



# Maritimer

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## A Salute to Shirley Blackstaff

The Ladysmith Maritime Society congratulates one of its own, Shirley Blackstaff, on having been awarded the prestigious Distinguished Service Award for 2017 from Heritage B.C. The award was presented at the 36th Annual Heritage BC Awards Gala on February 15th at Heritage Hall in Vancouver.

Preservation and promotion of Ladysmith's heritage has been a lifelong passion for Shirley. Much of this energy has been devoted to Ladysmith's maritime heritage and industries of Ladysmith Harbour. For years Shirley has led heritage program activities for LMS, in particular the award-winning floating maritime Museum, development of the Harbour Heritage Centre and the Sea Life Centre. As a former teacher Shirley derives particular satisfaction from engaging school children in heritage-related activities.

Shirley retired as an LMS Director last December to focus on her heritage leadership activities within LMS and the community.

Congratulations Shirley! Well deserved!

## It is Moorage Renewal Time!

Staff have been working hard on issuing the renewal contracts for our mooring community, all of which become due on April 1. All moorage slips for annual and seasonal moorage are again expected to be full.

One of the reasons for the popularity of the LMS Marina is the opportunity for annual moorers to participate in revenue sharing by making their slip available for visiting boaters while away cruising in the summer.

## Waterfront Plan Design Charette

Rod Smith, our Executive Director, will be representing LMS on the Design Charette on March 9-12<sup>th</sup>. Rod will be taking forward the input members provided at the LMS open house in November along with advice from the Board of Directors.

There will be an opportunity for the public to review the work of the Charette, at 1:00-4:30pm, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Ladysmith Senior Secondary School.

By the way, a "charette" is "an intense period of design or planning activity!"

## Welcome Centre Update

Repairs to the Welcome Centre are moving forward, targeted for completion at the end of March. This includes taking advantage of the shutdown to make needed upgrades to the kitchen.

Critical to the ongoing operation of the Welcome Centre is to ensure we never have to deal with this type of issue again. Several checks and automated shutdown elements will be installed as part of the restoration.

## A reminder of important dates!

- May 27 – Heritage Boat Festival
- June 2 - Pirates Feast on the Dock
- June 3 – Kids' Pirates' Day
- June 2 to Sept 8 – Dine on the Dock biweekly

### VIU Case Study

Dexter Lankenau, a 4<sup>th</sup> year student in the Tourism Program at Vancouver Island University, has agreed to undertake a case study on the volunteer program at LMS. Dexter will be assaying the present and future strengths of our volunteer program as compared to other organizations.

### RCMP Boat Moors at LMS

If you see RCMP cruisers in the parking lot, it will most likely signify that officers are out doing enforcement on the water. Relocating of police moorage to LMS makes a significant difference in response time, first in getting to the vessel, and second for a faster exit from the harbour.

### LMS Capital Asset Plan

LMS maintains a \$2 million asset base, much of it afloat, and exposed to salt water and weather. This is why the Board are moving to create a multi-year plan to ensure the assets are well managed with a regular repair and maintenance schedule. The plan will be reviewed by the Board in June.

### Take 5

Check out the Ladysmith Community Marina advertisement on Page 3 of the March edition of Take 5. There will be much to do on the Ladysmith waterfront this spring!

### LMS featured in Western Mariner Magazine

The following pictures were part of a recent article highlighting the LMS Marina and the Town of Ladysmith in the Western Mariner.



Marc Pettigrew and Brian Tilley working on a part of the 300 feet of new docks being installed at LMS in preparation for the busy summer season.



Restoration of the C.A. Kirkegaard is underway in the LMS "Car Shop" by LMS volunteers.