Mezzanine named in honor of the Satterberg Foundation.
Sun & Maritime Shine at 2007 Wooden Boat Festival

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Pectacular sunny skies, temperatures in the low 80s and a steady 15-15 knot sailing breeze filled log book pages and feedback forms, guaranteeing this festival goes down as "best weather ever." While a day or two of beautiful weather is not uncommon in September, a week is rare indeed. Weather forecasts got people motivated to go outside, boaters were relaxed, and smiles turned into record-breaking numbers for boat and booth exhibitors, Jefferson Transit Park & Ride, Bar Harbor sales, Friday tickets, and weekend passes. Like the guns in a regatta and the strength of a cold front at sea, the weather has an irrefutable influence on the quotients of festival success—the financial, the fun. Regardless of how well-prepared we are, the weather gods make or break us. This year we were fortunate in all respects.

Stars—among the people and the boats—were the other notable “shine” at the 31st Wooden Boat Festival. This year, there were more boatbuilding presenters and more boats than ever before. Nearly 80 shipwrights and marine trades professionals, more than 60 businesses, and dozens of boating adventurers, artists and authors presented real life career experiences and gave advice, proving maritime culture is alive and well.

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Grants Boost Maritime Center Programs

“No Child Left Inside” & Satterberg Foundation Awards Announced

The Northwest Maritime Center received two envelopes in April containing wonderful news. The first, from long-time supporter the Satterberg Foundation, held a check for $25,000 along with the message, “Keep up the amazing work!” This grant will help fund Messing About in Boats summer sea-camp, as well as Puget Sound Explorers programs. The letter went on to thank the Northwest Maritime Center for the privilege of participating in our endeavors.

In the second envelope was an award of $39,994 from No Child Left Behind, a $5.5 million program established by the 2007 Washington State Legislature under the administration of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. A total of 238 applications with more than $86 million in requests were received and only 25 grants were awarded, many of which went to support programs in urban areas of the state. The Northwest Maritime Center grant—for Puget Sound Explorers: Exploring Parks, Shores and Sea—is in collaboration with the Port Townsend Marine Science Center and applies to 7th grade programs for the Chimacum and Port Townsend School Districts, as well as the Mar Vista and Pu/ICE high school programs.

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Construction begins. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awards $500,000 grant. First Federal Commons named in recognition of savings & loan company’s contributions totaling $500,000.
2008

Pilothouse named in recognition of Dick & Anne Schneider’s contributions to capital campaign and transition phase. Kayak Staging Area named in recognition of Alex & Elena Spear.
City of Port Townsend invests $1 million in facility and secures public access to the waterfront in perpetuity. Kresge Foundation awards $600,000 “last money in” challenge grant. New NWMC logo unveiled.
2009

Chandler Maritime Education Building dedicated in honor of gifts from the Camilla Chandler Family Foundation totaling $1 million. Tool Room named in honor of Foss Maritime’s $50,000 pledge. Campaign goal gap less than $1 million.
NWMC Awarded Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant

The Compass Course
Northwest Maritime Center & Wooden Boat Foundation

Chandler Maritime Education Building
May 50th Dedication and Celebration Event Previews New Facility

The new Chandler Maritime Education Building was dedicated on May 30, 2009, in recognition of gifts to the Northwest Maritime Center totaling $1 million from the Camilla Chandler Foundation. Camilla (M) Chandler Frost travelled from her home in Los Angeles to receive the honor bestowed by her son Alex Sparo and family friend Carol Hasse, owner of Port Townsend Sails.

The event—a preview of construction progress for major donors—was held in the partially-finished Mezzanine About Boat Shop, one of several unique spaces in the building that will fulfill the mission of the Northwest Maritime Center: “To engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in spirit of adventure and discovery.”

“The foundation stepped up early on,” said Dave Robinson, former executive director of the maritime center. “The size of the gift and the fact that it came from a well-known national charity gave us immediate credibility. There were many others who stepped up at critical times along the way, but the Chandler gift is at the top of the list.”

The dedication was attended by 160 Northwest Maritime Center and Wooden Boat Foundation supporters, including State Representatives Lynn Kessner and Kevin Van De Wege, as well as Port Townsend mayor Michelle Sandavol. Former board president David King, COO of Townsend Bay Marina, officiated, along with current board president Steve Garrette. (More photos of the event on page 3.)

We Have a New Logo

The Northwest Maritime Center unveiled its new logo and a new look at the Chandler event, as shown above and in the photo at right. The logo is a bold and sturdy “M,” bringing to mind the “Maritime” connection in all that we do. A star hangs in the northwest quadrant on our journey’s guide.

The logo was created by Bruce Hare Design Studios of Seattle. Bruce has received national acclaim for his type design and (Continued on page 3)

We are on our way!

DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2010

GATES/KRESGE CHALLENGE*

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Goal $12.8 Million

We are on our way!

Your gift or pledge to the NWMC capital campaign will help us lock $11.7 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates and Kresge Foundations. Every dollar you give now will be matched TWICE with the $11.7 million reach mark. (Continued on page 3)

Port Townsend’s commitment to its working waterfront was made visible on September 10th with the opening of the new Northwest Maritime Center, linking the National Landmark Historic District with Point Hudson Marina. Work and play are sometimes hard to distinguish in Port Townsend; for more than 30 years the local waterfront community has held this vision—and Port Townsend’s ideal venue, its central location in a maritime region famous for boatbuilding, its generous community and this year’s perfect weather brought record numbers of boats, people and “work” to the 33rd annual Wooden Boat Festival. (Continued on page 2)

Capital Campaign Nears Goal & Deadline

More than a million dollars in challenge grants from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Kresge Foundation are set to cap off the Northwest Maritime Center capital campaign—just as soon as the $11.7 million “topping point” is reached. The hard work of our staff and board, plus the generosity of our many donors, have paid off in the past few months. With the campaign currently at or more than $11.2 million, we are within striking distance of reaching these significant grants. But it is critical to note that these are “all-or-nothing” challenges; we MUST meet the campaign goal before the March 31, 2010 deadline in order to secure the funds.

Applying for such nationally coveted grants is a rigorous process and few applicants succeed. Furthermore, the terms of award are intended to be extremely challenging: the granting agencies aim to compel organizations to excel, and to inspire communities to expand their philanthropy. Please help us meet the challenge!

If you have been thinking about giving to the Northwest Maritime Center campaign, now is the time. Note that multi-year pledges also count fully toward the matching grants. Donate now: contact Lance Goddles, l.goddles@nwmaritime.org or 360.385.3626 x 111. Or go to www.nwmaritime.org to download a pledge form. Thank you!