

# Vancouver Maritime Museum EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES July & August 2008



**We hope you will visit the Museum us over the next couple months. Activities and events are listed here and we are very proud of our new feature exhibit, *Meltdown! Oceans React to Global Warming***

## LECTURES, EVENTS, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

### *Through the North West Passage*, an illustrated talk with Dr Michael Byers Saturday June 21, 2008 at 2pm

Dr Byers is the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia and a project leader with ArcticNet, a federally-funded consortium of scientists from 28 Canadian universities and five federal government departments. In late 2006, Dr Byers sailed through the Northwest Passage on the *CCGS Amundsen*, Canada's research icebreaker. Photographs from that historic voyage will be shown during his presentation to be held in the J Torben Karlshoej Gallery at the Vancouver Maritime Museum. Free with admission to the Museum.

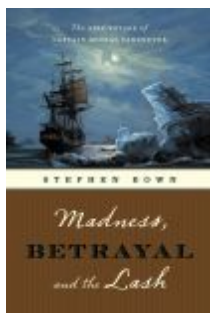
Michael Byers holds the Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia. Prior to 2005, he was Professor of Law and Director of Canadian Studies at Duke University; from 1996-1999 he was a Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford University. Dr. Byers is a regular contributor to the London Review of Books, Toronto Star and Globe and Mail, and a frequent guest on the CBC, CTV and Global. He is also the author of *Intent for a Nation* which the Globe and Mail describes as "a passionate and cheerful call for international action, based on a diligent reading of our values and our potential... closely argued, convincing, challenging, sometimes even exhilarating."

### Celebrate the Canada Day at the Maritime Museum Tuesday, July 1 from 10 am to 5 pm

Celebrate Canada's rich maritime heritage and traditions on Canada Day from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission by donation. Children's craft activities all day and boatbuilding from noon to 4 pm.



### Madness, Betrayal and the Lash: The Epic Voyage of Captain George Vancouver Presentation by Stephen R Brown - Saturday, July 5, 11 am to noon (VMM)



Vancouver led the greatest sailing voyage of all time: five years at sea, across 65,000 miles of ocean, the equivalent of twice around the world, visiting every continent and mapping tens of thousands of miles of uncharted coastline. Yet he died in disgrace, shunned and in debt. What went wrong?

How did the hero of Nootka Sound end up the laughingstock of London society? *Madness, Betrayal and the Lash* presents the dramatic, dark underbelly of Vancouver's voyage; the interpersonal quarrels, the challenge to a duel, the scandal that ended Vancouver's career and hastened his early death. From the author of *Scurvy*, this is the gripping story of Captain George Vancouver's epic voyage charting the Pacific, from the height of his greatness to his ultimate downfall. Published in hardcover, May 2008 by Douglas & McIntyre. Presentation signing by author, Stephen R Brown. Free with paid admission.

## Fraser River Festival - New Westminster Quay Boardwalk on July 19 and 20

Celebrate the economic, historical and cultural significance of the Fraser River. Family fun, entertainment, fireworks and boat tours. More info at [www.hyack.bc.ca](http://www.hyack.bc.ca)

## Celebrate BC Day at the Vancouver Maritime Museum

Monday, August 5 from 10 am to 5 pm

Our province is 150 years old and the Museum is a great place to explore 150 years of maritime heritage and traditions. Activities include All-day children's crafts and boatbuilding for kids from noon to 4 pm.

## Arrival of Simon Fraser Reenactment Voyage

Monday, August 5 at 4 pm (on the beach in Vanier Park)

Simon Fraser's journey of discovery was originally completed in 1808. He and his voyageurs shot an amazing number of dangerous rapids and travelled equally dangerous land portages, passing "where no human being should venture", successfully reaching the mouth of the Fraser River, only to discover it was not the Columbia River that he thought he was following. This partial re enactment of the journey is to highlight the significance of Simon Fraser and commemorate the journey of 200 years ago. It will also serve to reconnect the National Historic Fort Sites, the First Nations communities that supported Fraser's journey and the river communities that have developed since then.

## Granville Island Wooden Boat Festival

August 21 to 23 from 10 to 4 pm

Wooden boats of all kinds will be at the Granville Island public docks. Cast your vote for the "People's Choice Award", try your hand at boatbuilding with family boatbuilding and stomp up a storm at the maritime kitchen party. Billed as the "friendliest wooden boat festival in the Pacific Northwest." For more information [www.vcn.bc.ca/vwbs](http://www.vcn.bc.ca/vwbs)



## FEATURE EXHIBITS at the Maritime Museum

### MELTDOWN: Oceans React to Global Warming

In collaboration with the Canadian Association of Science Centers, the Vancouver Maritime Museum's feature, in-house curated exhibit provides a new "oceans" perspective that offers a fresh look at climate change. Visitors will better understand the fundamentals of global warming, explore its impact on the oceans, the Arctic and land environments and will find meaningful solutions to encourage change. *Meltdown! Oceans React to Global Warming* is a stimulating exhibit that is compelling, provocative and transformative.



This new, in-house curated exhibit focuses specifically on changing marine ecosystems and tackles topics such as ocean acidification, ocean warming, sea level rise and the uncertain future of Pacific salmon stocks. The exhibit presents information and engaging displays on the changing Arctic that addresses the issue of Canadian sovereignty over a melting Northwest Passage. The exhibit utilizes diverse components of the collections, many of which have never been on display. This includes beautiful builder's models such as the Soviet icebreaker, *Ermak*, marine engine models and rarely seen images of early steam and coal fired vessels.

You've heard the terminology; carbon footprint, CO2 emissions, tonnes of CO2 produced per person, sustainability, carbon sinks, the melting Arctic, ocean acidification, ocean warming, sea level rise. But what do they really mean and what does it have to do with you? *Meltdown! Oceans React to Global Warming*, the newly opened climate change exhibit at the Maritime Museum will walk you through the lingo, let you feel the weight of the CO2 produced from just 5 litres of gasoline, fly you through a forest fire, show you what a modern windmill and a solar panel actually looks like, how sky sails are being tested on tanker ships, as well as what you can do to help turn our world around.



## Chart Attack!

The Teekay Gallery now features an exhibit of rare and fascinating antique nautical charts from the Museum's collection. The charts literally 'map out' the history of BC and tell the story of British Columbia and the Arctic and the role of charts in the history of the province. Through the stories of those that charted our waterways, the vessels they used and the nautical charts produced, visitors learn about the rich maritime heritage of the province and how charts have been used for political and tactical purposes, in warfare, settlement and sovereignty.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more details phone Visitor Services at 604 257-8300  
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