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### PROJECTS IN PROGRESS BY THE RICHARDSON'S BAY MARITIME ASSOCIATION (RBMA)

#### The Charlie Merrill Project

The RBMA has contracted with the Sausalito Northbay Boatworks to build a wooden, 17 foot rowing and sailing Swampscott Dory to honor the life of our founder, Charlie Merrill and his dedication to the Sausalito waterfront community. It is our vision that the Charlie Merrill will be the first of a class of dories built in Sausalito for sailing on the bay. The overall cost of the project is \$10,000. The RBMA donated \$1500 toward the purchase of building materials and the remainder of the money came from community donations. The project is 100% funded and building is underway.

Once the Charlie Merrill is completed there will be a splendid launch party and you are all invited! Dates and times will be announced in the local newspapers. A personal invitation will be e-mailed to all those who complete our SURVEY.

Once launched, the Charlie Merrill will be available for public rental. This rental income will keep our Charlie Merrill ship shape for years to come.



#### The Charles Van Damme Project

The RBMA is joining forces with Judyth Greenburgh and Dona Schweiger who are overseeing this project. This 1916 ferry boat was originally built to carry cars from Marin to Richmond. Later she worked the Martinez-Benicia run. In 1958 she was converted into a restaurant at Jack London Square and in 1959 Donlon Arques bought her at auction and brought her to her final resting place at Gate 6 in Sausalito. Here she become home to Juanita's Kitchen and the infamous "Ark". With the restructuring of the Gates Cooperative, we must strive to protect the last remnants of the Van Damme as well as other artifacts on this historic site.



#### The Museum and Library Project

The Richardson's Bay Maritime Association (RBMA) is in the process of acquiring the Butler Building on the Sausalito waterfront for the site of a Sausalito maritime museum and resource center. This center will include a library, a collection of local maritime artifacts, a support center for local shipwrights and a wooden boat shop where demonstrations and classes can take place. The RBMA would also like to have a fleet of wooden rowing and sailing dories available for rent at this location. The Charlie Merrill Project will provide us with our first community boat.



#### The Port Baker Project

The area of Fort Baker in and around Horseshoe Bay on the North end of the Golden Gate Bridge is referred to as "Port Baker." Since most of the focus of the NPS reports on Fort Baker is on the upland portion of the property, the Richardson Bay Maritime Association (RBMA) has undertaken a volunteer effort to focus on the waterfront portion. Extensive research and many discussions with interested groups have resulted in this study and its recommendations.

*For a copy of the complete Port Baker report, photos of the Charlie Merrill in progress and more, please visit our website.*

The RBMA is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization founded in 1998 to protect and promote Sausalito's maritime heritage.