


The
MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

News Release

For Immediate Release
27 August 2019

42nd Annual Victoria Classic Boat Festival

The Maritime Museum of BC will be hosting the 42nd Annual Victoria Classic Boat Festival this Labour Day Weekend, from August 30th to September 1st. Join us to celebrate these beautiful heritage vessels!



Photo Courtesy of James Holkko

About the Victoria Classic Boat Festival

The Victoria Classic Boat Festival is a spectacular annual gathering of vessels of a Classic design, both new and old, power and sail. Vessels attend from all over the Pacific Northwest, with the occasional visiting vessel from distant oceans. Each year during the Labour Day Weekend, approximately 10,000 visitors tour the docks and the boats on display. The public is invited to view the boats while they are moored at the Inner Harbour docks. Many owners generously offer tours of their boats.

William Noon, Festival Chair, noted that “the Pacific Northwest is blessed with an enormous number of traditional boats – from sailboats, to workboats, to cruisers. The Festival began in 1977 with the



The
MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

idea that our maritime heritage must not only be preserved, but also celebrated. The Festival's open docks, events, and activities serve to engage our community and visitors on our maritime history, culture, and its ongoing story. ”

Don Prittie, General Manager of Canoe Cove Marina, is “proud to be the principle sponsor of one of the great maritime festivals on the west coast. This event truly showcases floating works of art that make up an important part of our maritime heritage. Canoe Cove Marina and Boatyard shares in this history, having first been established in the recreational and commercial boating community in the early 1900s.”

As in previous years, these classic boats will participate in a “sail past” and race on Sunday, September 1. The modern day “sail past” tradition began at the first yacht club that was formed in England nearly 200 years ago. It was first introduced as a continuation of the naval habit of having Admirals and Royalty review the fleet on special occasions. The Festival's tradition is similar, however, the Honourary Commodore instead of the Admiral receives the salute. Spectators can head out to watch the parade of ships and races at Holland Point Park on Sunday afternoon.



Photo Courtesy of James Holkko

Event Details

Date: August 30 to September 1, 2019

Location: Victoria's downtown Inner Harbour



The
MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

Time:

- August 30 and 31, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- September 1, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Cost:

- Open by donation



Photo Courtesy of James Holkko

Schedule of Activities

Friday, August 30 2019

Time	Event	Location
8 AM - 8 PM	Docks open to the public	Floating Docks - Victoria's Inner Harbour
8 AM - 4 PM	Registration is open (all boaters must check in with the registration table during this time)	Top of Floating Docks - Victoria's Inner Harbour
12 PM	Festival Kicks Off - The festival officially starts with Cannon salute announcing the arrival of the Honorary Commodore on board the Maritime Museum of B.C. salute Vessel Midnight Sun.	Victoria's Inner Harbour
5 PM - 8 PM	Silent Auction/Welcoming Reception for registered boaters	Union Club of BC



The
MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Time	Event	Location
8 AM – 8 PM	Docks open to the public	Floating Docks – Victoria’s Inner Harbour

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Time	Event	Location
8 AM – 6 PM	Docks open to the public	Floating Docks – Victoria’s Inner Harbour
9 AM	Sailpast and Sail Race Captains meeting	Causeway in front of Prince of Whales
11 AM – 1 PM	Sailpast and Sailing Races – head down to the water to see all the boats sail by!	Ogden Point to Clover Point
6 PM – 9 PM	Banquet Dinner for boaters	Union Club of BC

- 30 -

For further information, please contact:

Brittany Vis, Associate Director
Maritime Museum of BC
250-385-4222 ext. 106
bvis@mmbc.bc.ca