown, John Beames, Rick Greenhorn, Bob Hogsberg, Larry McKay, Richard Rice, Rory Huggan and Stan Sparham. I would also like to acknowledge Robert Lawson who provides input and expertise in wooden boat construction and maintenance.

Shop hours currently are 9 to noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All volunteers are welcome!

LMS Heritage Vessel Day at the Marina

Many HV volunteers helped with the successful LMS Heritage vessel day at the Marina and found it most enjoyable.

LMS Ambassador Program

The Saravan visited several destinations as the LMS Ladysmith Ambassador, and was again well received. Partly due to the impact of the Saravan as Ambassador, we are seeing more offers of vessel donations to LMS. We will be developing a policy for dealing with these offers, either accepting donated vessels into the LMS fleet or accepting them for resale to generate funds for the program.

Award from Heritage BC for Saravan.

Finally, Heritage BC saw fit to recognize the restored Saravan and it's accompanying educational boards and the Ambassador program with their Outstanding Achievement Award, their highest award, "for the care and commitment demonstrated in the completion of this important project".

A significant thank-you to all volunteers who weekly help improve and energize this program.

Cheers, Tim Richards