



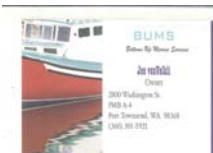
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Birdbrain Boatworks



Bryon Hayes Woodworks



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Coffee Sue of **Sunrise Coffee** serves it up hot to a plethora of Port Townsend finishers. Pictured are; Gordon Neilson, Diana Talley, Sonia Frojen, Jason Bledsoe, Joni Blanchard, Debi Saxton, Maggie Day, Rita Mandoli, Moriah Dailer, Crystal Goodner, Dianna Denny, Salomae Hill, Julia Maynard, Arthur Minnerly and Dave Askew. Not pictured Diane Salguero.

‘TIS THE SEASON – FOR FINISHING, THAT IS

Written By Diana Talley

Port Townsend is considered the “**Wooden Boat Mecca**” all over the world. Our annual Wooden Boat Festival continually promotes what we, the **Trades**, do every working day, all year long. Whether it’s shipwright work, welding and fabrication, fiberglass yacht construction, systems, charters, design, sails, canvas, caulking and education. You name it – **We got it good!**

FINISHING is the part of a boat project that takes all the good work done



Canvas Magic



Craftsman United



D'Arcy Marine

Design Kraft



Dianna Denny Design

D. L. Askew Yacht Refinisher

Fine Yacht Interiors

Freyja Boatworks



Greg Friedrichs



Frojen Canvas



previously and makes it look **great**. Not that boats or boat maintenance is ever finished. So we in PT are lucky to have a plethora of experienced Finishers who work, year round, to give Port Townsend **Shine**.

But this is the beginning of their **Busy Season**. February often brings periods of high pressure weather patterns which allow late-winter coatings to go on. And if the high pressure doesn't show... Well, the coatings still go on. (ie. recent work done on Sea Wolf in the Boat Haven). Those lucky so and so's.

I guess to be a great finisher you need certain – let's call them – qualities. Tenacity, physical endurance, patience, intelligence, an eye for detail, stick-to-itiveness, humor, extreme self-confidence, flexibility, willingness to learn new techniques and courage. Courage to look at the sky – look at your deadline and **GO FOR IT**. Humor to laugh at yourself when your weather assessment wasn't exactly spot on. Physical endurance and tenacity to sand it off and make it right. Extreme self-confidence to look the owner in the eye and say "hey – I know what I'm doing. You have a deadline and I intend to meet it". And then, of course, flexibility for the insane hours you need to work to stay out of the way of those blankety-blank shipwrights and their dust, to meet that deadline. Late nights, weekends, holidays. (But please – never on a Sunday.) **Finishers are downright NEUROTIC.**

Because we are neurotic, or really good, we're always busy. Most of us have regular customers who line us up by November for work in the spring. If an owner waits until April and then remembers yearly maintenance, they may not find a finisher who can fit them in. **OWNERS BEWARE!** Spring comes around most years. Plan for it. And even though we boast a plethora of experienced finishers, there's plenty of room in our industry for anyone with our "qualities" to join our ranks, especially since some of us must be close to retirement. Anyone wanting to get a more in depth view of what finishing really is The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding offers finishing seminars each year. Contact them at 385-4948 for details.

Gotta go – I have a deadline and it looks like it's gonna rain.

Greetings from David Griswold – PTMTA Chairman

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter. It's hard for me to think that spring is here but the signs are everywhere; sunny days, trees in full bloom, migrating geese and the dreaded lawn that needs to be mowed. I don't know about you, but I'm ready.

The Board has been quite busy since the election in November. There was a large turn over of the Board which has taken time for everyone to come up to speed with the duties and the needs of the committees. To smooth this transition in the future, we will re-balance the Board before our next election to eliminate this large turn over. We are also putting together a **PTMTA Manual** which will itemize all the duties of the organization with a timeline for these items to be accomplished. Along these lines the Board is working on clearing up some discrepancy in the Bylaws, formalizing the Articles of Incorporation, and filing for non-profit status. This is all very boring stuff, but needs to be done and out of our way.

Regrettably, Joe vonVolkli has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Joe's enthusiasm and great sense of humor will be missed by everyone on the Board. We wish him the best and hope he will be in a better position to re-join the Board at a future date. With Joe's absence, we are actively looking for someone to fill his position. If you are interested in this **coveted spot**, please contact the Board at **www.ptmta.org**.

Actively engaging the Port continues to be a **top priority** of the **PTMTA**. I have to say in the 4 years that have passed since we formed, I have seen a remarkable change of attitude between the Port and the Marine Trades. What was once considered an adversarial relationship is no longer the case. Originally we all hoped that someday the **PTMTA** and the **Port** would view each other as partners in the same business. This is



Jim Blaiklock



Julian Arthur Equipment

Kays Sails



Laingdon Schmitt



Leatherwood Finishing Co.



Mark Miller Woodworking

where we are today and we are all better for it.

The most important item the Board is currently following is the **State Dept. of Ecology's (DOE) new Boatyard Stormwater Regulations**. These new regulations seek to tighten current allowable heavy metal content and turbidity in the stormwater outflow of Port's and boatyards across the State. If these regulations go into effect, which is very possible, the **Port of Port Townsend** will not be able to meet the new standards **which will result in huge fines and possible closure**. In order to meet these new standards, major changes to the Port's existing stormwater system will need to be made at a time when it is seriously strapped for cash. This is a very serious matter which will affect our livelihood and the economic health of our Community. To address this issue, the **PTMTA will be sponsoring a Boatyard Stormwater Regulation Forum on Tuesday, March 23 at 5:15 pm at the Port Townsend Yacht Club** to educate our members and our community of the issues. **I strongly encourage everyone to attend.**

These new stormwater restrictions have come about in large part by a study that links copper content in Puget Sound with diminishing returns of wild salmon. There is much debate on the merits of the study, but the writing is on the wall. Copper bottom paint will soon be gone. California and several other states have approved legislation that phases out these paints in 10 years. To meet this challenge, the **PTMTA** will be hosting an **Eco-friendly bottom paint seminar during the Port Townsend Boat Festival**. We are hoping to have several bottom paint vendors there to educate the boating community on these new paints.

Much has been happening with the Education Committee. With the **PTMTA's** help, **Brion Toss Yacht Riggers** put on a fundraising seminar that raised a sizable donation for the **PTMTA** Education Fund. **Brion Toss** has been incredibly generous over the years and I wish to thank him for his continued support of the **PTMTA**. The Education Committee is now focusing on the Boat School Scholarship and Boatyard Internships program which you will be hearing more of in the months to come.

The PR committee has proposed the idea of highlighting one of our Active Members each month by helping to organize an open house. This would be a great opportunity for the featured business to show off their wares and gain PR. The concept is still in the planning phase. So, stay tuned.

Enjoy your spring

Marine Trades Economic Impact Study

Written by David Griswold

For a number of years I and others have been making the claim that collectively the Maritime Industry is the largest revenue producer in Jefferson County, surpassing the Port Townsend Paper mill, home construction or tourism. We say this under our breath, hoping the person on the receiving end of our boast won't take us to task on this claim. The fact of the matter is we do not have the hard numbers to back it up. The only numbers we do have are from a Marine Trade Economic Impact Study that was conducted back in 2003 by the Port of Port Townsend. According to Larry Crocket, this study was not considered an accurate assessment of the Marine Trades when completed, due to the poor return of surveys and the widely held skepticism of the Port's motives by marine trades people who were being surveyed. Whether this is the case or not, after 7 years much has changed and this study is now out of date.

After discussing the matter with Larry Crocket, we decided it was time for a new study. This month the Port of Port Townsend, Team Jefferson, and the PTMTA joined forces and started the process. The Port will provide the financial backing, Team



Morningstar Rigging

Mystery Bay Sails & Canvas



NORTHWEST MARITIME CENTER



Patience Boat Works

Jefferson will conduct the survey and compile the results, and the PTMTA will help formulate survey questions and provide a mailing list of marine trades businesses. The target completion date is June 1st of this year.

Whether the Maritime Industries is the leading industry in Jefferson County, or not, the fact of the matter is those businesses bring in a significant amount of revenue to our county. The unfortunate thing is, not many people are aware of it, including many of our business or elected leaders. My hope is to change public perception, which in turn will help the Maritime Industries continue to thrive and play a leading role in our community. Please, take the time to accurately fill out survey when it arrives in your mailbox. Thank you.

Updating the Website

Written by David Griswold

The PTMTA Board is looking into updating our website. Although our current website continues to work, two problems are starting to arise. One is that our website is "static"; meaning any changes to the website must be done by a web designer which has caused delays in updating Membership info and costs the PTMTA every time these changes are made. The other issue is that our website is falling behind the industry standards and is unable to utilize all of the interactive web tools available today.

The new website would be more interactive. Members will be able to change their personal info themselves (or a Board Member could do it for them), thus eliminating delays and fees. Third party internet software such as Blogs, events calendar, photo albums, social media (Facebook, Twitter, and the like) can be integrated in the website. The Newsletters can all be done directly from the website. And much more.

Jonathan Henson of Harbor Moon Designs (Jonathan built our current website) has provided an estimate of \$2,448 including the 20% non-profit business discount. From personal experience of updating our own website this is a very reasonable number. From the PTMTA's stand point, it means spending 50% of the Association's savings. Not something any of us on the Board is taking lightly.

The most promising aspect of this new website is the ability to integrate with 3rd party internet software. We have been advised there is a lot of marketing potential here. What that potential is for the PTMTA and Marine Trades is currently being looked into by the Board. Since our website is our main marketing tool, this alone may justify making the investment. We will keep you posted.

BUSINESS BRIEFS...

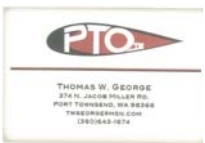


Scholarship Fundraiser by Toss Rigging for the PTMTA

The **BTYR's** 3-strand splicing workshop, held February 6th, was a great success, attracting students from California, Idaho, and Canada, as well as locals. We had sailors, arborists, tree house builders, and even a couple of guys who participate in Mountain Man gatherings. In the course of this all-day event, **we raised over \$1,100 for the PTMTA scholarship**. The workshop, organized by the crew at **Brion Toss Yacht Riggers**, ran students through



Point Hudson Boat Shop



Rita Mandoli

the basics of 3-strand splicing, and then took them into deeper waters, with options for things like the long splice, a rope-to-chain splice, button knots, and more. It was a great opportunity to pass on ancient skills to eager recipients, all while raising money to help pass on ancient skills to, um, other eager participants.

All eight of the instructors donated their time to the event. Likewise **New England Ropes** gave us two spools of beautiful rope. **Sunrise Coffee** contributed a pound of their beans to keep everyone going, and they even provided an industrial-sized percolator to brew it in. Other contributors included our local **West Marine** for miscellaneous supplies, and **Sweet Laurette's** for some delicious muffins. And we were able to conduct the class in a grand, airy space, upstairs in the new **Northwest Maritime Center**. **Thanks to everyone who donated time and/or materials to this great cause**



Welding Classes Available

The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding now offers a variety of welding and forging classes. Welding experience has been identified as one of the most sought after skills in the local marine trades and the school hopes to help meet that need.

Currently scheduled classes are: Open Welding – teaching basic welding and fabrication skill Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 pm to 3 pm over four weeks. The second is Intro to Welding – for artists, sculptors or general interest – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to noon, also for four weeks. Cost is \$265 and space is limited. For specific dates for March and April courses, contact the Boat School at (360) 385-4948 or e-mail at info@nwboatschool.org.

Additionally, “open shop” time is available every Tuesday from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm. This time is for individuals who have taken the Boat School courses or experienced welders who want to sharpen their skills. Cost is \$30 per session.

Beginning March 29, 2010, The Boat School will be hosting Peninsula Colleges Certified Welding program. These are 240 hour courses that can lead to nationally accredited welding certification.

The Boat School also welcomes any suggestions from PTMTA members on specific trainings they would like to see offered.



Kay Robinson Sails

Sanok Marine



Schooner Martha Foundation



Seran Hydraulics Consulting



Wooden Boat Foundation news

By Kaci Cronkhite

The Cupola House is empty, a new era has launched. After 16 life-changing years in the iconic Point Hudson landmark, WBF now has its own "home" at the Northwest Maritime Center. The original WBF dream of a "maritime center" featuring year round examples of Wooden Boat Festival activities and space for classrooms and expanded programs is now a reality. Come visit, get involved and help us make it your reality.

The WBF role is to promote wooden boat festival and "all things wooden boat" in our community. As the first stop at NWMC on Water Street, WBF crew will give tours, help locals and visitors and promote programs, charters, sail training, marine trades businesses and other maritime organizations. WBF is a strong advocate of local businesses and regional wooden boat organizations.

WBF provides funds for programs, scholarships, the new Library and boat maintenance through funds from Wooden Boat Festival. WBF Board allocates the proceeds each year to a mix of programs including \$2000 to the **PTMTA** scholarship at NWSWBB.

This year, we're hoping to include more PTMTA members than ever before in Wooden Boat Festival demonstrations and talks. Participating "Faculty" get a T-shirt and free admission to Festival all weekend, but will also be promoted on site at the WBF offices. **Wooden Boat Festival was born of marine trades** and is committed to promoting local trades. Contact Kaci by email, festival@woodenboat.org; stop by or call 360-385-3628, ext 106 to schedule a day and time for your talk during festival. WBF offices are at 431 Water Street (mailing address is now PO Box 82) on the first floor of the (yellow) Maritime Heritage Building. Office hours are from 10-3 M-F starting March 1 and will be full-time once the Wooden Boat Chandlery reopens this spring. See woodenboat.org for the latest information!



Where Will You Be Opening Day?

By Peter Quinn

Opening Day, May 1st will be the first day of the rest of its life for the Northwest Maritime Center and Wooden Boat Foundation. Everything will be under one roof for the first time. Everyone is invited to come experience Opening Day from the decks, First Federal Commons or the pier. Visit the new Chandlery and see what's new . . . and old.

The Chandler Maritime Education Building has several boat projects underway at all times. The venerable boat Dorjun, one of the stalwarts of our fleet, recently got the spruce up of her life. Built in 1907, Dorjun is in the best shape in many years. Maintenance work was performed by staff, Port Townsend finisher Diane Salguero and freshman students from Port Townsend High School, participating in a new program that explores the maritime trades as a career option. Under the guidance of master shipwright, Kees Prins, a true community, a reflection of the larger shipwright community in Port Townsend, is growing in the Boat Shop.

The chandlery, serving the boatbuilding community for the last 10 years, will be open for business in its new space as well. Offering even more 'boat bits' plus a broader selection of other items, "the hardware section alone is the size of the previous store," said Chandlery manager Rebecca Petrie. While the store is under construction, assistant Chandlery Manager Victoria Poling, is taking orders and making two deliveries a week to anyone who needs fasteners, cordage, oakum etc.. She is also fulfilling orders for walk-ins who absolutely, positively, need it today.

Opening Day it will be 'all together now'. Come see for yourself.



PORT TOWNSEND YACHT CLUB HOSTS OPENING DAY COMMUNITY PARADE

Fleet Captain, Galen Peterson invites everyone to participate in their annual opening day parade **May 1st**. Line-up starts right after the **12:45 p.m.** sailing of the ferry. A working vhf onboard is advised.

Every year this event grows as another on-the-water display of Port Townsend's distinctive fleet. Contact Galen at galen49@gmail.com for more information.



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Taku Marine is proud to announce we have been certified an **ENVIROSTARS** marine trades business with a **5 STAR RATING** for reducing hazardous waste.

After years of being in business and watching the **ENVIROSTARS** program grow, we wanted to support this program. We contacted Lori Clark of the Jefferson County Environmental Health solid waste division. She walked us through the application process and found that our **REDUCE/RE-USE/RECYCLING** business practices were what **ENVIROSTARS** is trying to promote.

Looking around the Port Townsend Marine Trades community, we see numerous other businesses that already employ these same environmental practices. We encourage everyone to consider applying for **ENVIROSTARS** certification. Lori will make it easy for you and can be reached at 360-385-9444 or visit www.envirostars.org.

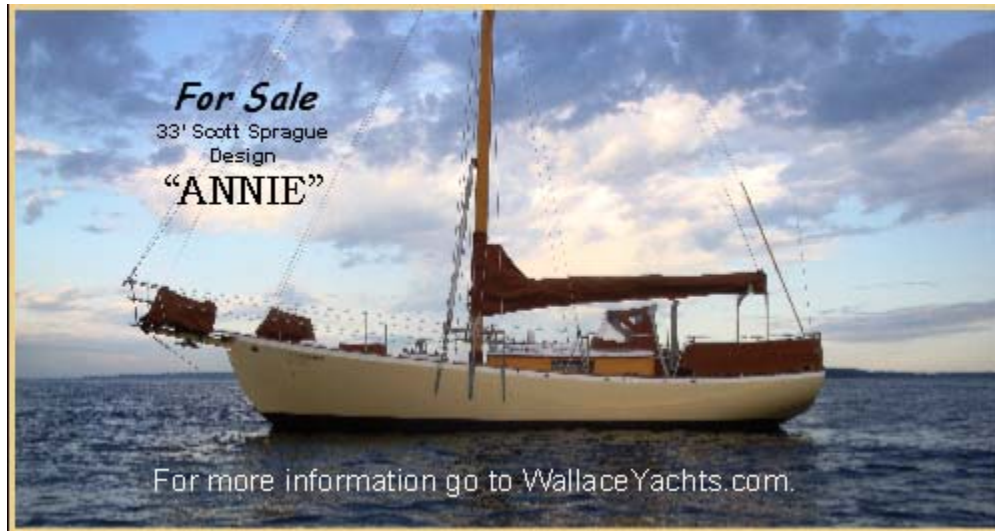


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