

Bellingham Yacht Club

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Rebuilding David B

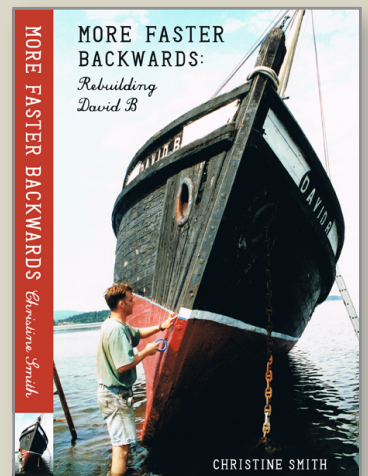
Enjoy an informal presentation and slideshow about the rebuild of the 1929 Motor Vessel *David B* by Christine and Jeffrey Smith. The presentation is based on Christine's new book, *More Faster Backwards: Rebuilding David B*.

In the spring of 1998 Captain Jeffrey and Christine Smith found and fell in love with the M/V David B, an old wooden boat built in 1929. It was just the boat they were looking for to restore so they could offer small ship adventure cruises. What was originally supposed to be a two-year restoration project, however, took over eight years of blood, sweat, and uncertainty to make their dream lifestyle come true. *More Faster Backwards: Rebuilding David B* is the story of their struggle to revive a dying boat and the excitement of running a tour boat in the wilds of Alaska.

The M/V David B was built in 1929 and is now a beautifully restored 65-foot wooden workboat that has been converted to carry up to six passengers for adventure cruises in Alaska, the Inside Passage and San Juan Islands. It is still powered by its museum quality antique engine, a last-of-its-kind 3-cylinder Washington-Estep diesel.



Captain Jeffrey and Christine Smith started Northwest Navigation Co. Inc. in 1998. While Jeffrey had been the captain of various kinds of vessels since 1992, his dream was to run his own small ship cruise business. Their vision was to provide relaxed luxury cruises emphasizing nature, local history, and gourmet foods, while giving their passengers a sense of belonging. They eventually chose the David B because of its regional heritage and because its empty hold made it ideally suited to be restored and converted into its current layout as a passenger ship.



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