

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

January 2014

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News From The Friends

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum

This fine museum is in Pier 8 of the Central Ferry Terminal on Hong Kong Island. It occupies 3 floors of the building.

It is a non-profit educational institution funded by Hong Kong's international shipping community and the Hong Kong Government.



A early Chinese porcelain model.



A small but exquisite silver-plated model

The museum illustrates how China, Asia and the West have contributed through the ages to the development of boats, ships, maritime exploration and trade, and naval warfare. While concentrating on the South China coast and its adjacent seas, it also covers global trends and provides a comprehensive account of Hong Kong's growth and development as a major world port and maritime centre.

The museum includes semi-permanent and special exhibitions, interactive displays, educational events, cafe and a museum shop.



The *Star Pisces* arriving at the Cruise Terminal in Kowloon, Hong Kong.



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Annual Financial Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 2014

Income Statement - 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013

Revenues

Raffles, Supper Tickets	\$317.00
Donations	\$20.00
Grants	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$1190.98
Term Deposit	\$115.80
Award Account	\$1074.29
Working Account	\$0.89
Membership Subscriptions	\$496.00
Total Revenue	\$2023.98

Expenses

Award Scholarship	\$0.00
Bank Service Charge	\$3.71
Donations to the Library	\$0.00*
Meeting Costs	\$0.00
Secretarial Expenses	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$503.71

Net income for Period **\$1520.27**

* While this is shown as \$0.00 there was a significant amount (over \$6000) spent during the year from funds held by the SLSA on our behalf.

Balance Sheet 31/12/2013

Assets

Current Assets	
Term Deposit Account	\$27,782.35
Award Account	\$25,178.79
Library Donations Account	\$2,603.56
Working Account	\$1,962.67
Total Assets	\$29,745.02

Liabilities

Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$416.51
Opening Balances	\$27,808.24
Retained Earnings	\$1,520.27
Total Equity	\$29,745.02
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Welcome to the New Year, as we settle down to normalcy again; I hope you all enjoyed the festive times just past. I must say that last year was pretty good for the Friends, with some interesting events and gatherings for all to participate in, and I hope that we can put together a comparable programme for the months ahead.

In November, Christine Courtney gave an interesting talk on the influence of Art Deco on the design of the grand ocean liners of the twenties and thirties, amazing the opulence of the fit-out of those ships.

I hope you will all make an effort to attend our AGM, coming up fast on the 3rd February. Sadly this will be our last meeting at the Railway Hotel, as Fred and Sue have decided to close the doors on 1st March, having been unable to find a buyer for the historic hostelry; they have looked after us very nicely for quite a while now, and it is up-setting that this friendly old Port pub will soon be no more.

The immediate result of this is that we must find another place for our meetings, I'm sure with a little research something suitable will turn up soon.

There is some sad news to impart to you, I'm afraid; our founder member and long-time treasurer, Dick Cabban, sailed for the last time on 3rd December, at the age of eighty nine. He will be long remembered for his contribution to the early days of the Friends. Later in December saw the passing of Beth, the wife of Neil Cormack, and we share in Neil's grief at this time.

On a bright note, I am pleased to report that last week's terrible fires, particularly the Eden Valley one, spared Valmai Hankel's property near Sedan, and her Arab horses were not affected in any way, despite the proximity of much smoke, Valmai is also quite well.

This concludes my little report, so I wish you all well, see you on the 3rd!

Regards, Julian.



Brigantine *Pathfinder* on Toronto Harbour September 2010

Aberdeen, Hong Kong



Aberdeen is on the southern coast of Hong Kong Island and is rapidly becoming another dormitory area for Hong Kong's growing population. It is a mix of the old, innumerable boats of all descriptions in the harbour, and the new, the almost ubiquitous skyscraper apartment blocks found all over Hong Kong.

Its harbour is home to the very large floating Jumbo Seafood Restaurant, modern boats, and lots and lots of smaller vessels, some used as houseboats by their owners.



The *Grand Princess* in the San Francisco Cruise Terminal at Pier 35.

With the increasing size and number of cruise ships the terminal at Pier 27 to the east is being redeveloped.



Forbes Island Restaurant in San Francisco.

Like the Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Aberdeen Forbes Island is a floating restaurant albeit rather eccentric.

The island is a man-made dream refuge that a Sausalito man moored at Pier 39. Former guests talk about three-day parties, about private screenings of the movie "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and about black-tie evenings entertained with ensemble performances of Bach and Mozart.

Now the dress rules are much more relaxed and the "island" is open to all comers for meals and visiting the underwater viewing chambers.

Vale Dick Cabban

Long time member and former treasurer Dick Cabban passed away on 3rd December 2013.

His funeral service was held on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at 2:00pm at the chapel of Smithfield and Elizabeth Funeral Directors on the corner of Womma and Main North Roads Elizabeth.

Dick was a stalwart of the Friends, but in his final years he lost his sight and was confined to an Aged Care Unit and we saw much too little of him.

He will be missed.



A boat shed in North Vancouver. Why a working boat repair yard and a housing development could not co-exist at Birkenhead is a question that comes readily to mind.



The San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park



This park, part of the USA National Maritime Museum, is at the old Hyde Street Ferry Pier at the foot of the Hyde Street Cable Car and only a short walk from Fisherman's Wharf.

The side paddle-wheel vehicle ferry *Eureka*, now in the museum, plied from here to points on the San Francisco Bay.

The museum is home to several large vessels, and a number of smaller ones.

The large vessels include the recently restored schooner *C.A. Thayer*, the clipper *Balclutha*, the ferry *Eureka*, and the steam tug *Hercules* (centre top).



A rather sad little tug is visible from the *California Zephyr* train near Martinez on San Francisco Bay.



The 1890 built *Eureka* has a now unique in North America walking beam steam engine a model of which is shown left. The original four storey engine remains in place.

The 1895 built *C.A. Thayer*, shown in the foreground of the picture top right, has recently been restored, with over 80% of her frames and timbers replaced.

Back at Fisherman's Wharf are 2 ships of note: the submarine *USS Pampanito*, and the Liberty Ship *Jeremiah O'Brien*. The photo on the left shows the 2 vessels on wharf 45, and on the right the *Jeremiah O'Brien* is framed by the arch of an old railway car float loading ramp.



San Francisco's Sealions. They came after the 1989 earthquake and resisted all attempts to move them on. They are now a popular feature at Pier 39.



The *Balclutha*

Jeremiah O'Brien

More information on the park may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/safr/index.htm> and on the *Jeremiah O'Brien* at <http://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org/>.



The Ontario Government owned ferry *Chi-Cheemaun* wintering at Owen Sound, 200km north of Toronto.

She will be there until midday on 1st May 2014 when she will sail to Tobermory arriving at approximately 4:30 p.m to take up her summer duties between Tobermory and South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island.

Owen Sound is an active port with ships serving the 2 silos there.

Seagrass monitoring and restoration on Kangaroo Island

What is seagrass monitoring?



Natural Resources Kangaroo Island (KI), together with the community, is aiming to maintain and enhance the state of valuable natural resources in the region. Seagrasses are marine flowering plants that form extensive meadows in the sheltered bays around KI. These seagrass meadows are home to a diverse range of animals and provide nursery habitats and refuge for many fish.

Seagrasses also play a vital role in carbon processing, nutrient recycling and stabilisation of the sea bed. Seagrass loss often results in an increase in wave height and intensity, and associated erosion of the foreshore.

One of the biggest threats to seagrasses is poor water quality entering the marine environment from the land. Heavy sediment loads in land runoff increase the turbidity (muddiness) of the water and high nutrient levels promote smothering algal growth on seagrass leaf blades. Both of these effects reduce the amount of light available for seagrasses to photosynthesise and grow.

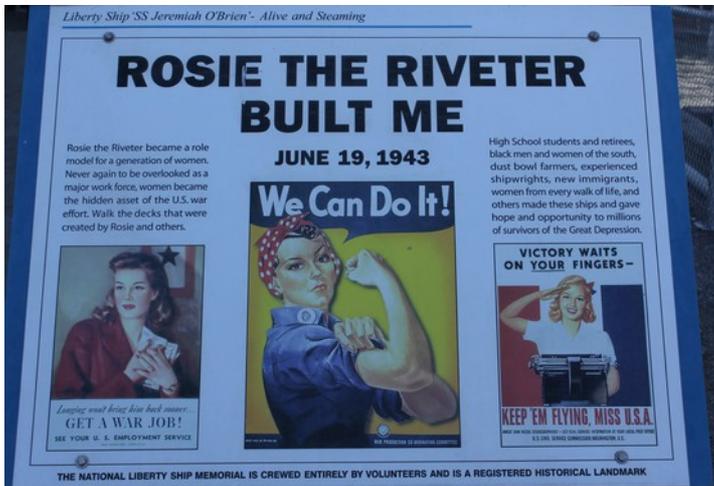
What is being done?

Having healthy seagrass meadows around KI's coastline is critical in providing essential ecosystem functions, habitat for a diverse range of fauna (including commercially important species) and stabilisation of the seafloor.

Natural Resources KI's Coast and Marine Program team undertakes regular monitoring of the major seagrass meadows on KI. By towing an underwater video camera beneath a vessel, footage can be recorded and later viewed in the lab to assess the cover and condition of the seagrass. Staff are also trialling revegetation techniques to improve the recovery rate of seagrass meadows, including dropping 25 kilogram sand-filled hessian bags on to the sea bed to provide an artificial surface to anchor seagrass seedlings.

Information collected on seagrass health is also used to help land managers implement and evaluate the effectiveness of on-ground works.

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The SS *Jeremiah O'Brien* is a Liberty Ship which as the panel, left, tells us, was built largely by women, the men being at war.



Scenes on San Francisco Bay – a quite busy waterway with a very large container terminal at Oakland and wharves dotted around the bay. Oakland is the third largest port on the west coast of the USA.

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Upcoming Meetings

March 24 th	Vivonne Twaites
April	Library Visit (daytime)
May 26 th	TBA
July 28 th	TBA
September 22 nd	TBA
October	Annual Dinner
November 24 th	TBA

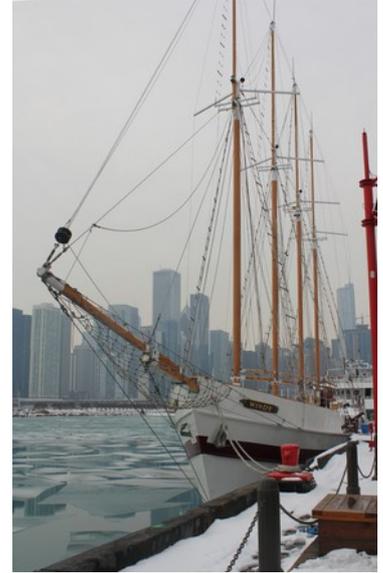
The location of our meetings is uncertain at present with the Railway Hotel closing from the 1st March. A couple of alternatives are being pursued.

Schooner *Windy* at Navy Pier, Chicago

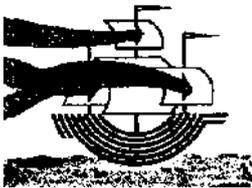
This photo was taken two days before the big ice storm which engulfed the north eastern United States and much of south eastern Canada on 21st December 2013.

The already icy Lake Michigan froze over with temperatures around -25C.

The boat's name reflects Chicago's nickname given because of the number of politicians living there rather than the weather.



Membership subs are now due. Please return the form below to the treasurer at the address shown. Alternately he will be only too glad to receive your subs at a meeting. You can renew online: <http://www.fpmml.org.au/membership.shtml>.



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Membership Renewal

Ordinary Memberships are all due for renewal in January each year. Please send your \$20 to

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ABERFOYLE PARK 5159

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