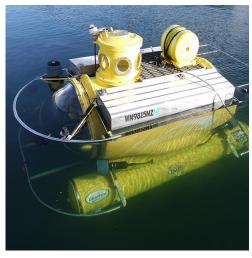
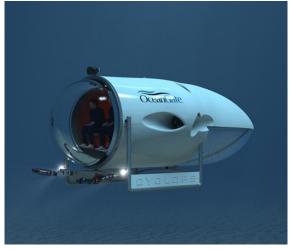
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FEBRUARY 4TH MEETING

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privately OceanGate, а company founded in 2009 and OceanGate's expedition, charter and research and academic institutions. located manned submersible solutions for unique expeditions customized for allow marine scientists to conduct commercial, research and military each client experience. applications. February Stockton Chief Executive Officer and Neil application of emerging technologies in their natural settings. Manned McCurdy, Chief Operating Officer to for OceanGate will share with programs, information submersible operations. their various applications and emerging technology.

OceanGate solutions are designed to address five principal markets: commercial enterprises, research and academic institutions, government and defense agencies, nonprofits and NGOs, and film for

held and media content provides citizen science programs provide OceanGate research submersibles Through Wednesday, submersible solutions that leverage Rush, collaborative partnerships and the viewing and sampling organisms specific oceanographic research OceanGate's about manned of professionals provides safe, research breakthroughs of the past efficient, and effective operations. 50 years, such as the discovery of The company is committed to widespread life at hydrothermal opening the oceans while remaining vents and methane seeps, and have dedicated to the sustainable use of allowed marine biologists to study marine ecosystems and the natural life and collect intact organisms resources within them.

> subsea exploration

providers. research initiatives for a variety of biological, chemical, geochemical, geological and geophysical studies, submersibles have team contributed to some of the major from many deep-sea environments.

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expertise for our clients. They leverage existing assets to better deliver manned submersible solutions that are more efficiently tailored to achieve the specific business or research objective of each client. In partnership with Global Diving and Salvage, OceanGate focuses on projects that include potentially polluting wrecks, salvage operations, restoration, surveys and inspections to help improve safety and cost efficiencies.

Join us at Ivar's Salmon house for pan-roasted chicken dijonaise Wednesday, February 4 to learn more or read more about the company and its projects at www.oceangate.com.

Stockton Rush is Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of OceanGate Inc. As CEO, Rush is responsible for OceanGate's financial and engineering leadership, shaping the company's strategic direction with a clear vision focused on developing the generation of manned submersible solutions for subsea operations in the commercial and defense sectors.

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In his capacity as chief operating officer of OceanGate, Neil McCurdy is responsible for enabling operational excellence and building capabilities to position the company for future growth. His oversight will support OceanGate's vision and innovation by managing prioritization, effective resource alignment, measurement and accountability across the company.

ANNUAL FUND REPORT

We thank the following donors for their support during our 2014 Annual Fund Drive. All donations go toward our general operating costs, expansion of our education programming/outreach, and collections care - all of which help us to meet our goals and fulfill our mission! Thank you to these December donors.

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OBITUARY: RALPH J. STAEHLI (1918-2014)

Ralph J. Staehli lived a long and very full life. He was born May 20, 1918, in Portland, OR. After high school, he worked stoking boilers on the sternwheelers carrying cargo on the Columbia River. He attended the University of WA and after graduation, joined the Navy and commanded a fleet of minesweepers in the South Pacific during WW2. He received the Navy Bronze Star for minesweeping operations on the beaches of Pelelliu and Anguar prior to the amphibious landing on these islands. During the war, his ship stopped in Port Angeles. where he met his future wife, Helen. They moved to Seattle where Ralph worked on the waterfront for many years. He was a manager at Pope and Talbot Steamship Company, Foss Launch and Tug Company and Olympic Steamship Company (Salmon Terminals). He obtained his USCG Master License and spent summers boating around the Pacific Northwest. Ralph was active in Seattle's Transportation Club, Propeller Club, PSMHS. He served

as President of PSMHS from 1955-1956. In retirement, Ralph and Helen built a house on Vashon Island. Ralph was also a woodcarver and carved panels depicting various Bible stories on the stairway up to the Burton Church on Vashon Island.

Ralph and Helen were happily married for 56 years and travelled extensively until her death in 2000. They had 2 children, Ralene Walls (Burton) and Chris Staehli (Molly). Ralph is also survived by his 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

After the Helen's death, Ralph met Sharon on a Caribbean cruise. They were happily married for 11 years and they continued to travel to Alaska, Europe, South America and Norway until very recently. Ralph passed away on December 18, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, PO Box 81142, Seattle, WA 98108 or the Burton Community Church, PO Box 13134, Burton, WA 98013.

DINNER MEETING! FEB. 4, 2015

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Ivar's Salmon House North Lake Union 401 NE Northlake Way Seattle, WA 98105

WHEN

Monday, February 4

6:00 - Registration & Bar Open

7:00 - Dinner, Chicken Dijonaise

8:00 - Program

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