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### January Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club 420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331



**Monday, January 7th**

*with speaker*

**John Shaw, P. Eng.**

Vice President, Government Relations and Business Development,  
Seaspan Shipyards

*“Impact on Vancouver of the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy”*

John joined the Washington Marine Group in September 2007 as Vice President - Process Improvement, bringing over 30 years of experience in the marine industry. John was responsible for identifying and implementing new technologies to improve the capabilities of the Shipyards.

In 2010, John took on the role of Vice President – Program Management responsible for the development of strategies and capabilities to secure selection of Seaspan Shipyards in the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy. Following the recent selection by Canada of Vancouver Shipyards to build future Non-Combat ships, John has taken on the role of government relations and business development.

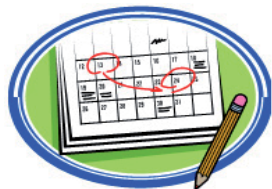
After completing his apprenticeship at sea, John graduated from Queen’s University in 1982 and joined Dome Petroleum as a Research Engineer in their Beaufort Sea Development Group. He was involved with the design of upgrades and modifications to drill and support ships and was also involved in the testing of the icebreaking supply ships Kigoriak and Robert LeMeur.

In 1986, John graduated with a M. Sc. in Marine Engineering from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and joined Yard Inc. as a Marine Systems Engineer. He was responsible for systems verification for the CPF project and was machinery systems designer for the initial Maritime Coastal Defense Vessel proposal.

In 1988 he joined Lloyd’s Register of Shipping as Engineer Surveyor in Vancouver, BC. John completed a M.B.A. in 1992 and was transferred to Halifax. He became Principal Surveyor in 1996 responsible for Eastern Canada. He oversaw the growth of Lloyd’s Register business in Eastern Canada in both offshore certification and ship new construction.

John joined Thordon Bearings Inc. in 2000 as Technical Director, responsible for engineering in the development of new products and product application.

### Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



#### Next Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday, February 11th, 2013 - TBA

#### Upcoming Special Event - see page 2 for more details

- UBC Wine Research Centre- Wednesday, February 13th
- Coventa Tour, Waste to Energy - Monday, March 18th

## President's Notes



It was indeed a pleasure sharing Christmas lunch with so many of our members and guests. Capilano maintained its reputation for serving 'the best' luncheon with its huge assortment of appetizers, main courses and dessert spreads. Again, we enjoyed a most convivial gathering with table-side entertainment provided by *The Classic Carollers*, singing all the old familiar songs. In all, it was a delightful start to the Christmas season! Our Special Events Committee, is deserving of a huge thank you as is Linda Metcalfe for her assistance and Darryl Stodalka for taking photographs.

2013 will see a continuation of excellent speakers discussing topical and interesting subjects as organized by Gordon Adair and his Speakers Committee. We will also be scheduling an outing in August designed to celebrate our 10th anniversary and a series of Special Events for your enjoyment planned by Mike McMahon and his group.

Both bridge and golf are again starting up under the direction of Phil Boase and he welcomes your enquiries should you be interested in playing either as a regular or spare. These are excellent venues to meet and socialize with members and I would encourage you to contact Phil at 604-985-2790.

We will also be developing another member's interest survey in the coming months to see if there are other activities you might wish to explore. Our membership has expanded significantly in the past couple of years so we want to determine if there are new areas that we should be addressing. As always, it takes individuals willing to donate time to organize and run any program and that remains the key ingredient.

Lastly, we intend to follow our practice of varying locations for our monthly meetings. It is always prudent to develop alternatives and our House Committee chaired by Jon Strom remains active on this front.

Don Leier, Vice President, will be chairing meetings in January and February as I hope to absorb some sunshine in Arizona so may I wish you all a Happy New Year and I will see you in March.

*Fraser Grant*

## Special Events

### LAST CALL for UBC WINE RESEARCH CENTRE

This promises to be a great tour. The Centre is not usually open to the public so this is an exceptional opportunity to learn about the Centre.

The tour is set for 13 February, 2013, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. We have openings for 30 more registrants to reach our maximum of 46 members and guests. Dr. Hennie van Vuuren, the director, will speak about the Centre and we will then tour the facility including the extensive Wine Cellar/Library. The cost is \$40, which includes lunch and wine tasting led by Dr. van Vuuren. To register contact Mike McMahon at 604.926.1088 or [mike@mcmtax.com](mailto:mike@mcmtax.com) or at the monthly meeting on 7 January, 2013. You must make your own travel arrangements. Directions will follow.

Members and their guests will be given preference until 15 January, 2013. After 15 January, 2013, we will also accept registration from non-members. You will not be considered registered until payment has been received.

### COVENTA – WASTE TO ENERGY

This tour, arranged by Colin Ritson, is scheduled for 18 March. There will be space for 40 registrants. Twenty will do a tour on the morning of the 18th and 20 in the afternoon. The two groups will meet together for lunch. The cost has not yet been determined. Details will follow via e-mail and in the February issue.

### VAN DUSEN GARDENS

This tour will take place on 6 May, 2013, and will include lunch. Details will follow via e-mail and following issues.

*Mike McMahon*

### *The Classic Carollers singing their final carol at the Christmas Luncheon*



Photos of Members and Their Guests at the Christmas Luncheon



## Photos of Members and Their Guests at the Christmas Luncheon



**Darryl Stodalka is the photographer for all these photos and more which are posted on our website. If you would like a copy of a photo, please contact Linda Metcalfe who will ask Darryl to email the original to you.**

### Meetings

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.  
Dress Code: Business Attire. Jeans are **NOT** permitted.

Coffee and fellowship: 9:00 am to 9:45 am  
 Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

Members are welcome to bring a guest to a meeting.

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