SEPTEMBER MEETING
FOSS WATERWAY SEAPORT

CLIP AND MAIL FOR SEPT 14TH MEETING
RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDS, SEPT 10TH

Name(s):

Telephone:
Email:
Total # Attendees @ $30 per person:
Total Amount of Check Enclosed: $

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PSMHS
MAIL TO: PSMHS DINNER MEETING,
P.O. BOX 81142, SEATTLE, WA, 98108

Questions? Email: program@pugetmaritime.org or
phone Pat Hartle at 206-938-2397. Thank you.

Reservation and Cancellation Policy:
Refunds will not be given unless the
cancellation is made 48 hours prior to the
program to cover our catering costs.

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Newsletter Deadline

The October newsletter deadline is
Wednesday, September 3. The newsletter
deadline will be the first Wednesday of each
month prior to publication. Please send
content via US Mail, or email to
newsletter@pugetmaritime.org.
The virtually secret story of Navy PT boats on Puget Sound will be revealed at the Sunday, September 14 monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society at the Foss Waterway Seaport (FWS) in Tacoma.

Chuck Fowler, past Society president and co-author of the pictorial history book “Patrol and Rescue Boats on Puget Sound,” will present an illustrated program chronicling three waves of PT boat operations in the Sound during WWII.

Beginning with four early Elco-built PT boats shipped here en-route to Alaska and the Aleutians immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and ending with 36 Higgins PTs boats sent to Russia in 1945 under the Lend Lease program, rare photos, government records and veterans’ personal stories will reveal this heretofore hidden history. A preview of this fascinating story was presented in the special military maritime issue of The Sea Chest in June.

The September meeting will begin at 1 pm with welcomes by Society president John Hough and Wes Wenhardt, the FWS executive director. Wenhardt will give a current update and brief history of the major, total $24 million FWS renovation project, which began originally in 1996.

Following the welcomes, a buffet-style lunch will be served in the spectacular glassed-in north entry area of the newly-reopened, 45,000 square foot Seaport building. It was constructed in the early 1900s as the Balfour-Guthrie warehouse.

Society members and guests will marvel at the original wooden trusses overhead, which feature massive, more than 100 foot long Douglas fir beams.

At 2 pm, following lunch, Chuck will present his PowerPoint program about the Puget Sound operations of the speedy, tough PT boats, made famous by the wartime actions of the late President John F. Kennedy, the skipper of the legendary PT 109 in the Pacific.

This is a great opportunity for our south Sound members to enjoy
one of our dinner meetings closer to home! Members of the Foss Waterway Seaport and other Tacoma area maritime and heritage organizations are also being invited to join our membership at the meeting, so it is also an opportunity to mingle with others in the south Sound maritime community.

The first of several planned outreach meetings for the Society’s membership, this Tacoma meeting signals the board’s intent to carry our maritime history programs and resources to all of Puget Sound - not just Seattle, according to Hough. In cooperation with partner maritime organizations, the Society will be exploring additional periodic meetings at sites throughout the Sound.

The Foss Waterway Seaport is located a 705 Dock Street, just below Tacoma’s old City Hall on the waterfront. From either southbound or northbound on I-5, take the I-705 exit into downtown Tacoma, continue on and take the off ramp signed Schuster Parkway down toward Commencement Bay and past the 11th Street Bridge on your right. Turn right at the first traffic light, proceed over the railroad tracks onto Dock Street and you will see the glass front of the Foss Waterway Seaport on your left. Lunch will be $30 per person and the Foss Waterway Seaport facility will be open to attendees for tours after the program.

There is limited parking in front of the Seaport, and additional parking in the lot immediately north (paid) as well as on Dock Street itself (free).
It’s Time For Our Annual Appeal!

As fall approaches we are preparing our Annual Appeal. This year we hope you’ll help us keep the lighthouse lit and the wind in our sails! Your contributions will truly help to sustain our society – from education outreach to care of collections and document preservation. Please keep your eyes open for the letter in your mailbox!

Changes to Research Operations

As you may know, the research operations of PSMHS are run by a handful of volunteers who work in the office only three Thursdays of the month – that’s 12-18 hours per month per volunteer! And did you know that, as of 2013, the value of volunteer work is $26.72/hour?

Due to the very limited time and resources available to us, we have decided to support volunteer and staff efforts by instituting a fee policy for research services. Please note that this applies to library inquiries and ship plan inquiries. The fees will be enforced as follows, beginning Monday, September 1.

PSMHS Members

PSMHS members at the Navigator ($60) or above levels may make use of 2 free hours of staff/volunteer research services per year. Any additional research time will be charged at $30 per hour or any part thereof.

Boatswain level members will be charged $20 per hour for the first two hours of staff/volunteer research services per year and $30 per hour or any part thereof beyond that.

Non-Members

Research requests from non-members will be charged $50 per hour or any part thereof. Payment for the first hour is due before research begins. If the request will require more than an hour of staff/volunteer time to complete, the researcher will estimate the additional time and payment will be due before any further research.

*Please note that if the research can be completed or the request can be answered within 15 minutes or we cannot help you, your $50 fee will be refunded. Special arrangements can be made for students upon request.

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