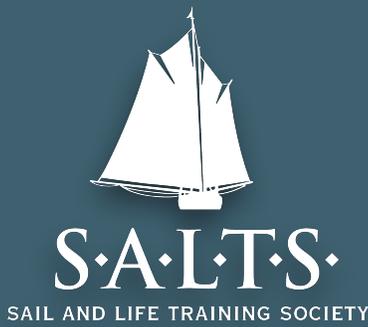


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There are a few remaining vacancies for girls *this summer* due to last minute cancellations.

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- The Wizinsky Foundation for their generous grant
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- Our fantastic weekly and special event volunteers

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Summer Voyages Have Begun!

Our first 10-day summer trips departed from Victoria's iconic Inner Harbour on July 1st. The downtown core was a buzz with Canada 150 activities and thousands of people which made for a festive and fun farewell.

The Pacific Grace headed to Princess Louisa Inlet after a night run while the Pacific Swift sailed to Thormanby Island where trainees and crew rowed ashore to explore.



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Save the Date!

Offshore Alumni Reunion

Saturday September 1, 2018 – Victoria, BC

We are in the very early stages of planning a celebration to commemorate 30 years since SALTS' first offshore voyage, 10 years since the most recent offshore voyage and all other past offshore voyages.

All former trainees and crew-members who have sailed with us to foreign/overseas ports will be invited to join us for a day sail and reception to reconnect with former ship-mates.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!



Offshore Voyage 1989-1990



Offshore Voyage 2003-2004

The Offshore Sailing Dream Is Alive (and so is the plan)

It's been quite a journey already, and the adventure is only just beginning. SALTS is doing something we've never done before—we're commissioning the construction of a steel hulled schooner capable of meeting offshore/international sailing regulations. Our past projects were for wooden-hulled ships built by SALTS (and our contractors) that sailed offshore as private vessels. Since that approach is no longer open to us, *Pacific Swift* and *Pacific Grace* cannot sail offshore again (they are limited to coastal sailing).

Our new schooner will enable us to resume offshore voyages and expand our coastal sailing program to the school groups that are on our waiting list. Just as "*smooth seas do not make skillful sailors*," our program presents challenges to young people that often result in substantial growth and maturity. The longer they are on board, the further from shore, the bigger the storms, the greater the challenges—the more they grow. Though the complexity, magnitude, cost and timeline of the project has increased, we remain optimistic.

We are hopeful that hull construction will begin next year, but the timeline depends on the response time to a design approval application we will be submitting to Transport Canada in the near future under the guidance of Lloyds Register. Once Transport Canada approval is gained, our naval architects will begin detailed pre-construction engineering work, a shipyard will be selected, and hull construction will begin as soon as possible.

Special thanks to Stephen Duff for his herculean efforts to move this work forward. This ship will play a key role in the future of SALTS for the next 50-100 years, and it will be worth the wait to get it right.

New Boom and Engine for Pacific Swift

The *Pacific Swift* had two major projects completed this spring with the installation of a new main boom as well as a new engine. The main boom, which was replaced mid June, was skillfully crafted by our Shoreside Support Manager Chris Barritt and Shop Foreman Patrick Sharman (as well as several volunteers). Skipper Tristan Hedley headed up the engine replacement project with the installation of a beautiful 210 hp Cummins engine. With the help of many extra hands (and perhaps a crane or two) for the heavy lifting both projects were a success!

The Spring Season in Photo's



June day sail



Dall's porpoises play off the bow



A great place to hang out



Trainees helping weigh anchor



Acrobatics on a shore excursion



Crew "modeling" their foul weather gear



Taking in the view while under sail

Behind the Scenes at SALTS: Our People



After 5 years of faithful service, First Mate Rebecca Hedley has stepped into a new role as Mom. Rebecca - thank you for how you have led, served and sweetened the SALTS community and... **Congratulations** to you and Tristan on the birth of your baby boy - born July 9th!



Welcome to Chris Barritt who has stepped into the role of Shoreside Support Manager.



With Rebecca's departure, Steven Atkinson has stepped into the role as First Mate aboard the Pacific Swift. **Congratulations** Steve!



Welcome to Cayla Wolever who has joined us for the second half of this season as Bosun aboard the Pacific Swift.

In Loving Memory...



Our community was saddened by the unexpected passing of our Finance Manager Kelly Wilkinson on June 14th.

The SALTS "family" will remember Kelly's dedication to her work and to the SALTS community, her ever present kindness and good humor. We are thankful for having shared time working alongside Kelly and count ourselves as fortunate to have known her.

Kelly's obituary can be found [here](#).



Long time friend of SALTS John West passed away on May 17.

John had a passion for boats and maritime history and was one of the founders and long-time organizers of Victoria's Classic Boat festival. Our community will miss his warmth and humour.

John's obituary can be found [here](#).