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SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
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PROGRAM:
THE HISTORIC SCHOONER
WAWONA: HER PAST,
PRESENT, AND FUTURE
NORTHWEST SEAPORT PRESIDENT
JOE SHICKICH WILL PRESENT
A COLORFUL STORY OF THIS
VENERABLE SAILING VESSEL AND
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THE HISTORIC SCHOONER
WAWONA: HER PAST,
PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

During the past several months, the Museum of History and Industry and Northwest Seaport have had a Seattle engineering firm conduct an extensive engineering study focusing on the current condition and future



of WAWONA. The last of the once numerous wooden lumber and codfishing schooners in the Pacific Northwest, the historic schooner was built in 1897 in northern California by legendary Pacific Coast shipbuilder Hans Bendixsen. The venerable sailing vessel has been under various stages of restoration since it was saved and acquired in 1964 by Northwest Seaport's predecessor nonprofit organization, Save Our Ships (S.O.S.).

Northwest Seaport President **Joe Shickich** will present the colorful story of WAWONA as a working schooner and now regional maritime heritage icon, including its past history and restoration process. In addition the results and recommendations of the recently completed engineering study will be presented as will prospects for the historic sailing vessel's future.

Many of us have followed and some involved directly with the WAWONA project for many years. So you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear the latest information about the schooner and plans for its future. ☒

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BOOKS FOR SALE. Two books for those interested in the early exploration that brings Northwest maritime history to life: *The Early Exploration of Inland Washington Waters* and *With Vancouver in Inland Washington Waters*, both edited by Richard W. Blumenthal. \$31.29 each includes shipping and sales tax. Contact Dick Blumenthal, 406 126th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005 or RichardWBlumenthal@hotmail.com **9/07**

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NOTES & MEMBERSHIP NEWS**Members Renew at Higher Membership Levels**

We thank the following members who have renewed their annual membership dues at an elevated level during May, June and July 2007:

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Jack Carver Named Volunteer of The Year

In the spring of each year the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) hosts a volunteer appreciation luncheon. This year, much to our pleasure, **Jack Carver**, our long time Librarian, was named the Volunteer of the Year for his dedicated time working at the MOHAI Library for the Puget Sound Maritime Library Collection.

As part of his honor he is entitled to a reserved parking space in the upper parking lot at MOHAI. No more hiking from the lower lot when the parking is tight.

We congratulate and thank him for his many hours of service with our library collection.

Please Report Changes of Address Promptly

If you move or change your mailing address, please notify **Karl House**, Membership Secretary. This will insure that our records are kept current and that you will continue to receive your *PSMHS Newsletter* and *The Sea Chest*. Change of address should be sent to PSMHS, PO Box 9731, Seattle, WA 98109.

Free Dinner Meeting Parking Available

The Swedish Cultural Center has plenty of parking available on the west side of Dexter Avenue as well as on the east side near the building.

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**PSMHS
Dinner Meeting Reservation**

**CLIP AND MAIL FOR DINNER MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

RESERVATION DEADLINE:**NOON ON MONDAY, SEPT. 3, 2007**

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Total Number [at \$30 per person]: _____

Total Amount of Check: _____

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P.O. BOX 9731, SEATTLE, WA, 98109-0731

Call 206-938-2397 for changes, cancellations or questions.

Guests are always welcome. Please include payment.

Reserve Early and Notify of Cancellation. A member who makes a reservation and then does not attend a dinner or give notification of their cancellation in a timely manner (48 hours) will not be refunded their money for the dinner. The Society must pay for the number of meals we have reserved in advance, regardless of the number of meals actually served since the caterer orders several days in advance. Walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a meal.

Letter to The Editor of *The Sea Chest*:

Thanks for all your hard work in putting out *The Sea Chest*. Your charts, maps, and drawings are works of art and add so much to the articles.

I had occasion recently to browse and reread the December 2006 issue and ran across some memorabilia therein which is of no significant value, but though I'd send it along to you anyway.

The article about the MS ALASKA STANDARD reminded me that when I was a seaman aboard SS ELI D. HOYLE (ex REDWOOD) in Alaska in 1943 we would, from time to time, meet up with ALASKA STANDARD, so this article rekindled some memories. However in rereading it I noted that the subject vessel was launched in December 1958, so obviously the ship I knew 15 years earlier was a predecessor. It could have been a steamer rather than a motorship.

The other thing I noted on page 92 of the issue was reference to the gun crew aboard DIAMOND CEMENT as being Navy. It also mentions that on some vessels of the Army Transport Service the gun crews were Army. This was definitely the case on ELI D. HOYLE where we merchant mariners had a very nice relationship with the Army gun crew on board. We were very pleased that they never had to fire a shot.

With no further trivia to pass along I'll bring this letter to a close. Keep up your fine work.

Best regards, Mickey Donnan