SEPTEMBER DINNER PROGRAM:
TRAGEDY AND COURAGE
ON THE BERING SEA

Our September meeting program will feature a film about the fire and sinking of the Fishing Vessel GALAXY in the Bering Sea. The narrative will be told by the Captain of GALAXY, Dave Shoemaker, as he experienced it on October 20, 2002. It was just an ordinary day with 20-foot seas and 30-knot winds for the 25 men and one woman aboard the ship when the crew detected smoke on multiple decks. Within four minutes, the first violent explosion rocked the vessel and blew three members of the starboard fire team through the gear setting hatch at the stern and 30 feet through the air into the frigid water.

The fire spread rapidly and melted the radials off the wheelhouse bulkhead. Most of their survival gear was consumed in flames.

Captain Shoemaker has been interviewed by John Sabella, a PSMHS member. John created this educational video about the terrible happening for training purposes for other fishing companies.

Captain Shoemaker is a Vietnam Marine Veteran, a devout Christian and loves motorcycles. He started his fishing career by walking the docks at Seattle’s Fisherman’s terminal in a 3-piece suit looking for work. In 1979, he landed a job on PACIFIC VIKING as a deck hand. After two years, the ship was sold and he was not invited to go. His two years were a lengthening experience, but the company thought he was too experienced to go. He was much happier working on hunting boats and fishing to support himself. After second job, he went to work for Gorfire, a PSMHS member. For the next 20 years, he worked for other companies.

GLAXXY was built in 1942 as a US Mine Layer, then converted to GOOSE, yacht, r/c/ yms. All with display construction of ship models in any condition or size. Thirty-five years experience in restoration, appraisal, and conservation. For a museum quality restoration contact Gary White, The Ship Model Desktop, 253-952-4012 or garray9@msn.com

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September Dinner Program
At Ivar’s Salmon House: Tragedy and Courage on the Bering Sea

September 7, 2011
Ivar’s Salmon House
401 Northlake Way
Seattle, Washington

Menu: Rotisserie Chicken

Bar opens at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 7 p.m.

Program: Tragedy and Courage on the Bering Sea
A Narrative Film as Told by Captain Dave Shoemaker
About the Terrible Fire and Sinking of the Fishing Vessel
Galaxy in the Bering Sea in October 2002.

Your reservation form must be received not later than noon on Monday, Sept 5, 2011
or call Pat Hartle at 206-938-2397 or pathartle@comcast.net for more information and reservation changes only.

Your reservation TODAY!

About the Fire of the fishing vessel Galaxy

On October 5, an afternoon at MOHAI, John Waterhouse and Russ McComb of Elliott Bay Design discuss ferryboat design.

Upcoming Programs
On October 5, an evening at Ivar’s Salmon House, Penelope Goforth will enlighten us on the positives and negatives of commercial shipping across the Polar Route.

On November 6, an afternoon at MOHAI, John Waterhouse and Russ McComb of Elliott Bay Design discuss ferryboat design.

In December there will be no meeting.

Membership News
We thank the following new members and members who have recently renewed their membership at an upgraded level—
NEW MEMBERS since the beginning of May, 2011:

Members who have UPGRADED since May, 2011:

Join us for this incredible story of the fire and demise of F/V GALAXY.

SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

IVAR’S SALMON HOUSE

401 NORTHLACE WAY

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

MENU: ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

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DELIVER PROMPTLY
Move Update: Report From "Behind The Scenes"
by Karen Marshall, Executive Director

Packing has begun! At the beginning of July, our 7,000 ship plans were packed and placed in a storage vault. This collection was the first to be packed because the plans were located at the entrance to the largest collections storage room here at MOHAI where the main packing stations will be located to pack all of the artifacts for both MOHAI and PSMHS. There are at least five people here packing artifacts on a daily basis so it is a busy place!

Here are the important dates:

Currently

1) We will not be able to accept any objects, photographs or documents for potential acquisition until after we are moved and settled in the new location.

2) No ship plans are available for order for at least seven months.

3) Research patrons must make an appointment to use the library now because we have the final inventory work going on to prepare for the packers.

October 1 —

The PSMHS Research Library will close to patrons. All research will need to be completed by this date. Please phone 206-324-1126, x 41 to schedule an appointment or email research@pugetmaritime.org.

November 1 —

All orders for photographs will stop at this time. We expect the photo orders to open late Spring or early summer 2012.

The new PSMHS Maritime Research Center within MOHAI’s new administration and library building is located in Georgetown, a south Seattle neighborhood. For security reasons the exact location of the building is not being disclosed at this time. MOHAI is currently in the process of planning the renovations to the building and the layout. Remodeling of the building will begin within the next few months and is anticipated to be completed by January 2012 when the actual move will begin. As more details emerge we will keep you informed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Welcome New Interns!

This summer we have two UW Museum Studies Students interning with us. Joseph Wagnier II is doing an administrative internship to learn about museum administration and Tomasia DeVitis is working through our deaccessioning process. Welcome to Joseph and Tomasia!

PSMHS
Membership Application

| Individual/Family Membership  | $40   |
| Associate (Libraries, Museum, Non-Profit) | $40   |
| Sustaining Member             | $50   |
| Sponsor                       | $75   |
| Patron                        | $100  |
| Corporate Membership          | $500  |
| Benefactor                    | $500  |
| Navigator                     | $1000 |

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P.O. Box 9731, Seattle, WA 98109-0731 (Include your check)

ippiation through their use in the Burke’s educational programming. Not only will this process lead to a stronger maritime collection for our Society, but it will also build lasting relationships with the institutions that we work with to find more appropriate homes for the artifacts that are outside of our mission.

Grant Received

The Kelly Foundation of Washington has awarded us $3,500 for upgrading the storage conditions of the Williamson photograph collection. This grant will enable us to purchase Melinex sleeves to protect a portion of the printed images; the overall project cost is $8,000.

Big Thanks

Many thanks to John and Gloria Ozberg for their generous donation to support our work in preparation for our move in 2012!