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KITSAP MARITIME HERITAGE FOUNDATION

CONTRA DANCE AND AUCTION

A Contra Dance and silent auction is being held Saturday, November 1st at the Sons of Norway Hall in downtown Poulsbo.

Live music for the dance will be provided by Country Capers, with Jane Landstra's fiddle and Ken Embrey's wonderful guitar and concertina.

This is a family event, all dances will be taught and no partners are needed! All of the silent auction items are from local businesses, and include art, foods, services and experiences.



Welder at Citadel Marine Center



CAPTAIN'S LOG

As October wanes away, November promises to bring a flurry of activity to the Fiddler's Dream as she splashes from her summer yard period and makes her way back to Brownsville. Once she is home, we will have our work cut out for us as we will need to get the vessel's winter cover up so we have a dry work environment to address the leaking deck.

There are yet a few challenges before the splash. The ballast must be weighed before being put back in, hull welding must be completed and inspected, and everything must pass the critical eye of our United States Coast Guard Inspector; they have been tasked with making sure that all the work we do is up to the highest standards for the safety of the mariners, volunteers, passengers, and students who will enjoy the vessel for years to come. Our current challenges aside, moving forward into the winter season will be a very exciting time as the deck gets replaced and the ships systems get a major overhaul.

The vessel has been in great hands at Citadel Marine where the media blasting, sealing, and re-welding has all been done by top-notch craftsmen. The completed work includes: the unloading of the ballast, media blasting the interior of the box keel and exterior hull skin, sealing the hull so it doesn't rust while work continues, installing a proper packing gland on the rudder post, re-fastening the rudder, re-designing the box keel access hatches, and ultrasonically testing the hull plating to ensure minimal structural integrity loss due to rust, and corrosion. The projects that will be completed prior to splash and are on-going at the moment are: grinding out and re-welding all undercut and porous welds, finishing coats of epoxy sealer on hull and inside box keel, cold tarring the interior of the box keel to load ballast, and bottom paint.

As we get closer to splash and we are able to firm up dates, and weather windows for transit back to Brownsville I will keep you all posted.

-Captain John J Morrison, Project Manager Fiddlers Dream re-fit

MEET THE CREW

CAPTAIN JOHN "JB"



Captain JB started sailing square riggers, and traditional schooners over 14 years ago. He has seetime aboard dozens of vessels including the HMS Surprise, Lady Washington, Hawaiian Chieftain, HMS Bounty, a square-top-sail ketch, Argus, a schooner, Mary Day, with Vessel Assist Tacoma. His 10 years of experience leading projects for Grays Harbor Historical seaport authority include restoration, re-planking, rigging replacement and repair, and mechanical repair and replacement projects. He has worked on the sets of *Master and Commander*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Once Upon a Time*, and the Macklemore music video for "Can't Hold Us". He holds a patent for an efficient typing system on mobile devices. In his spare time, JB enjoys strategy games and science fiction.

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

"I shant soon forget my experience as Captain of m'lady the Cha-Cha. 'Twas a glorious day, the sun shined bright and the gulls cried out over the bay. Landlubbers young and old eyed my crew as we sailed bravely down Silverdale Way, past the Kitsap Mall and potential foes. Nay! On several occasions we felt it pertinent to man the cannons.

"Ahoy!" "AHOY!"

"All hands to battle stations!" "All hands to battle stations!"

"Prepare for cannon fi-RE!" "AHOY!"

"FIRE!"

Glorious clouds of smoke spewed forth from the barrels. No projectile did leave, but the audience nonetheless delighted in the sound and the fury. Wee lads and lassies far and away cried "Again! Again!" Naturally our vessel had not stowed enough supplies in preparation for a victory lap, so we could not fulfill these requests.

At long last, we laid eyes upon a grand stage, manned by Navy sailors and personnel of a somewhat more serious caliber. With the greatest of respect and loudest of yells, we manned the cannons a last time. Sea dogs are prone to delusions of grandeur and it may have been said this captain got a bit carried away.

It was then we took a hard turn to starboard and left the screaming masses to revel in our majesty. As it turned out we were chosen first in ye 2014 Whaling Days Parade. Truly, an honor for this crew, its shipmates, shipwrights, volunteers and supporters. The Cha-Cha is a gem among coal, and this captain will look fondly upon that fateful day.

-Kevin

Shortly after the parade was over, we headed to the Brownsville Marina to do some work on the float so it would be fixed up for next years parade, but I didn't think Captain JB, Christian, and I would actually take It out onto the water! The little parade float bobbing around in the marina was pretty scary at first, because you had to keep your balance at all times, but after a while I got the hang of it and started to just lounge around in the sun while we floated around the water for what felt like forever.

I never really thought that the parade float would actually float, or even sail! It was so much fun once we actually picked up some wind, and moved around only using the wind! That afternoon was definitely something I wish would happen again, because not only did I learn a little about sailing, but I had a lot of fun too!

-Jacob





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Kitsap Maritime Heritage Foundation's journey began in June of 2008. This is when our group first operated a schooner here in Kitsap County. We used this experience as our litmus test for the support of a program here locally. In March of 2012, which seems just like yesterday, we were founded as a non-profit organization in Washington State. In December of 2013 came the donation of the schooner, Fiddler's Dream, our floating classroom. Since then we have been actively building a volunteer base and raising funds to refit the Fiddler's Dream. One of our biggest accomplishments has

been receiving our 501 C 3 Non-Profit determination letter from the IRS. This means that when items are donated or contributed financially to Kitsap Maritime, it qualifies as a tax deduction and all monies will go directly to our program for education and to help ensure that our classroom is top notch. Now we are partnering with Citadel Marine Service in Tacoma WA to finish the hull work on the Fiddler's Dream. This is a major and exciting milestone for Kitsap Maritime. This means the schooner will be returning soon to Brownsville to continue the sprucing up of the Vessel.



View of the Brownsville Marina from the park during a Kitsap Maritime Heritage Foundation planning meeting in August of 2014

WAYS TO HELP OUT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the Kitsap Maritime website for a volunteer application and upcoming events.



HOW TO DONATE

To donate to Kitsap Maritime Heritage Foundation, please visit

www.kitsapmaritime.com/donations

WISH LIST

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