

# The Vancouver Maritime Museum Presents

## TALES FROM THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE

### A New Lecture Series Inspired By 90 Years Of Adventure Onboard The *St. Roch*



**The Horse Sailors Of The Northwest Passage - Gordon Larsen**  
Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:30pm

Join historian Gordon Larsen as he talks about the men who served as crew on the *St. Roch* during the 1940-42 voyage through the Northwest Passage and the 1944 return trip from Halifax to Vancouver. None of these men came from prominent families, none were well educated or “well-heeled” and none were professionals in their field at the time of their service. Few had previous Arctic experience, even fewer had served at sea.



**Henry Larsen’s Ugly Duckling – Doreen Larsen Riedel**  
Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2pm

*St. Roch* historian Doreen Larsen Riedel talks about her father’s (Henry Larsen) private thoughts and feelings about his beloved *St. Roch*. Larsen loved this little ship although he described her as the most uncomfortable vessel he had ever been on, and he had sailed on many ships since he was 14. When he watched her under construction in 1927-28 he saw she had some very good points but also a lot of unsatisfactory, even dangerous ones.



**Sisters of the Ice: *St. Roch* & *North Star* of Herschel Island in the Arctic – with sailor and author Bruce Macdonald**  
Thursday, November 22, 2018 at 7:30pm

Hear Bruce Macdonald tell the previously untold story of two iconic Canadian ships and their famous captains. *St. Roch*’s Henry Larsen and the *North Star of Herschel Island*’s Fred Carpenter. These two ships dominated the western Canadian Arctic for decades and stories of their roles in defending Canadian Arctic sovereignty are legendary.

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