



News Release

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The Maritime Museum of British Columbia hosts a Media Open House for the new *SS Princess Sophia* Exhibit

The Maritime Museum of BC is pleased to invite media to a Media Open House and exclusive preview of *SS Princess Sophia: The Unknown Story of the Largest Marine Disaster along the Pacific Northwest Coast*, a commemorative exhibit at the Maritime Museum of BC.

About the Exhibit

Nearly 100 years ago, *SS Princess Sophia* sank in Alaska after 40 hours on Vanderbilt Reef, on its way back to its home port of Victoria, BC. The disaster left no survivors, claiming over 350 passengers and crew members. The exhibit brings together artefacts and archival documents from multiple organizations for the first time since being salvaged from the wreck, to tell the stories of those who lost their lives and the legacies the disaster has left behind.

Media Open House Event Details

You are invited to drop-in anytime between **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 11th at the Maritime Museum of BC (634 Humboldt St.)**. Admission is complimentary and no reservation is required. Upon arrival, please leave a business card with Visitor Centre personnel. Staff members will be available for comment during the Open House and photography is welcome.

Information for the Public

The exhibit will be open to the public from January 12, 2018 – March 11, 2018. The public are also welcome to attend the exhibit's Opening Reception on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM. The event will feature remarks from Bill Morrison with a keynote speech from Ken Coates. Coates and Morrison's book *The Sinking of Princess Sophia: Taking the North Down with Her* (Oxford, 1990) helped draw attention to this important West Coast marine tragedy. More information can be found on our website, mmbc.bc.ca/events/.

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