

# SHIPS LOG 1792

Captain George Vancouver Historical Society



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## WHO IS CAPTAIN GEORGE VANCOUVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are dedicated to the celebration, dedication, and preservation of history, serious and abstract. We believe that all parts of history must be remembered, or it will be skewed. We named this group after Captain George Vancouver who explored and mapped the Strait of Juan de Fuca, between Vancouver Island and the present-day Washington state mainland in 1792.

### Down and Dirty History

Captain George Vancouver entered the Strait of Juan de Fuca, between Vancouver Island and the present-day Washington state mainland, on 29 April 1792. His Orders were to survey all of the inlets and outlet on the west coast of the mainland, all the way north to Alaska. Most of this work was in small craft propelled by both sail and oar. This was very dangerous.

He named many of the features that he discovered on his expedition for his officers and friends some of these included,

- Mount Baker – after Discovery's 3rd Lieutenant Joseph Baker, the first on the expedition to spot it
- Mount St. Helens – after his friend, Alleyne Fitzherbert, 1st Baron St Helens
- Puget Sound – after Discovery's 2nd lieutenant Peter Puget,[7] who explored its southern reaches.
- Mount Rainier – after his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier.
- Port Gardner and Port Susan, Washington – after his former commander Vice Admiral Sir Alan Gardner and his wife Susannah, Lady Gardner.
- Whidbey Island – after naval engineer Joseph Whidbey.
- Discovery Passage, Discovery Island, Discovery Bay, Port Discovery and Discovery Park (Seattle).

### Death

Vancouver, at one time amongst Britain's greatest explorers and navigators, died in obscurity on 10 May 1798 at the age of 40, less than three years after completing his voyages and expeditions.[15] No official cause of death was stated, as the medical records pertaining to Vancouver were destroyed; one doctor named John Naish claimed Vancouver died from kidney failure, while others believed it was a hyperthyroid condition.[16] His grave is in the churchyard of St Peter's Church, Petersham, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, England. The Hudson's Bay Company placed a memorial plaque in the church in 1841.[17] His grave in Portland stone, renovated in the 1960s, is now Grade II listed in view of its historical associations

### Legacy

Vancouver determined that the Northwest Passage did not exist at the latitudes that had long been suggested. His charts of the North American northwest coast were so extremely accurate that they served as the key reference for coastal navigation for generations. Robin Fisher, the academic Vice-President of Mount Royal University in Calgary and author of two books on Vancouver, states:

This information came largely from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia George Vancouver

# CURRENT OFFICERS

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**Skipper**  
**Tony "Not Kevin Crash" Carlson**



**Gilligan (Little Buddy)**  
**Kevin "CUZ" Erwin**



**Scribe**  
**Joe "Squid" Garhart**



**Quarter Master**  
**Ronnie "Rod" Bundang**



**Sargent of Arms**  
**Rob "Rack Bastard" Andrew**

# WHERE WE CAN BE FOUND



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# COMING EVENTS

- ♦ *January 7, 1300 TACOMA WA, DOC MAYNARD'S GENERAL MEETING*
- ♦ *January 14, 1233 Sam Barlow, GENERAL MEETING, Trails End Oregon City*
- ♦ *January 21, 1200 POULSBO WA CGVHS GENERAL MEETING at North Kitsap FOE*



## MEMBERSHIP CGVHS

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For a one time Donation of \$20 you can become a voting member of Captain George Vancouver Historical Society. "Must be present to vote"

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# Food Drive October-December

Brothers we finished strong, we had a great showing with our very first community outreach. We are a fairly small group but I think our donation was fairly substantial. I am only guessing, I am pretty sure that we donated around 50 to 60 pounds of food and gift cards totaling somewhere around \$150. You guys should be proud of yourself, I am sure that many people were able to eat over the holidays thanks to you. This is just the beginning we have a steep bar to hit for next time. Thank you for donating you all made me proud. We will be making an appointment to talk to the people in Eglon soon and come up with a couple of work party's for 2023, should be a good time.



This was about a month before we stopped, we doubled this at our last meeting

# January MEETING

Bottle raffle

Work party ideas

Fall Ball: Date

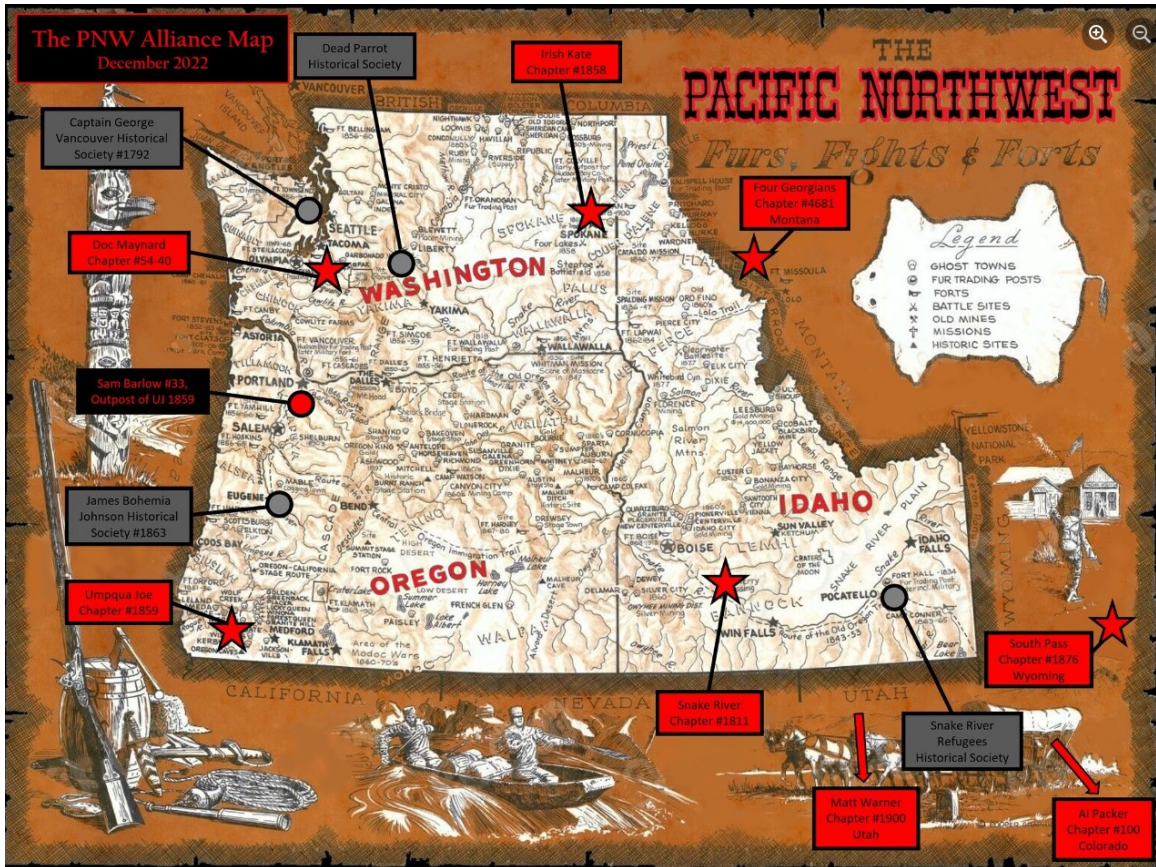
Camp out: Date

Picnic to thank Doc:Date



We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year. Please do not drink and drive, there are a lot of programs out there to get you home, please use them or call someone. We love you guys and want to see you next year.

# STUFF



Barrowed without permission from Charles Rising, I just thought it was so cool I had to share.



# TOP STORIES

**What is a challenge coin and how did the tradition start?**



As the legend goes Challenge coins started in the Army Air Corps during WWI. A wealthy Pilot had gold coins made for each member of his squadron as mementos of their service together. One pilot put his coin in a leather pouch and carried it around his neck. He was shot down and was captured and stripped of everything except his coin pouch, they missed it. He escaped and was eventually confronted by the French. Because he had no ID He was going to be executed as a spy. The only thing that saved him was his squadrons coin.

Once the pilot safely returned to his squadron, it became a tradition for all members to carry their coin at all times. To ensure compliance, the pilots would challenge each other to produce the coin. If the challenged couldn't produce the coin, he was required to buy a drink of choice for the challenger; if the challenged could produce the coin, the challenger would purchase the drink. Thus the birth of the "Challenge Coin"

Today many organizations use challenge coins to proudly display their membership in the organization. While there is considerable latitude in demanding payment it is a form, of comradery and entertainment.



# Looking back at Port Orchard's history

**Precontact:** Suquamish people fished, collected shellfish and hunted throughout the land now occupied by the city of Port Orchard. Archaeological data document camp sites dating back at least 12,000 years.

**1792:** The Suquamish have first recorded contact with British explorer Capt. George Vancouver, who named the body of water separating Bainbridge Island from the Kitsap Peninsula the Port Orchard Strait (also Bay), after the ship's clerk and surveyor Harry Masterman Orchard, credited with identifying it.

**1886:** Frederick Stevens, son of inventor Sidney M. Stevens, plats a home-  
stead of 88.5 acres purchased in 1885 by his father on an exploratory visit  
from Dekalb, Ill. Frederick names the town Sidney after his dad.

**1890:** Sidney (later to be called Port Orchard) becomes an incorporated town  
on Sept. 15. Ira C. Rockwell is the first mayor..

**1893:** Sidney becomes the new seat of Kitsap County (formerly Slaughter  
County) after a contentious election in 1892 in which residents were asked to  
chose among Port Madison, the former seat, Sidney and Chico.

**1893:** Sidney residents change the name of their town to Port Orchard. The  
Charleston area of what is now Bremerton also claimed the name. Port Or-  
chard, however, won the name game in 1903 through a petition to the Legisla-  
ture.

**1895:** A fire burns down most of the waterfront business district, including a  
pottery works and shingle mill. The town rebuilds and by 1901 is again boom-  
ing. The lumber industry was still going strong, along with dairy, poultry and  
egg-farming.

**1908:** Telephone and electrical service arrives in Port Orchard. The city pass-

es its “herd law” allowing cows to run at-large provided their cow bells were removed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

**1917:** Closest mayoral race in town’s history. M.J. Hill tied W.F. Lindekugel with 81 votes. Hill had to withdraw for Navy service in World War I. The City Council refused to recognize Lindekugel, who was installed through a court order.

**1934:** Port Orchard marks the end of prohibition, as Kitsap Brewing Corp. (later Silver Springs Brewery) is established in Port Orchard and operates there until 1950.

**1941-1945:** Port Orchard’s population swells during World War II with influx of workers for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and surrounding military installations.

**Early decades through 1950s:** A series of fills on the Port Orchard waterfront over several decades, ending in the late 1950s, created new real estate to the north of Bay Street..

**1950s:** The town holds Days of ’49, a wild annual celebration involving much booze and debauchery, meant to hearken back to Port Orchard’s rough and tumble logging past. City and business leaders curtail the event in 1958.

**1959:** Buck’s A&W, one of the town’s longest-running family-owned businesses, opens. The restaurant moved in 1978 to its current location across from South Kitsap High School, becoming a hangout for students and youth.

**1968:** Fathoms ’O Fun, the city’s tamer, more family-oriented summer celebration is established.

**1970s:** City and business officials try to reinvent the town by installing a picket fence marquee, which later fell into disrepair and caused years of controversy before it was removed in 2006. The above-sidewalk awning remains.

**1985:** Historic Sidney Hotel, built in 1891, burns to the ground. Lund Avenue Bridge over Blackjack Creek completed.

**1988:** The town’s iconic Seagull Calling Festival is established. Contestants dress in bird costumes, screech and throw stale bread to see who can attract the biggest flock. Bribing judges encouraged. The quirky contest is one of numerous festivals and events held on the town’s waterfront.

**1990:** Port Orchard celebrates its centennial.

**1999:** New City Hall completed.

**2009:** Port Orchard mixes fact with fiction for Cedar Cove Days, a celebration of local best-selling author Debbie Macomber's fiction series based on her own hometown. Townspeople play characters from the books for crowds of giddy fans.

**2009:** McCormick Woods annexed, adding about 1,600 acres and 2,000 people to the city of Port Orchard. The Bethel Corridor annexation finalized in 2012 expanded the city's commercial area.

**2011:** Tim Matthes elected mayor beating incumbent Lary Coppola by five votes, the second closest mayoral race in the town's history.

**2011:** Fire at Myhre's Restaurant shuttered eatery established in 1927 and run for most of that time by members of the Rylander family. The building remains un-renovated.

**2015:** Port Orchard celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Sources: *The Suquamish Tribe*, <http://suquamish.nsn.us/HistoryCulture.aspx>; *Washington State Historical Society*, [www.washingtonhistory.org/](http://www.washingtonhistory.org/); *city of Port Orchard*, [www.cityofportorchard.us/](http://www.cityofportorchard.us/); *Sidney Museum and Arts Association*, [www.sidneymuseumandarts.com](http://www.sidneymuseumandarts.com).



Frederick Stevens in 1886 platted the 88.5-acre homestead purchased by his father Sidney Stevens, an Illinois inventor, calling the nascent town Sidney after his dad. The town's residents later changed the name to Port Orchard. Courtesy | Sidney Museum and Arts Association



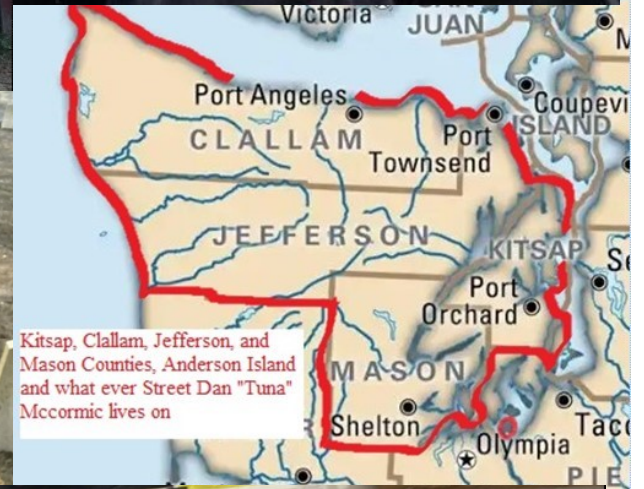
The town of Sidney, later to be called Port Orchard, on its incorporation day, Sept. 15, 1890.

Courtesy | Sidney Museum and Arts Association



The Port Orchard waterfront in 1905. Courtesy | Sidney Museum and Arts Association

# Some Pictures From This Year





# SKIPPER'S SCUTTLEBUTT

Good Day folks, I just wanted to take the opportunity to talk about what we have accomplished what we are working on and what we hope to do in the future.

This year has been a wild ride, full of excitement and surprise, some worry and sadness, but at the end of the day we have to keep living, decide what is priority to us and continue to fight for what we believe in.

In the last year I have been surrounded by my loved ones and friends, and I have made new friends. Our small group has grown at a pretty good clip and crossed quite a few mile stones. We have started having regular meetings January 21 will be number 5, that is awesome for a small group to do this so quickly. We have made a couple of contacts in the community and started a list of people and groups that we want to contact. We have developed a portfolio both electronic and paper. This last year we submitted our paperwork to the state to become a recognized corporation and have a plan to get our 501C3 shortly after we receive that. Our small group has started to collect our own Merch.

We have done many things but you know that we could not do these things on our own. It takes a lot of time and money to get a group started and we could not have done this without the support of our Loving and incredibly supportive wives, and the surrounding chapters and outposts, also the growing community of historical societies. Without all of your support none of these things would be possible so thank you.

As we look forward to 2023 we have some events that we are planning but we do not have hard dates yes I am hoping that at the next meeting we can vote on these. We Plan on doing a Fall ball, a Summer picnic, and some sort of campout. We will also schedule a few work parties. We look forward to seeing everyone at our events and work parties.

Our meetings are changing starting January 21, our meetings will be held at the North Kitsap FOE the third Saturday of the month and High noon. I think this will be a good move it will be a little more central hopefully more people will be able to make it.

One last thing, I want to thank everyone that contributed to the food drive. This was our first community outreach and I think it was very successful. With the size of our group we managed to bring in approximately 55 to 60 pounds of food total value of at least \$150, this is incredible and you should be proud... I know I am. This food will go to help some family's that are down and out, it might change someone's whole life, you never know. I know we love history but we also take care of our community and that is what we are all about. See you all in the new year. Cheers

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Tony "CRASH-Not Kevin" Carlson

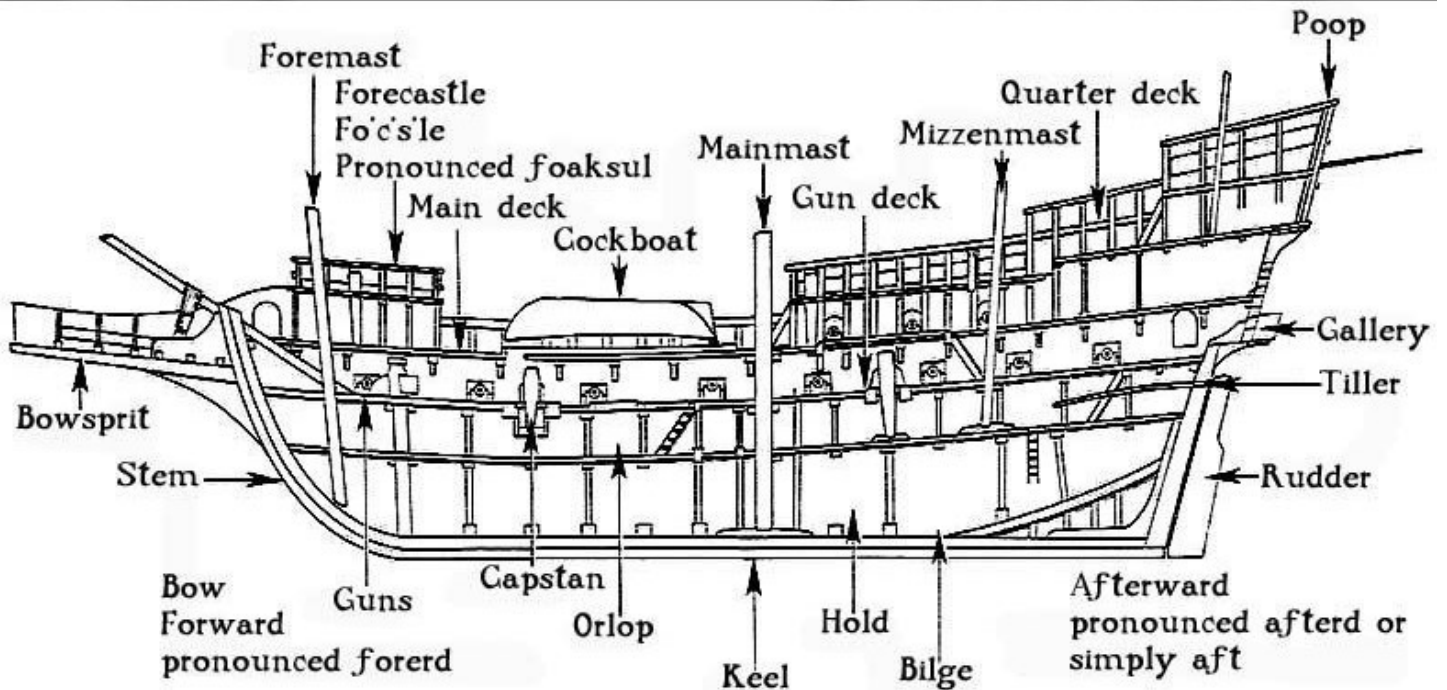
# GILLIGANS BLOG

Seeking a Waterway to the Interior Should no through route be found, London hoped for a water route that would lead into the interior of the continent.

Vancouver crossed the South Pacific toward Oregon with two ships, the HMS Discovery, which he commanded himself, and the Chatham, commanded by Lieutenant William Broughton.

Vancouver initially passed the mouth of the Columbia River, but on the return journey, Lieutenant Broughton sailed the Chatham up the Columbia a few miles beyond present-day Portland, Oregon. Along the way, he sighted and named Mt. Hood.

Broughton was the second European to claim entry to the Columbia. The American Fur trader Captain Robert Gray had previously entered the river, though sailing a shorter stretch.





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Dan Martin · 12h · 🌐

Just a reminder for brothers dealing with shit, there's a Clamper group that's only about getting you through it. The most serious shit ever! No jokes, no memes and no BS.



## **CLAMPER DOWN - Brothers Helping Brothers >**

Facebook Page Check them out



# CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Newest Papered Members

I would also like to apologize I am terrible at spelling and last month I miss spelled a brothers name, for that I am sorry, Jesse Hawley. I know that it can suck when your name is miss spelled, I can assure you that if I do this it is not intentional it is a mistake.

Dylan Scranton



## Thank You for Donating your Treasures

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING, FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS PUBLICATION

**Warning**

Reading this publication has been known to inspire men to take part in events and do things they would not normally do. It has been reported that reading this publication could inspire sudden bouts of brotherhood and friendships that last a life time. Thank you for your support. What Say The Brotheren?