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Letter to The Editor of Maritime Seattle: [continued from page 3] the Museum of History & Industry, requested that I respond to your letter of October 11th. We appreciated the information that you provided as to the identity of the caulk featured on page 99 of our book Maritime Seattle. I was one of the group of volunteers who prepared captions and selected the images contained therein. Unfortunately at the time of publication, we did not have the opportunity of properly identifying Percy Langmaid and the depth of his skills.

Having you point out in detail how Percy personally instructed you about the “art” of caulking a vessel adds an element to this image that I believe needs to be shared with the general PSMHS membership.

We appreciate your taking the time to describe the caulking process and the impression that Percy had on you.

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Membership News

We thank the following members who have renewed their membership or joined the Society recently:

★ WELCOME ABOARD ★
NEW SUSTAINING MEMBER
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No December Program. Note These Programs Coming Up In January and February:

With no PSMHS meeting scheduled in the busy month of December, we blast full-steam-ahead in early 2010 with some great programs.

On Wednesday, January 4, we resume our “first Wednesday” dinner meetings at the Rock Salt Restaurant on South Lake Union. Our speaker will be Steve Lloyd, the owner of Wave Bookstores and a diving company in Alaska. Steve will take us back to 1868 when the federal government began sending military security to the newly purchased Alaska territory. USS TORRENT was transporting troops through Cook Inlet when it struck a rock near Port Graham. All personnel aboard made it safely ashore but the exact location of TORRENT remained a mystery until the summer of 2007 when our speaker discovered the wreck.

Steve produced a dramatic underwater television documentary showing the recovery of artifacts from the 140-year-old ship. He will show us sections of the film and walk us through the discovery.

In February, we switch to a “First Sunday” meeting, on the 7th. We will be meeting at The Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) to enjoy chowder and salad and to hear from MOHAI Historian Dr. Lorraine McConaghy. She has a newly published book titled Warship Under Sail, The USS DECATUR in the Pacific West which focuses on four episodes in the DECATUR’s Pacific Squadron mission. One of those is the Seattle war story that contested American treaties and settlements. Dr. McConaghy will autograph copies of her book at the end of the meeting.

Mark your calendars with these two dates and we’ll see you next year!

2010 Society Officers and Board Members Named

New PSMHS officers and board members were elected at the November monthly meeting to lead the organization during 2010. Roger Ottenbach, who has served as Society first vice president during 2008 and
### Change, Challenge, Achievement and Opportunity

**By Chuck Fowler**

My two years at the helm of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society ship has been a time of change, challenge, achievement and opportunity.

While remaining true to our proud 60 year history and traditions, we’ve changed and become more visible as a leading maritime history organization in the Puget Sound area and the Pacific Northwest. We’ve strengthened partnerships with our valued affiliates for the past half century, the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), other nonprofit organizations, business and government. In addition we’ve sought to recognize our volunteers and provide better member service and value.

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