May 1 Evening Program at Ivar’s Salmon House: Medal of Merit 
& Volunteer of the Year Awards Presentation | Story of a Successful 
Community Restoration Project: The THELMA C

Once each year we meet to honor our Medal of Merit Winner and salute our Volunteer of the Year. As we go to print, the selection committee is deliberating the Medal of Merit Winner, so look for the announcement of this year’s recipient on our Facebook page and on our website.

We are pleased to announce the 2013 Volunteer of the Year is Karl House. Karl was featured in the April newsletter’s Volunteer Spotlight. We salute Karl’s dedication and tenacity in helping researchers from all over the world find the information that they need in our Maritime Research Center. Our program for this meeting features veteran shipwright & commercial fisherman Brian Johnson who will present the work he has done rebuilding the shallow-draft salmon seiner THELMA C for the Kodiak Maritime Museum. The boat was designed by Seattle’s Bill Garden and built by Commercial Marine on Lake Union in 1965 as part of the Federal Disaster Relief program to replace Alaskan fishing boats destroyed in the 1964 tsunami. In 1991 Seattle-born Brian Johnson purchased the boat in Kodiak, rebuilt it, and raised his children on board while fishing the waters around Kodiak. He later sold THELMA C and the next owner eventually donated it to the Kodiak Maritime Museum. In 2012 the museum obtained funds to hire Brian to return and rebuild his former boat as a community project. It is currently one of the most successful restoration projects on the west coast.
Dear Fellow Members,

Your Society is not a solo voyager through today’s troubled waters, but has the support of several partners. Our long-time major partner is, of course, the Museum of History and Industry. MOHAI provides us with space for our research center at their Georgetown facility. Also we jointly curate the McCurdy Family Maritime Gallery in the new museum at South Lake Union. (It is a fabulous museum if you have not yet been to it.)

We also sit on the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council. This is a group of maritime museums and heritage vessel owners from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. We meet quarterly to discuss issues of common interest, share ideas, and develop joint projects. The Council maintains a list of maritime museums on the website graciously hosted by Three Sheets Northwest on its Heritage page.

A recent joint project is with the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, owners of Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain. We have agreed to offer an award for the best maritime history project at the annual state high school History Day competition sponsored by the Washington State Historical Society.

In the planning stages is an event this winter honoring the Alaska fishing fleets based on Puget Sound. This is a joint project of MOHAI, The Center for Wooden Boats, and the Society.

We continue to explore new projects with our fellow maritime heritage organizations. We all benefit from this collaboration and it allows us to multiply the benefits to the Society.

John W. Hough
President

GiveBIG is Coming May 15

We are participating in The Seattle Foundation’s third annual GiveBIG for 24 hours on May 15. This is a one-day, online charitable giving event to inspire people to give generously. Contributions from GiveBIG sponsors to match a percentage of the individual contributions made through the Seattle Foundation’s website. Only online contributions are allowed. Plan on supporting PSMHS as part of Seattle’s biggest giving day of the year! To participate, simply go to our website on May 15 and click on the GiveBIG button. Thanks for your support!
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WEDNESDAY
MAY 1, 2013

WHERE
Ivar’s Salmon House
401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, Washington 98105

Parking is in lot on east side or across Northlake Way

WHEN
Weds, May 1, 2013
6 pm Bar Opens
7 pm Awards, Salmon Dinner & Speaker

RESERVE EARLY
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Membership Report March 2013

We welcome new members listed in bold and thank all of you who have renewed in the month of March!

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John Backland
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John Graham
Michael Wollaston

Captain Level
Chuck Cordiner
Barry Eager
Geoffrey Genther
Lisa Haug & Amado Shuck
John Lyness
Paul Marlow
Mark McCaffrey & Cindy Fielder
Andrew Price
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Keith Whittemore

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Anacortes Public Library
Lowell Anderson
E. F. “Skip” & Sharon Brown
Margaret Corrigan
William Cowals
David Fastabend
Carol Greene
Jim & Cindy Greetham
David Grover

Richard Herger
Cecil Herrington
Jon & Patricia Kent
Rick Kirsten

Clyde Laughlin
William Lunquist
Paul & Joan Poliak
Thomas, Anastasia, & Torleif Samulsen

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Marja Van Pietersom
Mary & Jim Van Valkenburg
Ron Waude
Roland Webb
Bob Willard
Robert Winslow

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Scott Anderson
Hans Brouwer
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Brian Johnson measuring a rib, reconstructed THELMA C

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