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Monthly Meeting at the Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331

Coffee and Fellowship: 9:00 am, Club Business and Speaker: 9:30 - 11:15 am



Monday, October 3rd

with speaker

Jonathan Whitworth,

Chief Executive Officer, Seaspan ULC

“Seaspan Today”

Jonathan Whitworth joined Seaspan in 2009 as Chief Executive Officer, bringing over 20 years of seagoing, shore side, strategic planning, management, and leadership experience to the organization. As CEO of Seaspan, Jonathan is responsible for developing and implementing the strategic plan, making major corporate decisions, managing the overall operations and resources of the company, and acting as the main point of communication between the board of directors and corporate operations.

Seaspan is an association of Canadian Companies primarily involved in coastal marine transportation, ship docking, ship escort and ship building services in Western North America. The Government of Canada has embarked on a 30 year \$35B program that will see the construction of new vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard and Canadian Navy. Seaspan has been chosen to build state of the art non-combat vessels as part of this program.

After graduating from the Texas Maritime Academy, Jonathan sailed for six years as an officer aboard tankers and chemical carriers in the international market. He also still holds an unlimited chief mate's license, and a 1600- ton captain's license. After completing his MBA at the University of North Texas, Jonathan came ashore and held a number of management positions at ExxonMobil and Teekay Shipping. He later became CEO of Maritrans Inc., the largest publicly held tug/barge and tanker operator in the US Jones Act trade. Maritrans was sold to Overseas Shipholding Group of New York, in 2006, and Jonathan was retained as President to continue the strategic plan created at Maritrans.

Outside of Seaspan, Jonathan is involved in the industry and business community sitting on many boards including Industry Training Authority, Marine Transportation Advisory Council, Business Council of BC (past chair), Co-Chair – Board of Trade's "Greater Vancouver Economic Scorecard", and has been a member of YPO since 2004.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates



Next Meeting Location Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Monday November 14th - Trevor Heaver, Professor Emeritus, Sauder School of Business, UBC, "Transportation Issues"
- **Special Events** - Christmas Lunch, Monday December 12th at the West Vancouver Yacht Club, more information to follow closer to the date.

President's Notes



This is my first message as your newly elected President and I am looking forward to a fun filled and exciting year.

For those of you who could not attend our annual AGM in September, I want to again formally thank our outgoing President Mike McMahon for his leadership over the last year. I will be calling on his skills as he remains on your Management Committee as Past President.

I also want to thank all members of your MC who are “retiring” for their service. Colin (Special Events), Jack (Membership), Ian (Secretary) and Grant (House), as well as Barry in his role as Past President. It has been a fun and rewarding year

Thank you to those staying on for next year Michael (Speakers), Darrel (Communications), and Gordon (Treasurer). Phil has agreed to continue with both golf and bridge and Linda will be continuing in her many roles of Administrator, Shoreline publisher and Webmaster.

Barry has done a great job in recruiting and we have outstanding new members with John (Vice President), Jeremy (Membership), Norm (Secretary), Gord (Special events) and John (House)

Volunteering is rewarding—I encourage you to think about it and recommend you start with helping out on a committee this year or the management committee next year. We are always looking for help and with Canada 150 this year we will be looking for additional volunteers.

I am looking forward to working with a great bunch of guys. At the top on the agenda are venues and Canada 150 however, as always, our speakers and special events will support and encourage the fellowship in our club

Since the announcement that we have been evicted from our summer home, I am encouraged by the many suggestions from our members as to potential venues and I will keep members informed as to progress.

Michael and his committee are well along on developing an exceptional program of guest speakers. With today's ever changing world and current events - local, national and international, we are living in interesting times, and we will endeavor to keep current with the times, while keeping our minds active.

Special events are being worked on and we are planning something a little different for our Christmas lunch this year. Be sure to save the date - It will be on December 12th and held at the West Vancouver Yacht Club – more on that at the October meeting.

I will be attending a conference hosted by PROBUS BC District 2 prior to our October meeting. This will be the first meeting in some time that the 13 clubs in our District will be getting together. We will be discussing how to improve the effectiveness of Clubs within the District and National levels and I will provide an update at our October meeting.

Our October meeting is a week before Thanksgiving. I am not sure where the summer went, however, we are officially in autumn. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. It is about being thankful and grateful for our blessings. It is about friends and family and a time to realize just how lucky we are.

Wishing you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a loving family and the fellowship of our monthly meetings.

Dave Walker

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Final Notice for 2016 -2017 Membership Renewals

If a member fails to pay the renewal fee of \$60 by **October 15th**, the space will be filled by a new member.
Please mail ASAP or bring your payment with your renewal form to the October meeting if you have yet to renew.

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at September Meeting



Victor Curtis (*member since December 2015*) Victor was born in Winnipeg and has been a resident of the Vancouver area for 20 years. His schooling was primarily in Winnipeg where he received a BA from the University of Manitoba. He then received a LLB from the University of Toronto. Victor practiced as a lawyer, County Court Judge, and Supreme Court Judge both in Prince George and Vancouver. His interests include boating, cycling, gardening, skiing, and tennis.



Brian Hann (*member since September 2016*) Brian was born in Vancouver and has been a resident of West Vancouver for 44 years. Brian practiced as a banker with the Royal Bank for 39 years in Smithers, Victoria, Vancouver, Montreal, and Toronto. He has been involved in various directorships including BC Tourism, the Downtown Vancouver Association, Unicef (BC), West Vancouver United Church and the West Vancouver Seniors. His interests include volunteering, boating, travel, and reading.



Ivan Johnston (*member since September 2016*) Ivan was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland and has been a resident of West Vancouver since 1953. He received his education at UBC and the University of Washington and practiced in Prosthodontic Dentistry from 1960 to 2015. His interests include building his cottage, woodworking, and gardening.



Greeters Colin Ritson and Norm Alban



Last Month's Speaker - Prof. Simon Peacock, Earthquakes

Note: View Speaker presentations, when available, on our website at:
<http://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/speakers.htm>



President Dave Walker thanks speaker Prof. Simon Peacock with a bowl hand crafted by a member.

Professor Simon Peacock, PhD, is a professor of geology at UBC and has been the Dean of Science since 2006. His topic was the magnitude 9 earthquake in Japan in 2011, and the potential for a similar earthquake in Cascadia.

“There is a one in a million chance of there being a major earthquake in Vancouver in the next hour,” he said. Prof. Peacock was a lot more reassuring about earthquakes than Jock Finlayson was about BC’s economy, but he added, “We should have a pair of shoes and a flashlight beside our beds.”

There are four tectonic plates converging off Vancouver Island: the Pacific, North American and the smaller Juan de Fuca and Explorer plates. When the earthquake occurs, it will take place along a boundary of the North American plate, running from Vancouver Island to northern California. The land could slip all at once, and be magnitude 9. Prof. Peacock says there is a 25% chance for this to happen in the next 50 years. The energy released is immense, greater than anything man made, and it is all released in about two to three minutes.

The March 11, 2011 Tōhoku (also called Sendai and Fukushima) earthquake shows what a magnitude 9 event can do. The land that slipped was roughly rectangular, 500km by 250km. It slipped 40 meters, and created waves up to 40m high. The fault was “locked and loaded,” just

like the fault off our coast. When the earthquake occurs the land on either side of the fault slips relieving built up stresses.

Earthquakes generate two types of shock waves. P (primary) waves are deep and travel the fastest, giving a brief warning before the damaging S (secondary) and surface waves arrive. This gives 5-30 seconds or so for a warning to be broadcast, if the warning systems are in place.

Indigenous people on the West Coast of Vancouver Island have legends of an immense wave coming ashore, destroying villages. This has been confirmed by extrapolating from Japanese records, dating the earthquake at 9 PM, on Jan 26, 1700 AD. Different soil layers in the general area show tsunami deposits laid down in the same year.

On the West Coast, there have been nineteen major earthquakes in the last 10,000 years, or approximately, one every 500 years, the last one being 316 years ago. Because Vancouver Island lies between the fault zone and Vancouver, a serious tsunami is not expected in Georgia Strait. The most vulnerable areas for ground shaking are those underlain by unconsolidated deposits (sediments), like Richmond and the Capilano River delta, and steep hillsides.

There is a 5% chance of a major earthquake happening in the next ten years, about the same for an economic recovery and a much higher one of Donald Trump being elected. Be prepared!

Prof. Simon Peacock’s presentation is available on our website under the “Speakers” tab.

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