February Afternoon Program: Tugboats on Puget Sound: 150 Years of Workboat History

Our February meeting on Sunday the 8th will feature a program surrounding the publication of a new pictorial history book, Tugboats on Puget Sound, by PSMHS president Chuck Fowler and well-known boat and tug company owner and operator Captain Mark Freeman. The book, to be published on February 2, features more than 200 familiar and rare photos and 16,000 words of text covering more than a century and a half of Puget Sound tugboat history. Many of the book’s photos are from Mark’s personal collection of more than 100,000 tug images and others from museums, libraries, tug company archives, and other private collectors.

Also as part of the program, five historic tugs highlighted in the book are scheduled to be on exhibit and open for tours at the Park’s Historic Ships Wharf from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. These workboats are the ARTHUR FOSS (1889), ELMORE (1890), HENRIETTA FOSS (1931), and Fremont Tugboat Company’s BLUEBERRY (1941) and GRACE (the former GRACE FOSS, 1968).

At 2:30 p.m., a program-appropriate lunch will be served in the Armory, hearty “tug galley” beef stew, salad, cookies, coffee and other beverages at $15 per person. Following lunch at about 3:00 p.m. Chuck will present an illustrated program featuring 40 photos and their stories from the new book, and Mark will make follow-up comments and answer questions.

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Bring your family members, friends and other guests to this terrific program. Please fill in the monthly meeting reservation form on page 3, include your payment and send to PSMHS, P.O. Box 9731, Seattle WA 98109. Don’t forget to wear your warm tugboat gear for the tug tours outside and then join inside the armory for fellowship, fun and an interesting afternoon of maritime history.

Thanks to our event partners and co-sponsors, Northwest Seaport and the Center for Wooden Boats, and especially the owners of the vintage tugs on exhibit, Mark and Margie Freeman, Erik Freeman and Tom Bulson (BLUEBERRY and GRACE), Dee and Sarah Meek (ELMORE), Mike Garvey (HENRIETTA FOSS), and Northwest Seaport (ARTHUR FOSS).

In Memoriam

PSMHS has lost another regular attendee at our dinner meetings. Jackie Kelly passed away December 13, 2008. She was a teacher of first grade at several West Seattle Schools over her lifetime of teaching. She and her husband John Kelly attended 1st grade together in West Seattle. We will remember her being so very pleasant at the meetings.
Annual Fund Drive Raises Over $15,000
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“Regardless of our current economic crisis, our dedicated members committed these vitally-needed funds to help the Society continue its growth,” said president Chuck Fowler. He noted that the golf tournament and annual fund money is crucial to the Society’s success as it partners with MOHAI to develop the new MOHAI museum at Lake Union Park, sustains on-going operations and pursues new initiatives.

“We sincerely thank everyone for their generous financial support at this challenging time, and also dedicated volunteer service to the Society,” Fowler said. Those members who contributed to the 2008 annual fund campaign are:

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Chandler’s Cove Museum

Needs Docents

Our Puget Sound Maritime Museum at Chandler’s Cove, South Lake Union, is operating in 2009. Our operation will expand beyond two days a week when we have more volunteers to stand an afternoon

Docent Watch (Noon-5 p.m.). Docent training will be provided. If this is a way you may share your knowledge of the Puget Sound maritime scene, call Dick Vanderpool, or President Chuck Fowler. Dick’s phone number is 206-663-7776. If you have the time we have the perfect service opportunity to let visitors know of our maritime heritage.

There is free parking for docents, or, if you use public transit, the Seattle Streetcar stops at the Chandler’s Cove entrance.

Memorials

Mary Bruce in memory of Roy Bruce, Ed & Ginny Wortman in memory of Gordon Nygard, Norman L. Smith in memory of Tom Sandry, Marian Cooter in memory of Edward H. Jenner, Eric Lindgren in memory of Roy & Mary Bruce, Gertrude Quinn in memory of Captain Ray Quinn, John Kelly and Pat Hartle in memory of Jackie Kelly.

James Cole Awarded

The Norwegian Commercial Club has awarded PSMHS member and former president (1979-1981) James Cole its 2008 King Neptune Award. This is awarded to recognize individuals or organizations for outstanding contributions to the North Pacific fishing industry.