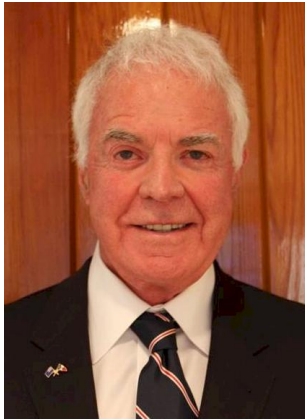




PRINCESS LOUISA
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November Newsletter and President's Message – Winter 2012 - 2013



This is a promising time for Princess Louisa Inlet and our society. Directors made several visits this summer. We watched Ranger Ming Neil in action calmly taking command of situations that arise, maintaining order, keeping peace, providing first aid and rescue services, and park maintenance. She has ably served as ranger in Princess Louisa for thirteen years. We have been reaching out to our neighbours to ensure that we are all on the same page. Our mission is to keep the Inlet in its natural state as our founder and benefactor, James F. (Mac) Macdonald intended.

We have had conversations with our newest neighbour, Global Conservation Mountain Biking Club, and are encouraged by what we have learned. They have an unobtrusive wooden dock and have been building trails that cannot be seen from the water. Ming Neil tells us that the trails are being sensitively built. We welcome ongoing meetings with this Club. We have also had friendly exchanges and met with Bob Goff, a philanthropist who has bought and conserved large tracts of land in the Inlet. He is most welcoming and we hope to continue visiting him in the future.

This year we paid for the installation of internet service for the use by BC Parks personal in the Inlet. It has made a big difference as we are now able to have ongoing communication with Ranger Ming Neil.

We are most grateful for the generous support, including large donations and memberships, that we received this year from friends, visitors to the inlet, and members. Interest in the preservation and maintenance of Princess Louisa Inlet is very high. Several large gifts were received from supporters including several estate bequests.

Typically there are 45 boats a night tied to our dock in the summer and contributing to the maintenance of the Inlet. Although fewer boats came to the Inlet this year, a higher proportion of sailboats arrived than ever before; perhaps this is a renaissance of sailing voyagers.

We welcome your support in protecting the most beautiful fjord in North America.

John H. Painter, President
Princess Louisa International Society

Completion of the Memorial Plaque Program



Two of our society's directors, Fred Roed and Jim Erickson, made a trip to Princess Louisa Inlet on May 12. They were able to cement all the outstanding plaques in place on the commemorative pylons at the gazebo, thereby bringing our plaque campaign to a successful conclusion. While we may revisit this program in the future if enough people inquire about it, it has served its purpose for now with much credit going to Fred and Jim

for their tenacity in seeing it through. (Photo of some of the plaques)

Directors hosted a BBQ for all at Chatterbox in July

In July, our directors hosted a rendez-vous and BBQ on the docks at the Inlet. It was a wonderful affair of 'organized chaos', to which anyone who happened to be at the Inlet at the time was invited. Although difficult to initially spread the word to the cruising community, planning is underway to make this an annual event.



(left) Directors, Betty Wright and Ranger Ming Neil



(right) Lots of cruisers attending our July BBQ

Docks, mooring inspections and Stewardship

While Princess Louisa is an official Class A Marine Park in British Columbia, our society continues its stewardship and conservancy role for the Park and the Inlet. As such, we also pay for the annual dock and moorings inspection, again this year completed by Garden Bay Marine Services, who dive the mooring chains and cables and check dock linkages and floats. We are grateful to the contribution-donations by members, supporters and visitors to the Inlet as this helps us in our stewardship role.

We are also grateful to Bryce Christie of Sunshine Coast Tours for undertaking various deliveries and pick-ups from Princess Louisa during our regular season.

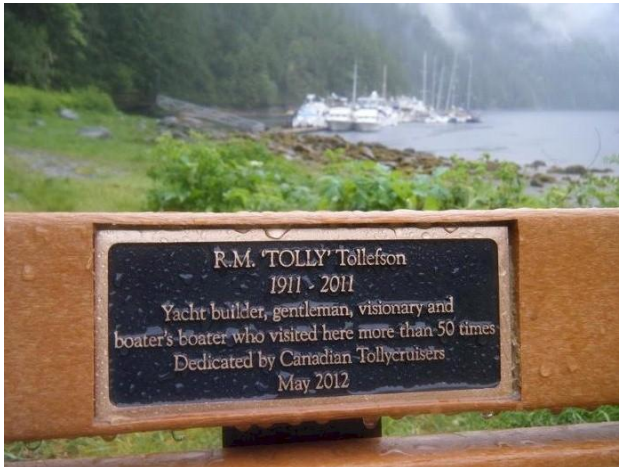
For more information on the history of Princess Louisa Inlet and this marine park's unique status started by James (Mac) McDonald in the 1950's please refer to our website at www.princesslouisa.bc.ca



Website update

And speaking of our website, we are grateful to our webmaster Brad Warren of Logistica Systems (www.logistica.ca) for not only the creation of our new-improved website, but also for on-going updates. We welcome unique photos of Princess Louisa Inlet of cruisers and family fun that we can select for the website with your permission.

R.M. (Tolly) Tollefsen remembered



On May 11, many Tollycraft owners and cruisers converged at Princess Louisa to remember the grand gentleman Tolly Tollefsen himself, who had recently passed away. He first visited the Inlet in 1938 and made over 50 trips to 'The Princess' over the years before retiring at age 90. In cooperation with BC Parks and ranger Ming Neil, a commemorative bench and sign was installed at Chatterbox over-looking the Inlet.

Visit with Malibu - Young Life camp

Finally, at the end of August, your president John Painter and secretary-treasurer Peter Chipman had an opportunity to visit the Inlet and stay for 2 nights at the Malibu Young Life camp situated at Malibu Rapids at the entrance to the Inlet. It was an informative and instructive visit that occurred in a 3-day window in-between their rotation of 300+ campers and group bookings. We learned a great deal about their Malibu operation, their devotion to God and nature as experienced in this idyllic setting. We even learned that they cherished the stories of 'Mac' who came to the camp in his canoe and do his famous 'fire-dance'. It must have been quite a sight.

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