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**December Research Library/
Archives Closure Update**

The good news for potential researchers is that the timeframe for the complete closure of our archives & library at MOHAI continues to get pushed back. We expect that we will shut down research services including photo orders in January.

The newest plan is to pack in January and February and move in March. All of these dates are subject change if the renovation work at the Georgetown research center does not proceed according to the new-new schedule. Please contact us to make appointments for Thursdays as we are currently booking several weeks out with patrons. 206.324.1126 x 41 or research@pugetmaritime.org.

Membership News

Thank you to NEW MEMBERS: **Phil Wood, Lavern Dean, Del King and Lynda Livingston.**

Thank you to UPGRADE MEMBERS: **John Cox, Captain Suzanne Englebert, Virginia Randolph and John Waterhouse.**

For membership inquires or to give us your email address, contact: membership@pugetmaritime.org or phone 206.324.1126 x 41 and ask for Jennifer.

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COMING UP FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AFTERNOON MEETINGS

■ Our January lunch buffet at MOHAI will be on Sunday, January 8, 2012. The program will feature **Chuck Fowler** and **Dan Withers** discussing their recent book, *Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound*. It will cover more than a century of fast patrol vessel history on Puget Sound. This book is part of the "Images in America" series produced by Arcadia Publishing Company.

■ Our February lunch buffet at MOHAI will feature a registered pilot from the Puget Sound Pilots Association who will speak about their requirements assisting ship handling and water safety.

The Sunday afternoon meetings are an excellent time to invite guests or to bring possible new Society members. Watch the January Newsletter for more information on the programs and reservation details.

Sponsorships Make a Difference!

By Karen Marshall, Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that through sponsorship and teamwork, a digital copy of the popular rare archival material commonly known as *St. Michaels and the Yukon* has been produced. This is a bound and historically annotated volume by William L. Taylor from Customs House documents of St. Michael, Alaska up to its closure in 1930. These materials have been of tremendous historical value to researchers. Organized by Jeff Bennett of Minneapolis, a group has sponsored the digitization of this material at the University of Washington Digital Initiatives Department. The UW has state-

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2012 CALENDAR. Poulsbo Historical Society's 2012 commemorative calendar features photos of Pacific Coast Codfish Company ships and operations. Photos from the Shields Collection. \$12 per calendar includes shipping/handling. Poulsbo Historical Society, PO Box 844, Poulsbo, WA 98370 3/12

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PSMHS NEWSLETTER

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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of-the-art equipment and programs to scan materials without damaging the contents and can produce a variety of formats suitable for our use. The result is that researchers anywhere in the world will be able to access the information found in the Custom House documents without touching the originals and our precious book can be securely housed in our archives. My thanks to **Jeff Bennett** for making this possible and the other members of S.S. POLITKOFKY research team: **Michael Burwell**, Anchorage, Alaska; **Randolph Beebe**, Duluth, Minnesota; and **Kate Worthington** of Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas.

If projects like this are of interest to you, please contact Karen Marshall at 206.324.1126 x 41. I would love to discuss sponsorships opportunities.

Report From "Behind The Scenes"

Karen Marshall, Executive Director

By the time this newsletter reaches you,, I expect 95% of our artifact collection will be packed and stored here at MOHAI until the time comes to move to our new storage area in Georgetown. As of the end of October 1,278 objects from our collection had been packed in 143 boxes in 13 crates. Overall, 40,495 items have been packed in 2,359 boxes in 35 crates. Keeping all of the crates in the storage areas for security and climate control is a tremendous logistical operation requiring constant adjustment of the



packing stations as crates fill the space once occupied by artifacts on shelving. This part of the move for 2012 is going smoothly—the team of packers are actually ahead of schedule!

What's Missing at MOHAI?

If you come to MOHAI and look to the northeast, you will notice that the USS COLORADO deck gun is no longer pointing toward Laurelhurst. The 5"/51 Caliber Gun Mount owned by the US Navy was loaned to PSMHS in 1964. After a year of negotiations with the Seattle Parks Department, what



we all commonly refer to as the "deck gun" could not be relocated to Lake Union Park. We are pleased that in the wake of our relocation, the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis has become the next caretaker of this beloved object which serves as a great tribute to the Veterans of World War II. A special ceremony for the "deck gun" will be held at the Veterans Memorial Museum during their World War II Veterans Remembrance event on December 4, 2011. You can find out more about the Veterans Memorial Museum at www.veteransmuseum.org.

PSMHS Now Accepting Credit Cards

We now accept credit card payment for becoming a member, renewing your membership, making your dinner meeting reservation and to make donations to the Society. Simply go to the online payment page of our web site to see the payment options—pugetmaritime.org/payments.

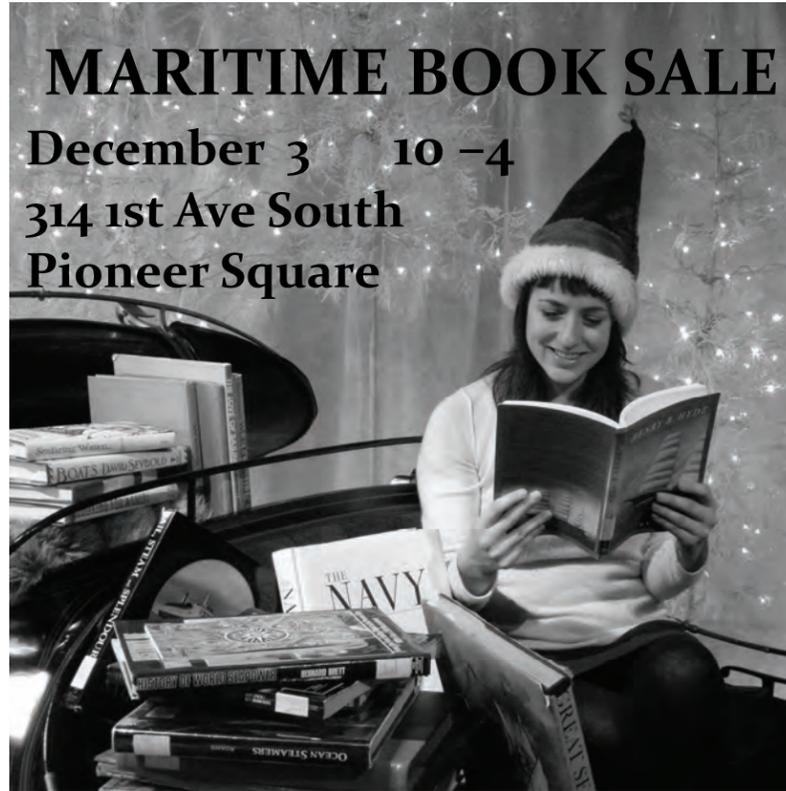
Annual Book Sale Volunteers and Tables Needed

Volunteers are needed to help move books on Friday, December 2, and help during the book sale in Pioneer Square on December 3. Shifts are 10:00AM to 2:00PM and 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Contact Karen for more details at 206.324.1126 x 41.

We are also looking for 6-foot and 8-foot tables to borrow for December 2-4. If you have any to loan us, please call Karen at 206.324.1126 x 41 to make arrangements.

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