

Summer, 2011

Dear Donor;

2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the restoration of the Lighthouse Keepers Quarters on Chantry Island and the launch of our new tour boat. Chantry Island was recently acknowledged by the Locals Know Campaign of the Canadian Tourism Commission as “Canada’s Hidden Travel Gem for 2010 “ and we would like you to be a partner in this ongoing success story.

The Southampton Marine Heritage Society is a Not for Profit group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our Marine History. S.M.H.S., with the support of the Town of Saugeen Shores, has initiated the purchase of our new tour boat.

Since the completion of the Chantry Island restoration in 2001, the Southampton Marine Heritage Society has been providing tours to the island. In the last 10 years this group of volunteers has transported over 12,000 passengers on this classic voyage and have provided insight into our unique Marine Heritage and significantly contributed to local tourism.

Our first boat, the “Peerless”, originally a 1970’s rescue vessel, has now come to the end of it’s tour life and was decommissioned at the end of the summer of 2010. We look forward to the arrival of her replacement the “Peerless II “ in the spring of 2011.

We are currently engaged in an active fund raising campaign for \$ 125,000 to support the purchase of our new boat and are seeking financial support. A contribution could be in the form of a one-time donation, or a pledge over a period of time, would be welcome as well. We would certainly like to add your name to our Donor Board at Pioneer Park in Southampton. (Tax Receipts would be provided)

The New Boat

To secure delivery of the new boat for the start of the 2011 season, Southampton Marine Heritage Society entered into an arrangement with the Town of Saugeen Shores. A deposit of 10 % has been made with the balance being repayable to the Town over a ten year period or sooner.

The new boat, built by Stanley Boats of Parry Sound, has many advantages:

- aluminum hull, lower weight, lower running and maintenance costs
- shallower draft 225 HP outboard motor
- crew and passengers can fit inside the cabin
- built to Coast Guard specifications, 35 year life expectancy

How can You Help ? – become a Donor – Donor Categories

Queen Victoria’s Crew	\$ 25,000 +	Assistant Lighthouse Keeper	\$ 1,000 +
Captain Lambert’s Crew	\$ 10,000 +	Lifesaving Crew	\$ 200 +

Lighthouse Keeper \$ 5,000 + Shipmate \$ 20 +

How do I make a Donation ?

To make a donation, complete the “ Donor Pledge Form “ (See Below)

Make cheques payable to: Marine Heritage Society – Peerless II

Then mail both to: Marine Heritage Society, PO Box 421, Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0.

We do hope that you can help us in funding our replacement boat, so we may continue to improve our service to the Island. For more information, visit our new Web Site at www.chantryisland.com

We want to ensure that the Chantry Island Lighthouse and Keepers Quarters are kept alive and accessible to tourists, cottagers and local citizens, now and into the future.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 519-483-8120, or by e-mail at davewenn@bmts.com

Yours truly,

Dave Wenn - Chair, Fund Raising Committee

LAUNCH THE PEERLESS II CAMPAIGN – DONOR PLEDGE FORM

Name _____	Name(s) to appear on the Donor Recognition Board
Address _____	_____
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I would like to help the “ LAUNCH THE PEERLESS II CAMPAIGN “ by giving \$\$ _____

Receipts will be issued pursuant to the Income Tax Act 118.1 (3)