



The  
**MARITIME MUSEUM**  
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Annual Report

**2023/2024**



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## Mission

Engage communities in witnessing and preserving maritime heritages.

## Vision

Maritime experiences are boldly embraced, shared and lived from a cultural centre on the waterfront.

## Values

### **INCLUSION**

We embrace diversity, equity and accessibility in all we do. We are welcoming.

### **RESPECT**

We are compassionate, empathetic and humble. Our results are propelled by collaboration and teamwork.

### **INTEGRITY**

We are open, honest and transparent. Our work is anchored by being responsible, accountable, authentic, and socially and environmentally responsible.

### **INNOVATION**

We are curious, dynamic and adventurous. Our work is fueled by passion, action and flexibility.

### **SALTY**

We are everything maritime. Our work is meaningful, impactful and relevant.

## Land Acknowledgement

The Maritime Museum of BC acknowledges the Ləkʷəŋən (Le-KWUNG-en) speaking peoples, represented by the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations, and the W̱SÁNEĆ (wh – say – nech) Nations on whose traditional territories the Museum buildings and collections rest. While we reside on Ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ territory, we acknowledge that the Maritime Museum of BC's area of focus covers all areas of British Columbia, which includes many Nations and their maritime histories and active cultures that have existed since time immemorial. The Maritime Museum of BC is committed to working with Indigenous peoples to educate ourselves and the public so we can collectively share these experiences and move forward together harmoniously, respectfully, and collaboratively.



## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

The past year really has really belonged to our 1897 sailing vessel *Dorothy*; she has captured hearts and won the prestigious UK Classic Boat restoration of the year award. All of this is possible through a unique partnership with the Ladysmith Maritime Society.

At 127 years old, *Dorothy* now represents the Maritime Museum of BC afloat throughout the Salish Sea, educating folks to our maritime history and inspiring young sailors.

Another notable milestone was the official launch of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Maritime Achievement: collaboration between MMBC and Government House Foundation. We were honoured when our patron, the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, presented the first five awards in November 2023. We look forward to shortly announcing the 2024 recipients.

Fiscally, we work hard to maintain a healthy balance sheet: no small feat post-Covid. Our Victoria Foundation endowment fund is at approximately \$400K and growing, and a *Dorothy* endowment fund has been established with an initial gift of \$10K. Both funds are a great way to leave a legacy gift that will generate income for MMBC programs in perpetuity.

A wonderful new partnership has been established with Lady Rose Marine Services, which provides renewing and new MMBC members with a 2-for-1 fare on MV *Frances Barkley*—\$95 in savings! A glorious daytrip to Bamfield from Port Alberni and return awaits!

All of these wonderful initiatives are on top of our daily programs and maintenance of our vast collection. None of this would happen without our super team of staff and volunteers, and the support of members like you.

Thank you to you all!

Sincerely,

Jamie Webb  
Board President  
Maritime Museum of BC



## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear MMBC Members,

First, I'd like to thank you for supporting the Maritime Museum of BC this year! As always, it's been an interesting year full of public activities and learning/sharing maritime heritage.

More specifically, the year 2023/24 included two unique in-house exhibits on the salmon and fishing in BC, as well as the history and modern day use of Victoria's Harbour. We also continued to run our popular programs including school programs, craft workshops, walking tours, and Museum Tots.

We also ran our large events including the Classic Boat Festival and Crabtoberfest, as well as our smaller, in-house events including exhibit launches and public talks with marine experts. With all of these activities we have been encouraged to see our visitor and participant numbers increase once more to pre-pandemic averages – the first time since the fiscal year 2019-20. It's been wonderful to engage with more people in person once again and we are encouraged that there continues to be a strong demand for these services we provide.

In addition to these public activities, we've had some exciting internal changes as well. This has included a change in our volunteer systems to a new online platform that better allows us to track volunteers and their interest areas to ensure volunteers are aligned with their areas of interest. While there are always bumps in the road with these kinds of systems changes, we are pleased that the overall volunteer experience has been improved by these changes this year and will be continuing to refine the systems to best serve volunteers and the museum.

Another major change this year has been our website. We undertook the large project of updating our website over the course of the fall/winter season and are very pleased with the results. The Classic Boat Festival section of our website has seen the most significant changes, as it is now set up in a way to document and share the history of the Festival itself. We are still working on entering some backlog data into this section of the website, but if you haven't already, please have a look and let us know what you think!

Thank you again for your ongoing support! You, our members, are an essential part of keeping BC's maritime heritage and culture alive.

Sincerely,

Brittany Vis  
Executive Director  
Maritime Museum of BC

## Exhibits



### Salmon Tales: How Fishing Shaped BC

**Apr. 6 - Oct. 28, 2024**

Salmon Tales took a dive into the history of how the people of BC fished, from traps to nets to lures. It featured stories of those who changed the way we fish, as well as those who dedicated their lives to the thrill of the catch.

Visitors joined us at the Maritime Museum of BC to explore how our relationship with salmon evolved and what we can do to protect it into the future.



### Victoria Harbour

**Nov. 2, 2023 - Apr. 6, 2024**

Nestled in the heart of our city, Victoria Harbour is a place of so many personal memories but how often do we think of its own history? In this exhibit, we delved into the history of Victoria's Inner Harbour. Visitors explored everything from the natural environment to early industry, and how we work and play in and around the harbour today.



## Collections

The Maritime Museum of BC has an extensive collection of items that have mostly been donated by the community. Since the Maritime Museum of BC started in 1955, we have collected objects, archives, photographs, library books, and even boats, all with significant meaning to maritime history and culture in BC.

Currently, our collection contains:

**35,000  
Artefacts**

**8,500  
Reference  
Books**

**40,000  
Photos**

**554  
Linear Ft of  
Archives Space**

Here are the key collection updates from the 2023/2024 fiscal year:



*Great-great-granddaughter of builder J.J. Robinson, Carol Bertram, (re)christening Dorothy at her relaunch.*

### *Dorothy's* Relaunch

After a complete refit, *Dorothy* made a splash in Ladysmith Harbour on May 27, 2023—127 years and one month after her original launch in 1897. Her structural and hull work was expertly completed by shipwright and 'boat whisperer' Tony Grove on Gabriola Island, BC. For ten months leading up to her relaunch, she was cared for by the dedicated volunteers at the Ladysmith Maritime Society, where meticulous topside repairs were carried out under the leadership of Robert Lawson, a life-long boatwright and passionate student of yachting history.



*Artist Graham Scholes and Collections and Exhibits Manager Heather Feeney in Scholes' studio.*

## Donation of Prints by Graham Scholes

The Maritime Museum of BC is honoured to have joined the list of Victoria institutions that preserve the works of renowned woodblock artist, author, and educator Graham Scholes, who generously donated a complete set of his celebrated 41 lighthouse prints to the museum's collection. These prints depict lighthouses along the rugged West Coast of British Columbia.

This donation adds to the approximately 500 artworks currently held in the museum's collection.

## Ogden Point Small Objects Collection

A key collection highlight this year was the rehousing of the small objects collection at Ogden Point. The project involved carefully unpacking items from cardboard moving boxes and transferring them into sturdier, pest-proof Rubbermaid bins. Additionally, the team replaced the old newsprint padding with polypropylene foam to provide better protection for the objects, ensuring their long-term preservation.

## The Seymour Inventory Project

This year marked the launch of the Seymour Inventory Project, which engaged a dedicated group of volunteers in unpacking items from our collection and conducting a comprehensive inventory. This initiative not only enhanced our organizational efficiency but also ensured that each item was properly accounted for.



*One of the shelves in our Seymour archives and collection space with unpacked artefacts.*





*Volunteer Mike Webb scanning ship's plans.*

## Large Format Scanner Set Up

This year, the museum successfully set up the large-format scanner and began digitizing the approximately 12,000 ship's plans in our collection. This initiative represents a significant step in preserving and enhancing access to these valuable historical documents.

## Chart Collection Update

The museum undertook a comprehensive inventory, reorganization, and rehousing of the chart collection. These efforts improved the accessibility and preservation of the charts, ensuring they are properly stored and organized for future research.

## Royal Tour Preparation Begins

While the visit from Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, and Sir Tim occurred outside of the 2023/2024 fiscal year, preparations for this special occasion began as early as February 2023. These efforts included significant organization of our collection and archives, as well as essential updates to our facilities.



*One of the shelves unpacked from boxes.*

## Events



### 44th Classic Boat Festival Sept. 1-3, 2023

With classic yachting legend Richard “Slim” Gardner presiding as Honorary Commodore, the 44th annual Classic Boat Festival welcomed several highlight vessels: Abernethy & Gaudin Young Boaters Scholarship winner Eve Murray aboard China Cloud (built on a beach by hand in 1982 by Allen Farrell), Saravan (1938) from the Ladysmith Maritime Society, reconstructed 1792 cutter Zachary Mudge (1992) from the Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre, and dive tender YDT 11 (1961) from the Royal Canadian Navy. Musical performances by the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Hounds of Cuchulain delighted approximately 10,000 visitors to the docks.

#### Total Participants:

72

#### Dock Donations Received:

\$21,366.95

*Scan here to see the 2023 participants!*



#### Classic Boat Festival Committee:

##### Festival Chair

Bill Noon

##### Sail Race Coordinator

Conrad Myers-New Seeker

##### MMBC Executive Director

Brittany Vis

##### Volunteer Coordinators

Sarah Board, Rhian McKee

##### MMBC Board Chair

Jamie Webb

##### Food Coordinators

Sandra Mattson, Bonnie Stacy

##### Harbour Control

Nick Banks

##### Registration Assistant

Haeden Walker

##### Judging

Rob Abernethy

##### Events Manager

Anya Zanko





*One of the service members speaking to visitors.*

## Human Library

**Nov. 11, 2023**

If you have never attended a Human Library program before, think of it like a regular library-- where you interact with a book and learn something new! The difference is that our books are people, with stories, unique service histories, and maritime expertise to share in small group conversations.

For this special Remembrance Day program, we were joined by two active service members.



*Seeking Sirens and the Greater Victoria Police Chorus perform to a packed audience.*

## Salty Sing-A-Long

**June 28, 2023**

A packed auditorium at St. Ann's Academy clapped, stamped, and sang along to favourite sea shanties and coastal songs for an afternoon of music. Opening act was local a cappella singers and sensations the Seeking Sirens, with the Victoria Police Chorus led by music director Janet Rendell joined on stage for a few uproarious shared crowd favourites and then wowed with their own wonderful maritime repertoire. Profits from the event supported the MMBC's programs, exhibits, and collections care.



*A busy Mary Winspear Centre with nearly 400 seafood & beer enthusiasts.*

## Crabtober Festival

**Oct. 14, 2023**

Another sold-out Crabtoberfest at the Mary Winspear Centre. Sponsored by Finest at Sea, Category 12 Brewing, and Portofino Bakery, the popular event welcomed local a cappella group Seeking Sirens and featured performers, the Johnnie 5 Brass Band, to the stage. Thanks to Scotty Fishing, Trotac Marine, and Category 12 for sponsoring a silent auction. Crabs, beer, the traditional Stein of Strength contest, and polka. Profits supported MMBC programs, exhibits, and collections.

## Book Launches

Throughout the year, the MMBC hosts multiple book launches in our gallery space to celebrate newly published works. These events typically include a reading or presentation, audience Q&A, coffee, light snacks, and a book signing. We are proud to support local authors and connect them with our community.



### **Cathy Converse**

*Frances Barkley Eighteenth-century Seafarer*

*\*Book available in our gift shop*



### **Bill Arnott**

*Gone Viking III: The Holy Grail*

*\*Book available in our gift shop*

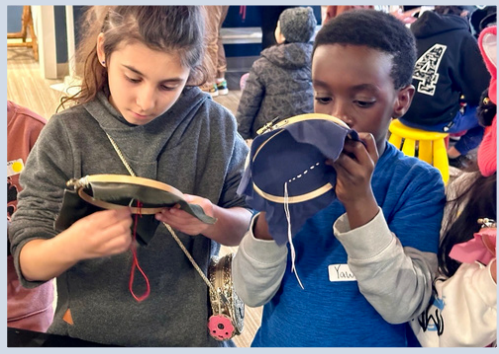


### **Barry Gough**

*The Curious Passage of Richard Blanshard, First Governor of Vancouver Island*

*\*Book available in our gift shop*

## Programs



*Students learning stitches during a "Survival Skills on the Sea" program.*

**Total # of outreach programs:**

2022-2023: 1

2023-2024: 4

**Total # of virtual programs:**

2022-2023: 7

2023-2024: 4

**Total # of program participants:**

2022-2023: 922

2023-2024: 1,349

**Total # of in-person programs:**

2022-2023: 30

2023-2024: 39

## School Programs

Our school programs bring history to life by creating an interactive and fun environment for youth to engage, learn, and explore! Based on the Core Competencies outcomes of the BC curriculum, our programs are designed to connect and supplement teachers with core learning objectives such as critical thinking, effective communication, and personal responsibility. Our focus is on multi-disciplinary, cross-curricular, and thoughtful learning.

### Program Themes

Pollution Solutions

In Search of Equality: Deconstructing Immigration Experiences to the West Coast of BC

Survival Skills on the Sea

Furs, Forts, and Fervour: The Impact and Legacy of Contact



*Inquisitive students during one of our outreach programs.*

## Museum Tots

This weekly program introduces children ages 3–5 to the exciting world of museum learning. Each session explores a different maritime theme, encouraging discovery through crafts, play, song, and dance.

Museum Tots runs most Saturday mornings, led by our Programming Assistant or Public Engagement Intern.

This year, the program received a fresh, playful new look with a rebrand designed to bring more fun to its marketing materials.



*New branding!*

### Total # of participants:

2022-2023: 190

2023-2024: **210**



*A future mariner looking into one of our model steamship cases.*



*Museum Tots playing a maritime-themed game.*

## Creative Workshops

Throughout the year, we offer a variety of hands-on, nautical-themed workshops that cater to all skill levels. These workshops provide a unique opportunity to explore maritime culture through creative projects. Popular workshops include:

- Sea Glass Jewelry
- Sea Lanterns
- Sea Glass Ornaments
- Nautical Rope Wreaths

### Total # of workshop participants:

2022-2023: 331

2023-2024: **431**



*A workshop participant showing off her Sea Lantern!*

## Speaker Events/Presentations

These events are a fun way for our community to engage and learn from maritime experts and a variety of topics. This year, we hosted the following:

### **Nautical Night:**

- The Coffin Ship: Superstition and Incompetence in the *S.S. Clallam* Tragedy by Erik Kosick

### **Coastal Conversation:**

- Captaining Your Own Ship: Finding our Identity and Acceptance in Coastal Communities with facilitator Anthony Brown
- Everyone Belongs in Nature: Learning to Support Diversabilities in Outdoor Exploration with facilitators Sarah Board and Stephanie Chong

### **Film Screening:**

- Where the Wind Meets the Tide screening with Director & Producer Suzanne Jolly

## Maritime Masterclasses

Our masterclasses offer participants a chance to develop hands-on skills in a relaxed, supportive environment, guided by expert instructors. This year, we offered the following:

- Salmon Fly Tying Made Simple with instructor Andrew Barany
- THE WEIRD, THE WACKY, THE WONDERFUL: Family Intertidal Exploration with instructor Stephanie Chong



*Salmon Fly Tying workshop with Andrew Barany.*



*Participants enjoying the Family Intertidal Exploration masterclass.*

## Walking Tours

Victoria's strong connection to the water gives it a unique history and culture that defines its past, current, and future identity. Led by Young Canada Works summer student Skyla Thomas, this one-hour tour started at the MMBC and led around the Inner Harbour, up Wharf Street, through Bastion Square, and down Government Street. During this informal walk, maritime stories were shared, memories of the past explored, and participants considered how Victoria's history fits into their contemporary maritime experience. Walking Tours retired at the end of August 2023, as we shifted our resources elsewhere.

## Lieutenant Governor's Award for Maritime Achievement



*The new Lieutenant Governor's Award medallion.*

The 1st annual Lieutenant Governor's Award for Maritime Achievement was held at Government House in Victoria, BC on November 21, 2023. This annual award recognizes and acknowledges individuals and organizations along BC's coast and inland waterways who have made noteworthy contributions to BC's maritime interests in the areas of science, technology, business, applications of maritime skills, nautical heritage and culture, art, and academic endeavours. The expanded scope of the award will also recognize Indigenous and traditional practices, environmental stewardship, and ensure diversity in nominees, recipients, and award administration.

This award was formerly known as the S.S. Beaver Awards, which was retired in 2022. The scope and intention of the awards have expanded, as a collaboration between Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Maritime Museum of BC. To recognize this collaboration, a new name and medallion have been introduced. The new award medallions feature the artwork of MMBC Director Nusi Ian Reid, a member of the Heiltsuk Nation in Bella Bella. Award recipients also receive a cedar plaque to display their medallion.



*Group photo of 2023 Lieutenant Governor Award recipients. L-R: Jean Gaudin, Robert Abernethy, Dr./Captain Michael L. Hadley, Richard Chappell, Her Honour, the Honourable Janet Austin, Robert Lawson, Dr. John Garrett (accepting on behalf of Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe), and Alec Dick. Photo courtesy of John Yanyshyn.*

### 2023 Recipients

**Richard Chappell**

Regional Vice President of Operations at Westwood Shipping Lines

**Alec Dick**

Ahousaht First Nation, Board Chair Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary

**Dr./Captain Michael L. Hadley**

Professor, Naval Officer, Historian

**Robert Lawson**

Boatwright, Maritime Historian

**Verena Tunnicliffe**

Professor Emeritus at the University of Victoria School of Earth and Ocean Sciences

**Abernethy & Gaudin Boatbuilders Ltd.**

Robert Abernethy & Jean Gaudin, co-owners and shipwrights



## Digital Presence

### Facebook

As of March 31, 2024, our Facebook follower count was 4,094, a 223-person increase from the previous fiscal.

Our total reach for 2023/2024 fiscal year was 275,064 people.



Scan to visit our Facebook page!

### Instagram

As of March 31, 2024, our Instagram follower count was 2079, a 142-person increase from the previous fiscal.

Our total reach for 2023/2024 fiscal year was 13,619 people.



Scan to visit our Instagram page!

### YouTube

As of March 31, 2024, our YouTube subscriber count was 446, a 106-person increase from the previous fiscal.

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, we received 19,517 views.



Scan to visit our YouTube channel!

### TikTok

As of March 31, 2024, our Tiktok follower count was 1065, a 64-person increase from the previous fiscal.

During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, we received 6,598 views.



Scan to visit our TikTok channel!

### New Website

In March 2024, we launched a long-overdue update to our website through local Victoria company, The Number. Alongside this, we undertook a rebrand to reflect the museum's evolving identity. Our goal for the project was to create a streamlined and user-friendly platform where our community can easily access all relevant information. Additionally, the new website has greatly simplified maintenance for our staff, improving overall efficiency.



Scan to visit our website!

## Membership

**Our total membership count on March 31, 2024 was 324.**

MMBC members play a vital role in sustaining BC's maritime heritage. Purchasing an annual membership provides crucial financial support, enabling us to preserve our collection, conduct community workshops and outreach initiatives, offer enriching school programs, create dynamic rotating exhibits. Membership sales also support our goal of moving into a larger, more permanent home.

### Member Benefits:

- Annual free admission to the MMBC
- Exclusive invitations to exhibit openings
- 20% off events and workshops
- Free entry to book signings and Museum Tots programs
- 10% off in the MMBC gift shop
- Free admission to the Vancouver Maritime Museum
- 20% off admission to the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea
- A 2-for-1 voucher from Lady Rose Marine for a round trip to Bamfield on MV *Frances Barkley*
- Subscription to our monthly e-newsletter
- Voting privileges at our AGM

### Featured Benefit:



*MV Frances Barkley.*  
Photo by Lady Rose Marine.

In March 2024, we partnered with Lady Rose Marine and introduced a new member benefit: a 2-for-1 voucher for a round-trip to Bamfield travelling up the scenic Alberni Inlet aboard the historic MV *Frances Barkley*.

This benefit is exclusive to MMBC members and has over \$90 in value!

This voucher is included in all new member packages. If you are already a member, you can renew early to access this benefit! The remaining time left on your current membership will be added to your renewal. If you have any questions about renewing your membership or this benefit, please contact our Development Coordinator, Tina Edwards, at [tedwards@mmbc.bc.ca](mailto:tedwards@mmbc.bc.ca).



## Sponsors, Funders, and Corporate Donors

Every year we receive support from our community through either in-kind or financial contributions towards all aspects of our organization. We are extremely grateful for this support!

### **Below are the organizations who contributed in 2023-2024:**

Abernethy & Gaudin Boatbuilders Ltd.	Province of British Columbia
Ascendant Fx	Provincial Employees Community Services Fund
BC Coast Pilots Ltd	Robinson's Outdoor Store
Black Ball Transportation	Scotty Manufacturing Ltd
Bluewater Cruising Association	Shuck Taylors
Boyer Towing Inc.	Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation
Brisen Boatworks	Strathcona Hotel - Sticky Wicket
Canadian Energy	The Alberni Project
Category 12 Brewing	Tony Grove
Chateau Victoria	Torqueedo
City of Victoria	Total Boat Surveyors
Clear Marine	Tradewinds Boaters Exchange
Clear Marine Canvas & Upholstery	Tradewinds Boating Exchange
Coast Hotel & Marina	Trotac
Finest at Sea	Trotac Marine Ltd
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority	Van Isle Marina
Highway Antique Barn	Victoria Golden Rods and Reels
Il Terrazzo	Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour
Inn at Laurel Point	West Wind Hardwood Inc.
Jamie Alley	Western Marine Company
John and Mary Horton	Western Mariner Magazine
Lady Rose Marine	Westport Marina
Ladysmith Maritime Society	
League & Williams Law Corp.	
Lee Sails	
Lohmann Sails & Covers Ltd.	
Lohmann Sails & Covers Ltd.	
Mill Bay Marine Group	
Mustang Survival	
Mustang Survival Corp	
Oak Bay Marine Group	
Pacific Yachting MAgazine	
Point Hope Maritime	
Portofino Bakery	
Prince of Whales	

## Volunteers

The Maritime Museum of BC could not accomplish our many programs, events, and activities without the extraordinary volunteers who give their time out of love and dedication. It is because of their help that the Museum is able to achieve everything that we do for our Members as well as local and provincial communities. Without these individuals, the Museum would not be able to offer so many services. We would like to extend a most heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers who have put in time and effort to help us thrive through 2023/24.

### **Our volunteers dedicate their time in all areas of the Museum including:**

- Front Desk / Visitor Centre Volunteers
- Digitization Volunteers
- Collections & Library / Archive Volunteers
- Program Volunteers
- Gallery Interpretation Volunteers
- Classic Boat Festival Volunteers, including:
  - Gate / Donation Ambassadors
  - Dock Ambassadors
  - Servers / Bartenders
  - Security
  - Silent Auction
- Event Volunteers, including:
  - Set-Up & Take Down
  - Bartending
  - Outreach and Info Tabling
- Volunteer Movers



*Volunteers participating in a fun beach outing!*



*Hardworking Classic Boat Festival volunteers taking donations.*

## Volunteer List

Callie Anderson  
John Anderson  
Aleli Aniego  
Murray Armstrong  
Terese Ayre  
Bob Ayres  
Leslie Bailey  
Judy Barefoot  
Barbara Benes  
Ursula Benoit  
Sebastien Bixby  
Jean Bowles  
Katie Brissard  
Leslie Butt  
Murray Butt  
Chantelle Clark  
James Coates  
Dave Critchley  
Elaine Davies  
Geoffrey Denman  
Irene DiCaire  
Jan Drent  
Mike Ellis  
Clay Evans  
Tim Fan  
Gene Fedderly  
James Ferguson  
Keith Ford-Ramsden  
Bob Gaba  
Charlotte Gann  
Bob George  
Rilla Hewer  
Barbara Humphries  
Lloyd Jenkins  
Susan Jenkins  
Ken Johnson  
James Johnston  
Annie Kelly  
Liam Kempster  
Vincent Klashinsky  
Patrick Lawson

Karen Link  
Rebecca Lokhorst  
Thomas Longman  
Zehao Lu  
Raya MacKenzie  
Angus Matthews  
Sandy Matthews  
Sandra Mattson  
Brigette McConkey  
Rhian McKee  
Barb McLaughlan  
Wendy McLellan  
Wendy Moreton  
Bill Noon  
Liane O'Grady  
Sibel Ozman  
Jurgen Pokrandt  
Patrick Raham  
Tim Rendell  
Charles Richardson  
Lori Richardson  
Malcolm Ross  
Muren Sansbury  
John Sarsfield  
Rachel Schneider  
Richard Schroeder  
Barry Sparkes  
Ray Stacey  
Bonnie Stacy  
James Tirrul-Jones  
Victor Turkington  
Peter Visser  
Caitlin Walker  
Chantal Webb  
James Webb  
Mike Webb  
David Winkler  
Jennifer Young  
Nick Zanko  
James Ziolkoski

That's **81 incredible people!**  
We want to thank all of our amazing volunteers who have devoted countless hours this year to preserving and promoting maritime heritage and culture. The Museum is better because of each and every one of you!



*Thirsty Thursday! During these fun MMBC volunteer social nights, volunteers get together at Bartholomew's Pub.*

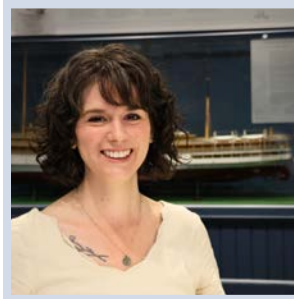


*Classic Boat Festival 2023; an event that takes dozens of volunteers to run!*

## Staff



Brittney Vis  
Executive Director



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Collections & Exhibits  
Manager



Laura Robin  
School and Public  
Programs Manager



Anya Zanko  
Events and  
Development Manager



Tina Edwards  
Development  
Coordinator



Sarah Board  
Volunteer and Visitor  
Centre Coordinator



Westley Wilson  
Public Engagement  
Intern



Vanessa Spacey  
Collections and Archives  
Intern



Stephanie Chong  
School and Public  
Programs Manager  
(Covering Maternity  
Leave)



Kym Aerts  
Collections Assistant  
Skyla Thomas  
Programs Assistant  
Haeden Walker  
Events and Marketing  
Assistant



Ashlee Greggor  
Events and Marketing  
Assistant



Maleah Schmitke  
Membership and  
Donations Coordinator

## Board of Directors



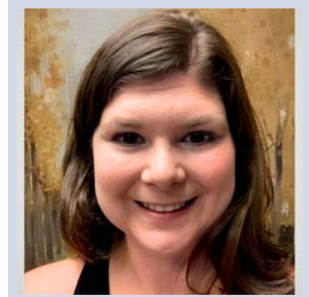
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Nusi Reid  
Director



Clay Evans  
Director



Angus Matthews  
Director



Captain William Noon  
Director



Jelena Putnik  
Director



Geoffrey Denman  
Director



Bonnie Stacy  
Director



Robert Abernethy  
Director

## Closing Note

As we reflect on this past 2023/2024 fiscal year, we are proud of the strides we have made in preserving and sharing British Columbia's rich maritime heritage. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, staff, members, and donors. Thank you for your continued support.



*Exterior of the Maritime Museum of BC.  
Photo courtesy of James Holkko*

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