



Southampton Marine Heritage Society News

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Peerless II

Fleet captain Howie McLaren is in constant contact with the boat dealer and Transport Canada to insure everything is in order for a spring launch. We have had to add a life raft and have our captains trained to new standards to meet new regulations. We are fortunate that Phil Eagleson has volunteered to do the training in the spring as this will be a considerable saving. Anyone wishing to be a captain should contact Howie at amclaren@bmts.com

Message from the chair

Welcome from the wintery shores of Lake Huron.

As we enter our 10th year of operating tours to Chantry Island we reflect on the vision and back-breaking work that has been performed by our many volunteers to get us to this point. It is fitting that Chantry Island was chosen "The Hidden Gem" on the locals know campaign for 2010.

The fall and winter have been busy with the boat house project, planning for the 10th celebrations and the new boat.

I look forward to meeting everyone again at our volunteer fair in the spring.

Rick Smith

Crew

To further confuse our lives all crew must now have a 2-day first aid training course. Again the Town helped with this and we ran the first course in December at the Port Elgin fire hall. An additional session will take place in the spring. For crewing info contact Dave Wenn at davewenn@bmts.com

Breaking News

Vicki Tomori and Mike Sterling did a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on fisheries and Oceans in Ottawa on Tuesday, February 15. The committee is interested in the learning on success and challenges with lighthouse related projects. The Committee is focusing on the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act and on the role of lighthouses in tourism and community life in general.

Boat House

As part of our lease agreement with the Town, we agreed to insulate the building if they supplied the material. This is to cut down on energy costs. The old oil furnace has been replaced with a new gas high efficiency model.

Rick Schumacher and crew have done yeomen work on this. Regulars on this have been Joe von Heymann and Rob Campbell for framing, drywall and trim. Jim Barbour and Dave Wenn did painting and drywall tapping. Tom Mather did trim painting and the BEAUTIFUL RED doors.

Big Weekend

A fund raising committee under the chair of Dave Wenn has been formed to raise money to pay off the new boat. We also wanted to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the tours on the August Civic Weekend. It was decided to host a "Big Event". Diane Huber has volunteered to chair this event and has reached out to community groups to join in. As it is early in the planning stages nothing specific has been decided. Whatever form the event takes (large or small) it is exciting to see an idea that was "floated" in 1995 finally come to be. Next year is the 200th anniversary of the war of 1812 and the structure that is put in place this year will pave the way for a Bigger Event next.

G A M

Join Ali and Paul Kelly and all the Propeller Club gang 4pm Wednesdays at the Walker House for an hour of comradery and some interesting history.



Web Site

Gail Douglass, our new board secretary has volunteered to update our website. She will be using the current website, archiving the material and putting a new face on it.

Watch for updates on chantryisland.com

Newsletter

Mary Hnatiuk volunteered to put this together. We have been remiss in communicating with our volunteers and have been busy putting many lists of volunteers together to form one. Now that this is complete we will be able to keep you updated a couple of times a year. If you don't want to receive this let Mary know at mhnatiuk@hotmail.com

Mark Your Calendar:

May 15 – Plant Sale

T.B.D. - Annual Pot Luck

T.B.D. - Garage Sale

July 30/31 – Marine Heritage Festival

Warton Willie predicted an early spring!
Can summer be far behind?

Peerless II Progress

