A SPECIAL SUNDAY PROGRAM: AWARDS! GLOBAL DIVING SPEAKER! A GREAT BUFFET!

Our May 2nd meeting will be one of our Sunday afternoon gatherings. It will be at the Maritime Events Center, the former Odyssey, on Seattle’s waterfront.

Starting at 2 p.m. we’ll enjoy a wonderful Tuscan Buffet. The program will begin at 3:00 with our Annual Medal of Merit Award, given to a person who has made a significant effort to preserve Northwest maritime history. Next, we will proudly present the annual PSMHS Volunteer of the Year Award to a person who has given greatly to our society’s mission.

The special day continues with our keynote speaker, Devon Grennan, President of Global Diving and Salvage Co. He has served as Global’s environmental division manager and, from 2000 to 2009, as General Manager. Now at President, he oversees the wide array of operational and administrative activities as his firm does business all over the world.

Devon’s topic features the ship PRINCESS KATHLEEN. She was built by John Brown & Co., Glasgow and launched in 1924. The vessel served the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle coastal service until 1932 when she was taken over as a troop transport. In 1947 she returned to Canadian Pacific (CP) and in 1949 was assigned to CP’s Vancouver-Alaska cruise service. On September 7, 1952, north of Juneau, she went aground at low tide. When the tide rose, the bow remained aground while the stern was swamped. She then slid into deep water as the tide rose further and was a total loss. There were no fatalities.

In February 2010 Global Diving & Salvage was engaged by the US Coast Guard to survey and assess the potential qualities of remaining fuel onboard the vessel, as it was reported that oil had been leaking from the vessel. The determination was made that 155,000 gallons could still be on board in various tanks. Global was then activated to develop underwater lightening plans and begin to remove oils from the vessel.

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The June 2010 issue of our acclaimed membership journal will explore the history of the lumber industry and shipping that developed to serve that trade. Watch for your copy about mid-June.