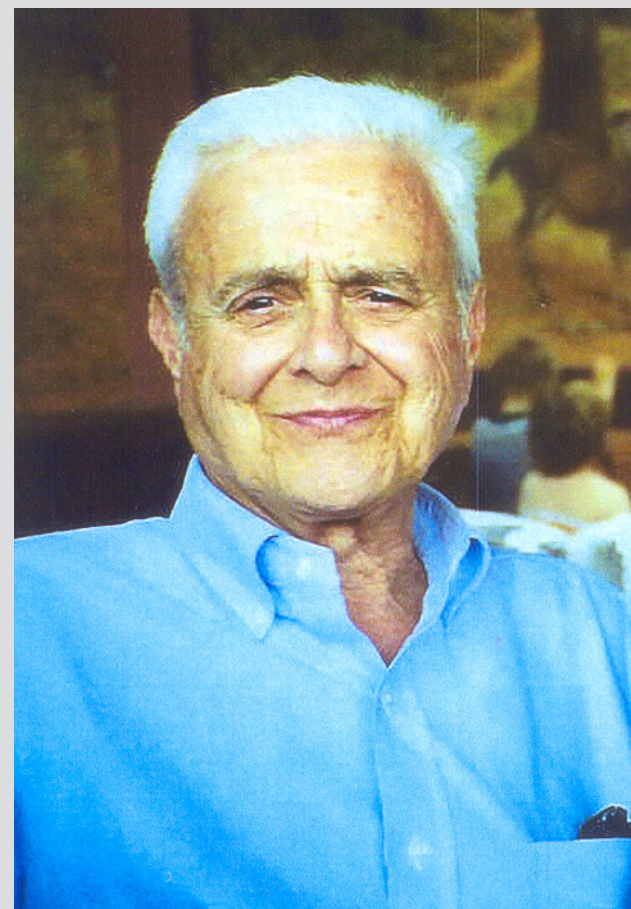


2003



Busy and intense year of community design workshops to finalize facility design, involving dozens of community groups and members.

2003



One of two classrooms named in honor of legacy from Glen Archer.

Program Headquarters named in honor of Bill Chapman.

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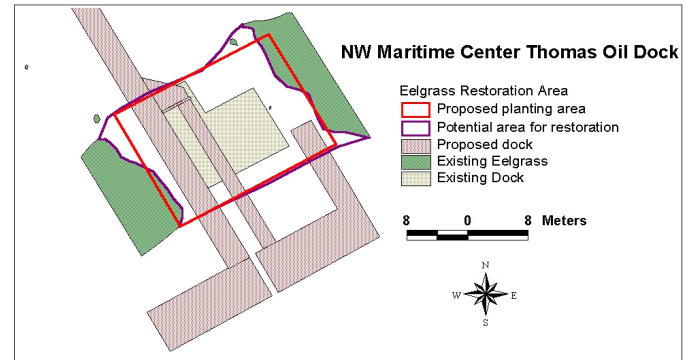


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Get intimate with eelgrass

Reconstruction of the 290-foot "Education Dock" is underway, and now we are spearheading an eelgrass restoration project. This May, immediately following dock construction, 100 volunteers will help plant 5,000 shoots of eelgrass under and around the new dock, with the goal of restoring historic eelgrass beds and testing the functionality of a dock designed to minimize impacts to eelgrass.



involved in restoring eelgrass at our new dock site!

"The science of eelgrass" presentation

Come to a free public forum on eelgrass **Fri., April 9**, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Pope Marine Park Building in Port Townsend. In addition to an overview of the NWMC restoration project, topics will include the latest eelgrass science, restoration, fisheries, and ecology. These will be presented in layman's terms by some of the region's leading scientific experts and followed by a Q&A session.

Volunteer training for eelgrass planting

We are seeking 100 volunteers to help plant 5,000 shoots of eelgrass at the NWMC dock! This is a rare opportunity for you to wet your hands in a real-world marine habitat restoration project and a fabulous learning experience for families and students.

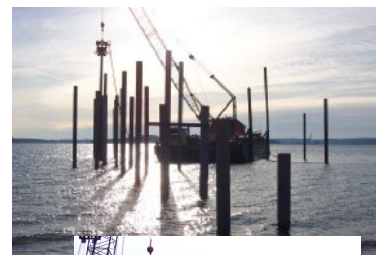
Planting will take place between **Sat., May 8 and Wed., May 12**. Volunteers may sign up for any portion of this 5-day period and will be stationed outdoors on the NWMC site, preparing the shoots of eelgrass for planting by divers.



Interested volunteers should sign up with Jean Parker at jparker@ptmsc.org or 360/385-5582 x112 and attend one of two

Sign up for quarterly e-mail updates on our website at www.nwmaritime.org

Activities set for May opening of new Northwest Maritime Center dock



Recent construction photos.

The May completion of our new dock—the Education Dock—will enable on-the-water activities and educational programs to begin at the Northwest Maritime Center site.

The inaugural activity will take place the same weekend as the dock's grand opening ceremony (May 22), and is made possible with the generous support of the Wyco Fund and the Satterberg Foundation. Fittingly, it features youth in an educational, on-the-water "challenge."

The Wooden Boat Foundation and the Northwest Maritime Center are excited to be co-hosting the **13th annual Pacific Challenge** on May 22 & 23. This youth seamanship competition, held each year in a different port community, is designed to test the nautical skills and knowledge of young mariners aged 14-18 aboard traditional wooden longboats and gigs.

Save the date:
 May 22, 2004
 Come to a celebration of the opening of the new dock at the Northwest Maritime Center

Other on-the-water programs at the Center's Education Dock will include tours of visiting historic vessels, multi-day voyages of discovery aboard traditional craft, marine research cruises, whale-watching trips, harbor excursions, kayak tours, rowboat rentals, sailing regattas, and instruction in sailing and rowing.

In addition, high school students and volunteers will be assisting the Port Townsend Marine Science Center and Battelle Marine Sciences Laboratory with a project to plant eelgrass under and adjacent to the new dock and monitor its growth (see page 4 for details on how you can help!).

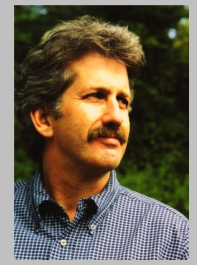


The Pacific Challenge competition is coming to the NWMC!

This summer, members of the Wooden Boat Foundation will enjoy **free access to a livery of boats** to be housed at the Northwest Maritime Center—on the site and at the dock. If you are not a current member of the Wooden Boat

Update from the Director

The year 2003 marked another big step forward in the development of the Northwest Maritime Center. For the past three months we here in Port Townsend have been watching the construction of the Education Dock with obvious delight. The \$1.5 million project got underway in October, and the grand opening is scheduled for May 22. The project is proceeding smoothly despite unusually strong winds and rough seas this winter.



In retrospect, our phased development plan, which embraces a pay-as-you-go philosophy—buy the property, clean it up, undertake a thorough design process, build the dock, then the buildings—seems like a wise and sustainable approach in today's economy.

Putting kids and people of all ages in boats on the bay, starting this spring, will build excitement and enthusiasm for the types of programs and activities the Wooden Boat Foundation will offer when the doors of the Center open.

Our goals for 2004 include ramping up fundraising efforts across the Puget Sound region to complete the Center's two buildings. Creation of the NWMC is recognized as a tremendous opportunity to interpret, preserve, and enhance one of America's major maritime resources: the Greater Puget Sound. To assist us in reaching out to the region, we have formed the NWMC Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Two members, co-chairs Neil McCurdy and Joseph Wheeler, are featured in these pages.

We invite you down to the dock this summer to explore, discover and experience the waters of Port Townsend Bay...and to dream about bold things still on the horizon.

See you on the dock.

2004

Northwest Maritime
Center and Wooden
Boat Foundation
co-host 13th Pacific
Challenge to coincide
with opening of new NWMC dock.



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Tretter challenge nets \$200,000

Jim and Nelly Tretter of Port Townsend, early donors to the campaign, **doubled their initial \$100,000 gift** as a challenge to raise a matching amount in "stretch gifts."

Inspired by the Tretters' lead, other supporters increased—or also doubled—their gifts. The total of \$100,000 in new dollars raised was then **matched one-to-one** by the Tretters.



Jim and Nelly Tretter are congratulated by NWMC President Brent Shirley (far right) and Capital Campaign Co-Chair Joseph Wheeler (second from left).

May 22 dock opening a success

Rain did not deter the 400 supporters who came from throughout the region to the Port Townsend waterfront on May 22 to celebrate the grand opening of the Northwest Maritime Center's Education Dock.

The completion of the 290-foot-long high-trestle pier, a \$1.5 million project, **concludes the first phase of construction** for the NWMC facility.

U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks was the featured speaker at the ceremonies, and in an announcement that surprised and thrilled supporters, the congressman announced he would request a **\$750,000 federal appropriation** for the Maritime Center.

"I see this project as not only being an important project for Port Townsend, but for our entire region," Dicks emphasized.



U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks gives the new dock a thumbs-up

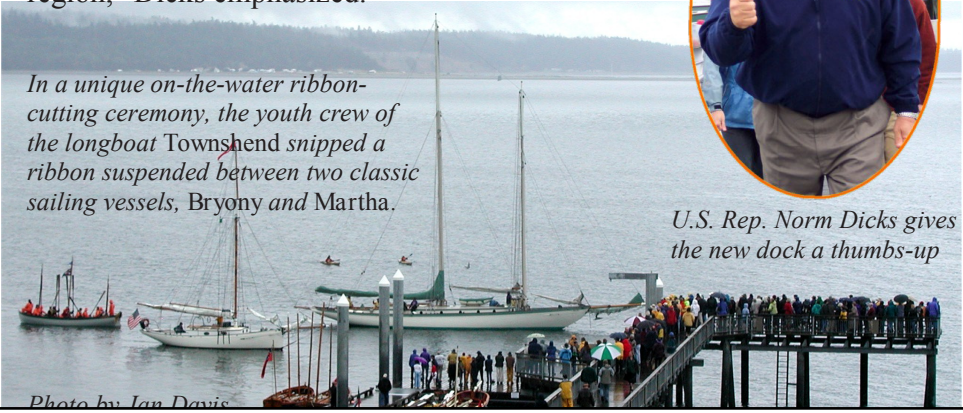
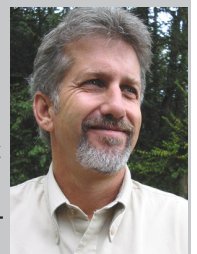


Photo by Ian Davis

In a unique on-the-water ribbon-cutting ceremony, the youth crew of the longboat Townsend snipped a ribbon suspended between two classic sailing vessels, Bryony and Martha.

Update from the Director

This has been a remarkable summer. It reinforces why I remain so committed to the Northwest Maritime Center project. I've been on the project four years now and people often ask me what keeps me motivated through the challenges we've encountered along the way.



Mostly it's the little moments that keep me going, like watching kids rowing in the Pacific Challenge filled with excitement and camaraderie. But recently there have been some big moments to keep me inspired: our dock opening this spring, with Congressman Norm Dicks announcing a \$750,000 boost to the campaign and Senator Patty Murray sending staff with the promise of her support; and *Sail and Sea* magazines highlighting Port Townsend and the future Northwest Maritime Center as *the* place for boating and showcasing maritime traditions.

We are increasingly getting the attention we deserve, and moving ever forward. There are so many members of our team that share the credit for this: individuals like Jim and Nelly Tretter doubling their initial contribution and challenging others to do the same; Honorary Chair Jim Whittaker connecting us to people we could never reach otherwise; and our dedicated board and steering committee reaching out to other nonprofits, businesses and philanthropists.

We're in the final stretch of this marathon, working diligently to raise the last \$4 million to proceed with construction of the facility. I have no doubt that we will succeed. The question that remains is: *when* will we open the doors to the Center? Our goal is to be up and running for the 2006 Wooden Boat Festival and reaching this goal will require all of our continued focus and dedication. I hope you will come to this year's festival (Sept. 10-12) and bring your friends. Buy a paver or a plank. Stretch to help complete the campaign. Our race is almost finished!

2005

Integration of
Wooden Boat Foundation
and Northwest Maritime
Center finalized.

Meet the new board



David King, President — CFO, Townsend Bay Marine

Dave Grimmer, Vice-President — Business Manager, Pygmy Boats



Joann Saul, Secretary — Owner, Public House, Fins Coastal Cuisine, & Dream City Catering

Nick Reid, Immediate Past President — Licensed mental health counselor



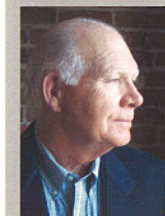
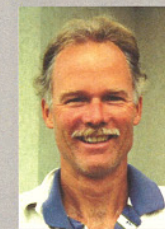
Jane Champion — Owner, Champion Video Productions

Lawrence Graves — Branch Manager, Frontier Bank



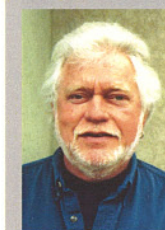
Carol Hasse — Owner, Port Townsend Sails

Alex Spear — Trustee, Camilla Chandler Family Foundation



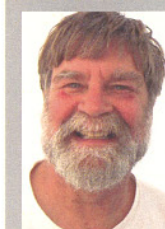
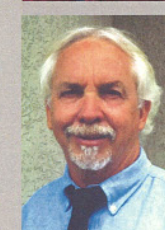
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Carla Main — Former neighborhood planner, City of Seattle



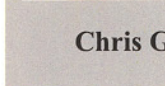
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Steve Oliver — Attorney, law firm of Platt, Irwin & Taylor



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You're invited to Opening Day on Port Townsend Bay



Celebrate the start of boating season on Port Townsend Bay! "Opening Day" is observed **Saturday, May 14**, with a 1 p.m. boat parade and a family-oriented waterfront celebration at the Northwest Maritime Center site and nearby Pope Marine Park.

There will be boats to get into and onto, lessons on seafood harvest and preparation, introductions to casting flies and to seabirds that fly, live music, excellent seafood, and treasures to find at the maritime silent auction.

Filled with free demonstrations, lectures and presentations, it's a full day of family fun and discovery from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Come join us!

Sponsored by the Port Townsend Bay Maritime Education Alliance, Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary, Port of Port Townsend, and PTYC. Visit www.nwmaritime.org/news for the schedule of events or call (360) 379-2629.

Make sure we've got your current e-mail address for more frequent e-updates. Type it into the "sign-up" box on our home page at www.nwmaritime.org!

Update from the Director

You're receiving this newsletter because you're a supporter of the Northwest Maritime Center and/or the Wooden Boat Foundation, and now our two organizations have rejoined forces.



The story of how we came "full circle" is one that began 30 years ago, with a handful of committed visionaries who had the idea to put on a wooden boat festival.

That festival spawned the Wooden Boat Foundation...and the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding...and these institutions attracted boaters, artisans, and aspiring boatbuilders from around the country.

These people, in turn, influenced the growth and direction of our historic seaport, and preserved an authentic, gritty, funky working waterfront and maritime community like no other.

Six years ago, some of these same people had the idea to go a step further and create a maritime center for Port Townsend.

We are immensely proud to have many of them now serving on our consolidated Board of Directors, along with some fresh faces. (Turn the page to meet them...)

The Northwest Maritime Center is the place to tell the story—to Port Townsend, the Northwest, the world—of our living, breathing maritime community, and to build on that story for the next 30 years.

A maritime community that honors its past and is planning for its future—imagine the power of that. Together we can make it happen.

—Dave Robison, Executive Director

NWMC/WBF integration proceeds with announcement of new board

With unanimous approval by the boards of both the Northwest Maritime Center (NWMC) and the Wooden Boat Foundation (WBF), a new set of bylaws for the integrated organizations was adopted on April 11.

This is the most significant step taken since the "intent to integrate" was announced March 1. The legal structure chosen for the integration is a "parent-subsidary" relationship that maintains the 501(c)3 nonprofit status of both organizations, introduces a new governance structure, and makes good business sense.

A consolidated NWMC Board of Directors (see page 2) will manage the business and property of the Northwest Maritime Center, with a standing Program Committee functioning as the WBF Board of Directors and setting policy for the "programming arm" of the Center.

"We're really excited about our organizations going forward as one," said new NWMC Vice-President (& Program Committee Chair) Dave Grimmer.



New board president David King admires the caulking mallet presented to him by outgoing board member (and boatbuilder) Dave Griswold for use as a gavel.

Mark your calendars

- May 10 and every second Tuesday of the month: Wooden Boat Workshops
- May 14 Opening Day on Port Townsend Bay
- June 4-5 22nd Classic Mariners' Regatta — open to all wooden sailing vessels with ballast keels
- June 18 and every Saturday through Aug. 28: Rowboat rentals at NWMC Pier
- Sept. 8 Festival Thursday Symposium with Nigel Calder
- Sept. 9-11 Wooden Boat Festival



The Shipwrights' Regatta on Feb. 26 drew a record turnout of 52 boats.

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Show your support

I want to become a Wooden Boat Foundation member -OR- I am renewing my membership at the following level:

- Individual \$35 to \$59
- Family \$60 to \$99
- Associate \$100 to \$249
- Contributor \$250 to \$499
- Patron \$500 to \$999
- Benefactor \$1,000 & above

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Checks should be made payable to: "WBF"

Members receive: complimentary Festival ticket(s), membership card & decal, newsletter, library privileges, 10% discount in Cupola Store,