

CWB Volunteer Update: 5/1/2008

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Volunteer Survey

Please take some time to fill out this year's volunteer survey. Last year's responses helped us see what the biggest issues in the volunteer program were, and take steps to fix them. We'd like to see how we're doing now! You can find it online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=nxxNhPXoKZG9nIMshUw4YQ_3d_3d It will probably take 20-30 minutes.

Got the "write" stuff?

During Festival 15,000 visitors get a copy of our newsletter, Shavings, and we'd love to include your stories. Did you go on a grand boating adventure? Have a great race, or a great sailing lesson? Reflect upon your volunteer time? Limited space means we may not be able to include all submissions, but quality stories can also appear in future issues. Send your articles to Edel – eoconnor@cwbor.org – by May 10.

Media love for CWB

Overlooking some strained pirate references, Greg Johnston has a really great article on CWB in Thursday's P-I. You can find it online at http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/getaways/361066_woodenboats01.html

Cama

What isn't happening at Cama these days? The insurance finally got all wrapped up last week, and the patience of many years was rewarded with the first physical work party on site on April 26. Americorps volunteer Scott Brandenberger (sbrandenberger@cwbor.org) is now living on site and will be working with Cama Development & Operations Assistant Sara Gosnold (sgosnold@cwbor.org) and lead volunteer Brian Greene to roll things along. Mother's Day Sail is coming up, and we're planning for the Park Opening on June 21! (Want more details? Email Scott!)

CWB & Technology

Many of you sent comments to me, and many more showed up on Tuesday for what was, by all accounts, a lively but still reasonable discussion. If you missed it, don't worry – we're not done yet, and are already planning for a further series of forums.

SailNOW!

It's sold out for May and June... if you know anyone who wants to learn to sail with us this summer, they should get registered for July pretty quick!

www.atlakeunionpark.org

In conjunction with the April 30th opening of Lake Union Park, the Lake Union Work Group, composed of a number of maritime heritage groups and other players in and around the park, launched a new website – www.atlakeunionpark.org Check it out!

9th Ave revamped

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Between Broad St & Denny, 9th Ave has been converted to two-way, as of 4/26. SDOT is also adding bike lanes to the street, and bike friendly signage in SLU & the Denny Triangle, as part of the Bicycle Master Plan.

Leif Karlsen

Captain Kent Phillips has let us know that Leif Karlsen, a longtime former volunteer at CWB, has passed away. A celebration of his life will be held on June 14th, at his home in Port Orchard. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kent, at (360)509-6022

Volunteer needs!

Mother's Day Sail

We need volunteers to help with sign up, selling merchandise, toy boat making, life jackets on the beach, loading boats, rowing boats, and running power skiffs. Breakfast and lunch will be supplied, and Friday afternoon will be a potluck dinner at the Camano Island State Park Picnic shelter. Send an email to Tom Eisenberg at tveis@juno.com to get involved!

Pacific Challenge

Saturday, May 17, we'll be hosting Pacific Challenge – a competitive event of high schoolers in longboats. We need help setting up on Friday, and a lot of help for day of, plus a little help for breakfast on Sunday. Help with meals (food for 120), registration, on-the-water event setup, on-the-water placement for the navigation event, and awards ceremony at the end of the day. Katherine is in charge – email kdingman@cw.org and sign up!

Folklife

We'll have a toy-boat making booth at the NW Folklife Festival this year, which means we need volunteers to help little munchkins with their first boat-building experience during the day from May 23-26. Email Kim Madalinski to get your name on the schedule – kmadalinski@cw.org

Looking for a Librarian

CWB's library, upstairs in the boathouse, has many fine and interesting books. We also have many donated books we haven't had time to sort through, and many checked out books we haven't had time to track down. Care you help? Talk to Kim Iorio – kiorio@cw.org

Front Desk

Contrary to popular belief, Vern does go home occasionally, and we have many wonderful front desk volunteers. As we expand our hours for summer, we'll be looking to fill evening shifts, from 5-8 pm, 7 days a week, plus the usual hard-to-fill spots during the weekdays. Drop a line to Kim – kiorio@cw.org if you can fit it into your schedule.

Events

Mother's Day Sail

On Saturday, May 10, at Camano Island State Park, the schooner Adventuress and four other vessels will allow us to have 84 people on the water at a time. Bring your family for a fun time, or bring yourself to help out!

The Center for Wooden Boats – powered by volunteers!

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Small Craft in the Pacific NW

Volunteer Rich Colin will be speaking at the May meeting of the Pacific Northwest Historian's Guild, in the meeting room of the University Branch of the Seattle Public Library, at 5:30 pm on May 13. His talk will cover small craft in the days of oar and sail in the Puget Sound and the history of small craft in the famous oyster industry at Shoalwater Bay.

Third Friday Speaker

May 16, 7 pm in the Boathouse, Ray Speck, Port Townsend Boatbuilder (responsible for our Sid Skiff!) will share tales of helping build a 46' sampan last December in Laos. June 20, 7 pm, we'll hear from George Todd, who sailed a 40' yawl home from Hong Kong, along with three other discharged Navy pilots, and a dog.

Pacific Challenge

Pacific Challenge is like the Olympics, but with longboats, and for teenagers. Teams from around the Pacific Northwest will meet on May 17 at Lake Union to compete in navigation, towing, mail bag toss, rowing, sailing, man overboard, knot tying, and a pass & review session. With a hundred participants, it should be lots of fun to watch! More information on the event online: www.pacificchallenge.net

Thanks!