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A SUMMER OF DISCOVERY – EXHIBITION OF MARINE ARTIST JOHN HORTON AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Internationally acclaimed marine artist John M. Horton loves the west coast. Its wild waters, romantic scenery and rich history inspired a series of 52 original works by Horton on Captain George Vancouver. Of those original works, only ten remain on display and available for sale at the Maritime Museum of British Columbia until the end of September.

Horton retraced Captain Vancouver's voyages of discovery from the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State up to Alaska in researching this latest body of work. Absorbing original naval plans, renderings, and ships' logs, his dedication to historical accuracy is unmatched by his contemporaries.

A mariner himself, having spent time in the Royal Navy, his work has been exhibited many times by the Royal Society of Marine Artists. He cites military painter Terence Cuneo as a major influence.

When he emigrated to Vancouver with his family in tow in 1966, he held an exhibit at the Bayshore Inn and was almost immediately deluged with commissions.

Many Horton aficionados claim they can easily spot one of his paintings by merely observing the techniques he uses to portray the mood of the water and the clouds. His technical expertise is paramount, his attention to detail precise.

The exhibition forms part of the MMBC's Summer of Discovery featuring special exhibits on Captains Cook and Vancouver and the Franklin Expedition.

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The Maritime Museum of British Columbia has a range of Horton's work available for purchase including original oils, artist's proofs, prints and giclees at a variety of prices. The works can be viewed seven days a week, 10 AM to 5 PM at the Maritime Museum of BC, 634 Humboldt Street. For more information, call 250-385-4222 ext. 101.

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