



**John M. Horton Paintings To Highlight Opening of Captains Cook and Vancouver  
Exhibit at The Maritime Museum of BC**

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**Victoria BC** – Distinguished marine artist John M. Horton will preside at the kick-off of the *Summer of Discovery Captains Cook and Vancouver* exhibit at the Maritime Museum of British Columbia Society Office on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with a number of his original works featuring Captain George Vancouver's ship "HMS Discovery".

The works, for sale at the Maritime Museum of BC over the next several months, represent some of the finest marine-themed artwork available. Featuring meticulous attention to detail and history, and imbued with astonishing technical accuracy, Horton's works are prized the world over by collectors. Proceeds from the sale of the works will raise funds for the Maritime Museum.

"This is a perfect blending of art and history," said Executive Director of the MMBC, David Leverton. "John's maritime knowledge of Captain George Vancouver is exceptional and his painstaking research is reflected in the historical accuracy of his paintings. We're very fortunate to have his art work on display, especially at a time when we're featuring an exhibit about Captain Vancouver and his predecessor, Captain Cook."

There will be a reception at the museum's society office at 634 Humboldt Street on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for invitees, including members and patrons of the Maritime Museum and skippers and crews of the *Swiftsure International Yacht Race*, which will get underway May 28<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy refreshments, and a conversation with the artist, who is always eager to share his techniques and maritime knowledge. Not to be missed also, the *Captain Cook and Vancouver Exhibit*, featuring the journals of the two mariners, and the exhibit of *The Franklin Expedition*, which is currently on display. The exhibits will be open to the public through the end of September.

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