

Our 2015 Spring Rendezvous at Cowichan Bay Fisherman's Wharf was another enjoyable event. The weather co-operated so our new portable canopy shelters didn't need to be set up.

George and Mark, the CBFWA manager, moved boats to make spaces for our boats. Lars, Ralph, and Laurie helped George get a few more boats moved and helped members' get their boats tied up. Thanks to all the people whose great efforts helped us all get rafted at the docks!

On Saturday morning, the presentation by Eric Sandilands, Master Shipwright from Cowichan Bay Maritime Museum, held on the dock 'surrounding' "Falcon Rock", was well attended. Eric used "Falcon Rock" to demonstrate the challenges involved in the rebuilding of a timbered stern and replacing the yellow cedar deck of a wooden boat. Eric then answered questions from the members about other wooden boat issues. The Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre is an excellent source of help for wooden boat owners.

Saturday was a sunny and pleasant day, with members and others visiting on the docks and boats. Bonnie and Bill ("Dynasty") arrived in the afternoon with the WWBA Apparel and Bonnie was quite busy with sales and orders for vests. After the General Meeting, George borrowed some tables from the CB Maritime Centre, and the tables were set up along one side of the floats. Members set up their "delectable delights" to share and we all lined up to take a turn at 'sampling' the excellent fare. As usual, with no planning there was a good variety of dishes including plenty of decadent deserts. It was a great evening for visiting on the dock.

Sunday was great for the sailpast. The sail past went well, with "Dog Star" and "Viking Mariner" leading the way around the 'sailpast boat' "Standard II". Kevin took lots of photos, while Cherie kept "Shooting Star" from straying too close to other boats.

Thanks to everyone that pitched in to help when it was needed. Thanks to the CBFWA for having us at their docks. Special thanks to all the WWBA members that attended with or without boats: it is the members' participation that makes these events a success.

All in all, it was a great rendezvous.

We look forward to getting together again at the 2015 Fall Rendezvous at Ganges.