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Patrol and Rescue Boats Book Publication Date Set

The third in the series of Puget Sound-focused maritime pictorial history books, Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound, will be released and in bookstores on December 12, according to Arcadia Publishing Co. Co-authored by PSMHS members Chuck Fowler and Dan Withers, the new book features 19,000 words of text and more than 200 images. The photos chronicle the history of smaller military patrol craft on the Sound from 1896 until 2010, including the operation of the legendary PT (patrol torpedo) boats of World War II. Many of the images, from the National Archives to veteran’s personal collections, have never been published.

The book, as well as the related Arcadia titles Maritime Seattle, Tall Ships on Puget Sound, and Tugboats on Puget Sound, can be ordered through the publisher’s web site, www.arcadiapublishing.com, or by calling their toll free order line 1-888-313-2665.

Chuck and Dan will be presenting a program featuring photos and illustrations from the book at the Sunday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. Society meeting at MOHAI.

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While the possibilities of enhanced economic activity have some corporations drooling in anticipation of booming bottom lines, governments and port authorities are scrambling to ensure local economies survive the changes. Environmentalists are struggling to comprehend the threats to the already polluted waters.

Will the history of the Northwest Passage deliver the promise of a better world or does it point to a tragic global cross-species disaster?

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October Report From “Behind The Scenes” by Karen Marshall, Executive Director

For those of you who missed my packing report with photos at our September dinner meeting, the packers are about halfway through the largest object storage space at MOHAI and as of September 9 have packed 26,035 objects in 1,459 boxes which are then packed into larger Porta Boxes. The newest scheduling estimate is that the packing of our artifacts will begin in late October and go well into November. With this revised schedule, it may be possible to continue with some research into the month of October, until final preparations begin for the packing of the library/archives.

If you wish to do some research, please contact us either by phone or email: research@pugetmaritime.org. The library is an extremely busy place with final inventorying occurring, so research appointments are absolutely necessary at this time.

Board Seeks Nominees to Serve on Board of Governors

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve a three-year term on the PSMHS Board of Governors. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know who can meet the following criteria: 1) Interest in being engaged in strategic thinking for the future development of the organization; 2) Consistent attendance and active participation at regular board meetings held in Seattle; 3) Regular attendance at PSMHS events; 4) Participation as an active member on at least one committee or project area; 5) Participation in the fundraising activities of the organization in a manner appropriate for you as an individual; 6) Preparation before regular board meetings by reading and studying materials sent in advance regarding key actions the board is expected to take at the next meeting.

If you’d like to make a difference, please contact Nominating Committee Chair Chuck Fowler at 360.943.2858 or email nwm@comcast.net. Nominations are due September 23, 2011.

Database Grant Received

PSMHS has received a $3,700 Heritage Collections Care Grant from 4Culture to create a PastPerfect Volunteer User Manual and to give Jennifer Myers, our Membership Manager and Registrar, additional hours to work on standardizing the data within our collections and membership software.

No Book Sale in November

In case you were thinking of doing your holiday shopping at our annual book sale in November, we are postponing the sale because of the packing for the move in early 2012. Instead we are hoping to have some roaming book sales in 2012. Details will be announced at a later date.

Hidden Hero for the Summer

Our newest volunteer Larry Statham is our summer “Hidden Hero.” After months of work, Larry has created an Excel database of 4,130 ships that have been featured mostly in Pacific Motorboat from the early 1900s to the 1930s. The data in this file includes ship name, number, dimensions, builder data and port information. We are hoping to get this file up on our website fairly soon so it can be used by researchers. We owe Larry a huge thank you for typing in the data from the 4,130 index cards into the searchable database. What a hero!

Membership News

We thank the following new members and members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level—

NEW MEMBERS since early September, 2011:
John D Dwyer, Olivia & Sydney Iverson, Tom & Beverly Tregoning, Frank & Dorothea Tregoning, and David G. Shields.

Members who have UP-GRADED since early September:
Peter & Cherie Christensen

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Dinner Meeting Reservation

CLIP AND MAIL FOR MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011
RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOON ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011
Name(s):
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P.O. BOX 9731, SEATTLE, WA, 98109-0731
Call 206-938-2397 or pathartle@comcast.net for changes, cancellations or questions. Guests are always welcome. Please include payment.

REMEMBER that reservations and cancellations are due in a timely manner. No refunds will be given for cancellations made less than 48 hours before the dinner.

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