

WATERFRONT HERITAGE



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Winter 2026

Happy New Year from the CWHC!

For our first newsletter of 2026 we're excited to have a few items of interest for our supporters.

Read on to learn about our upcoming Country For Heritage concert, this year's Mariners' Service at St. George's Church, museum hours for March Break, and more!

We can't wait to see what this year brings. For those who want to be a part of it, there are always ways to get involved!

Zack McLean
Curator & Manager



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Mariners' Service

Every year, as we wait for the new Great Lakes Shipping season to begin, mariners arrive at St. George's Church in Owen Sound for the annual Mariner's Service and Blessing of the Great Lakes Fleet.

Regardless of how many ships come through Owen Sound, the service shows that the local mariner community is not a thing of the past. This year's service will mark the 33rd time that captains, crews, and cadets decorate St. George's Anglican Church with the flags of the marine industry to prepare for the coming season.

The 2026 service will be held on February 22nd at 10:00am at St. George's Church, 1049 10th St. E., Owen Sound. The International Shipmasters Association Lodge 15, which organizes the service, invites museum members and the general public to attend the service.

Ship Watch

What ship activity have we seen lately?

December 22: Prentiss Brown and St. Marys Challenger

January 18: CCGS Judy LaMarsh

January 19: Algoma Compass



Top: The *Algoma Compass* (left) and *Judy LaMarsh* (right) in Owen Sound.
Bottom: Attendees of the 2025 Mariners' Service

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Country For Heritage

Honouring Jan Chamberlain

Coming soon! Country for Heritage with Trish and Dave Hawkins! Join us at the Legion on March 7th for your favourite country tunes!

This year, we are dedicating our concert to Jan Chamberlain, who brought events like this one back to support the museum and worked tirelessly to bring the community together.

Saturday, March 7

Doors open 6:30pm

\$25

Email info@waterfrontheritage.ca to learn more.

Alpha to Omega

Hear the story of the Georgas family told by Lili Anne Holding.

Tuesday, February 23rd

Presentation begins 6pm | Doors Open

5:30PM

\$5/person

Email info@waterfrontheritage.ca to learn more.

COUNTRY FOR HERITAGE
Honouring Jan Chamberlain

Featuring **Trish and Dave Hawkins**
with your favourite Country tunes!

March 7th | 7-10pm
Doors open **6:30pm**

Owen Sound Legion
1450 2nd Ave. W

\$25

519-371-3333
waterfrontheritage.ca

Trivia at the Museum

Join us for Trivia Night at the museum!

Thursday, March 26

6pm

\$10/person

Email info@waterfrontheritage.ca to learn more.

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See Yourself Here: Become Part of Owen Sound's Story

Today's featured volunteer is Liam Hill. Liam joined our team of volunteers last year and rapidly became a regular helper at the museum. He brings with him experience as a volunteer with other local organizations and his own experience with historical study.

Liam became a volunteer here inspired in part by a desire to learn more about the historic CN station that houses the museum. He had learned about the CWHC through our involvement in the OPEN Card partnership and decided to learn more.

Since joining us, he has been helping visitors, assisting in the gift shop, and supporting special events, quickly becoming a dependable supporter who is always on the lookout for more ways to help.

Liam is looking forward to learning more about local history as he continues to volunteer at the museum, both by learning from the museum and listening to the stories of the visitors that come through.

**JOIN
THE TEAM!**



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Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your VIP membership! Sign up for your membership at the museum or online to gain benefits like free admission to the museum, early notice of special events, and more!

Please make cheques out to the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre

	Member name
_____	_____
_____	Expires
_____	_____
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Individual VIP Membership	

February Closure

The CWHC will be closed from Friday, February 13th-February 28th. If you need to get in touch with us in that time, you can do so by emailing info@waterfrontheritage.ca.

March Break

We will be open with additional hours for March Break! The museum will be open from 12-4pm on March 17-20, and 10am-4pm on March 21st.



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Become a VIP Member Today!

\$25 Individual

\$45 Family

\$55 Business

Thank You

Thank you to all those who have already shown up to the museum in 2026! Whether you've volunteered, visited, renewed your membership, or shown your support some other way, we look forward to seeing more of you in 2026!

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