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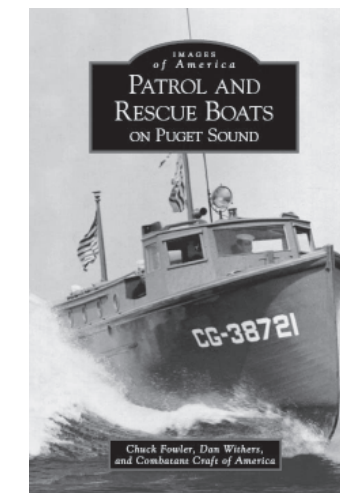
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BOAT HISTORY**

If you didn't know that the famed PT (patrol torpedo) boats of World War II operated in Puget Sound, and want to see never before released photos of these legendary craft — including one running in front of the ferry boat KALAKALA — you won't want to miss the January 8th Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society meeting at 2 P.M. at MOHAI. Society Past President **Chuck Fowler** and board member **Dan Withers** will present a program featuring more than 80 historical images and information from their new book, *Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound*. Produced by the Arcadia Publishing Co., the book was scheduled to be released on December 12 and available at Barnes and Noble, local independent bookstores, museums, other retail outlets, and through online retailers. Chuck and Dan will also autograph copies at the January 8 membership meeting, with book sales proceeds going to the Society.

In addition to PT boats, the Sunday program will include photos of the first Navy high speed torpedo boat launched on the Sound in 1898 by Moran Brothers, and of early Coast Guard patrol boats and the rumrunners they chased during the Prohibition era of the 1920s and early 30s. One of these 78-foot Coast Guard cutters, commissioned in 1931, survives today as CHARLES N. CURTIS, operated by the Tacoma Sea Scouts. Another Coast Guard story features rare images of the production of more than 500 38-foot picket boats, third largest number in the US, by Kirkland Marine Construction during WWII.

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the Maritime Gallery within the Armory building. Renovations to the space on the 4th floor are nearly complete and now the custom made exhibit cases can be designed and built to be installed in the walls.

While this will be happening, the design group responsible for the entire new museum is working on the design of the gallery. Two very exciting features of the gallery will be the hands-on periscope with a 360-degree view from the roof of the Armory and the Smith Island lighthouse lens which will operating within the gallery. Some of you may remember when these artifacts were on exhibit. More details forthcoming about the gallery in the February newsletter.

Membership News

We thank the following new members and members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level:

NEW MEMBERS: Joseph Govednik, Connie Buhl & Steve Clark, Lavern Deane, Del King & Linda Livingston, Deep Sea Fisherman's Union, Walter Plimpton and Russ McComb.

Members renewing at a higher level: **Dave Shannon and James Shuttleworth.**

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Membership in the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society is open to anyone interested in maritime history. Membership is solicited and inquires should be addressed to: PSMHS, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109-0731. Monthly meetings are held September through June on the first Wednesday of each month. Meeting place and programs are announced to members by mail. The PSMHS Newsletter is published monthly, September through June, and is free to members.

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January Program

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Additional photos, found in collections ranging from the National Archives to individual veterans, chronicle the history of WWII Army Air Force and US Air Force crash rescue boats in the Sound, Vietnam War era PBRs (Patrol Boat-River) built by United Boat Builders (Uniflite) in Bellingham, and military hydrofoils developed by Boeing during the 1960s and operated until the 70s. A special chapter covers the discovery by Dan and Roxane Withers, restoration, and living history operation of the 83-foot wooden WWII Coast Guard cutter CG-83527 in the mid-2000s.

The presentation will conclude with a review of the impressive response by Puget Sound boat builders such as Safe Boats International and Kvichak Marine, and active duty Coast Guard and Navy units, to homeland terrorist threats following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the East Coast. In all, the program will show how our regional boat builders and military sea services have played major roles in the nation's patrol and rescue boat history.

January Report From "Behind The Scenes"

by Karen Marshall,
Executive Director

The final plans for our new Maritime Research Center and offices at Georgetown are complete. The development of a floor plan

that met the needs of almost every department within MOHAI plus our organization and the Black Heritage Society was a tremendous challenge. We will still be sharing space with MOHAI's Library, but our offices, artifact storage, and ship plans storage will have a separate space. The research area will have a larger footprint and will be organized slightly differently than it is now to make more efficient use of space.

Our separate storage and office space has great potential if we have all of the furnishings and fixtures needed to take full advantage of our footprint. Fixtures and furnishings for work and storage are not particularly exciting to talk about, but the opportunity to do it right from our move-in is so important. We must take good care of our people and the collections entrusted to our care.

2011 Annual Fund Campaign Update

We're short on space for this issue so February will have a detailed report of our campaign. As of December 8, the Fund Drive is at \$8,285 with some pledges yet to arrive. We so appreciate everyone who has contributed to-date—thank you!

PSMHS Research Library/ Archives Closing January 19

After months of revised timelines, the time has come to announce that we really will be closing our research services and access

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to the Research Library as of January 19. At that time final preparations will be made for the packing and the move of the library and the PSMHS office which is scheduled for February and March. Thank you for your patience and understanding and be sure to look for updates either on our website, on our Facebook page or here in the February issue of the newsletter.

Book Sale A Success!

On Saturday December 3, nearly 100 book lovers came out in the chilly weather to look over the donated books in our Maritime Book Sale. This was a no-

overhead book sale that raised \$1,546.05 for the Society. Our deepest gratitude goes to **Todd Vogel** and his staff for the use of his storefront in Pioneer Square. Many thanks to all of those who helped with the set-up and the sale: **Hans Brouwer, John Goodfellow, Brian Noble, Roger Ottenbach, Brian Lee, Valerie Johnson, Mallory Martin, Jenny Montague, Ryan Horvath and Sam Anderson.**

Also thanks to **John Hough, Karl House, Lisle Rose, Pat Hartle** and a few others who facilitated the donation of books throughout the year.

The Sea Chest:

106 Reader Surveys Returned

Thanks to the 106 members who returned the survey to Philips Publishing Company. The publisher will be using the data to develop a strategic advertising program which will focus on maritime-related businesses and organizations. Within PSMHS we especially appreciate your thoughtful written comments that are being shared with **Ron Burke** and the Editorial Board.

Maritime Gallery Report

At long last we have news to report about the development of