



2014 Annual Report to the Community

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority

Aberdeen, Wash.

*Our mission: To
promote and
preserve our
maritime history
and traditions.*



Students from Eastside Preparatory School line up to board Hawaiian Chieftain at Seaport Landing. Photo by Randy Beerbower.

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2014 Letter to Supporters

Dear friends,

The Historical Seaport is fortunate to enjoy wide support in several communities, and that support shined in 2014. As we digest the enormous responsibility of transforming a 38-acre former industrial sawmill site into a critical community asset, many people in Grays Harbor stepped forward to offer help. One of the most visible events was Comcast Cares on April 26, when nearly 100 local Comcast employees and their families converged on Seaport Landing to assist with clearing brush from the Chehalis River shoreline, building picnic tables for public use, and installing a safety rail system on the property's wharf. Many volunteers returned the next day to complete unfinished tasks.

Fundraising and development is a constant challenge, and again, our supporters came through. The most far-reaching success was a three-year \$502,000 grant from the Seattle-based Magic Cabinet Foundation, which will fund a major upgrade to our education program curriculum, as well as an long-overdue update to our branding and

marketing strategy. As a result of the award, the Historical Seaport was able to hire Connie Allen, a licensed master and an experienced Lady Washington crew member, to oversee the education program upgrade.

As always, keeping our ships in top condition is our most important behind-the-scenes activity. To help pay for one of these projects, the Historical Seaport conducted a successful experiment with crowdfunding, a method for aggregating small donations online for big projects. We raised nearly \$5,000 on Indiegogo to purchase new batteries for Lady Washington. Looking ahead, we're facing a huge challenge meeting a requirement by the U.S. Coast Guard to address a stability issue with Hawaiian Chieftain. All signs point to a successful resolution of the issue in 2015.

The GHSA Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers want to express its sincere thanks to all our donors and supporters in 2014, and we look forward to further success in 2015.

GHSA Board of Directors



Left: A Coast Guard technician checks a measurement on Hawaiian Chieftain. **Above:** Volunteers at work during Comcast Cares on April 26. Credits: Historical Seaport, Joe Follansbee.

2014: By the Numbers

Young people in education programs:

- One-hour dockside: 3,634.
- Three-hour sailing: 5,010.
- Total: 8,644

Public excursion tickets sold: 6,661.

Public tours visitors: 48,652.

Ports visited: 32

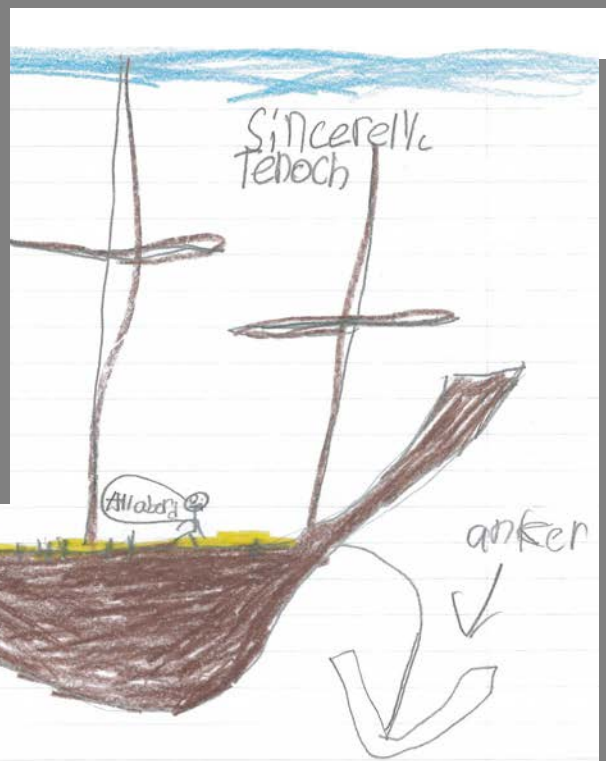
'Two Weeks Before the Mast'
sail trainees: 56

Private charters: 7

Weddings: 2



Above: Lady Washington hosts wedding charters every year. **Above right:** Executive Director Les Bolton instructs a student. **Right:** A thank-you drawing from a young student. **Credits:** GHSA, PonceLOW Wedding, Tenoch.



2014 Ports of Call



The larger the port name in the graphic above, the greater number of visit days in 2014.

Aberdeen	Crescent City	Morro Bay	Redwood City
Anacortes	Eureka	Moss Landing	Sacramento
Antioch	Everett	Newport, Ore.	San Francisco
Astoria	Fort Bragg	Oakland	San Pedro
Blaine	Garibaldi	Oceanside	Sausalito
Bremerton	Half Moon Bay	Oxnard	Seattle
Coos Bay	Kirkland	Port Ludlow	Ventura
Coupeville	Long Beach	Port Townsend	Westport



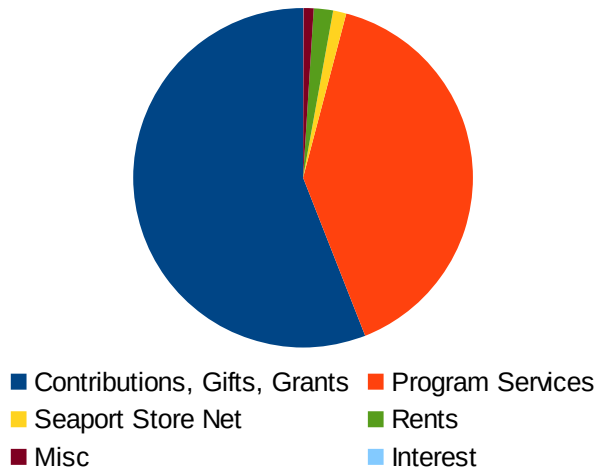
The Historical Seaport works with public port officials, private marina owners, and local fans to welcome our ships. In many cases, marina operators waive

dockage fees and other requirements to accommodate our non-profit mission. We also rely on our "port officers," such as Tom Leahy of Coos Bay, who are instrumental in promoting our visits to schools, chambers of commerce, and local governments. Our sincere thanks go to all those who lend a hand. **Right:** Our ships at the Port of Redwood City. Photo by Rosanne Simon.

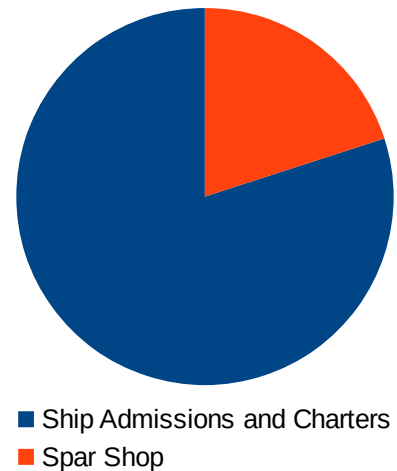


2014 Financial Highlights

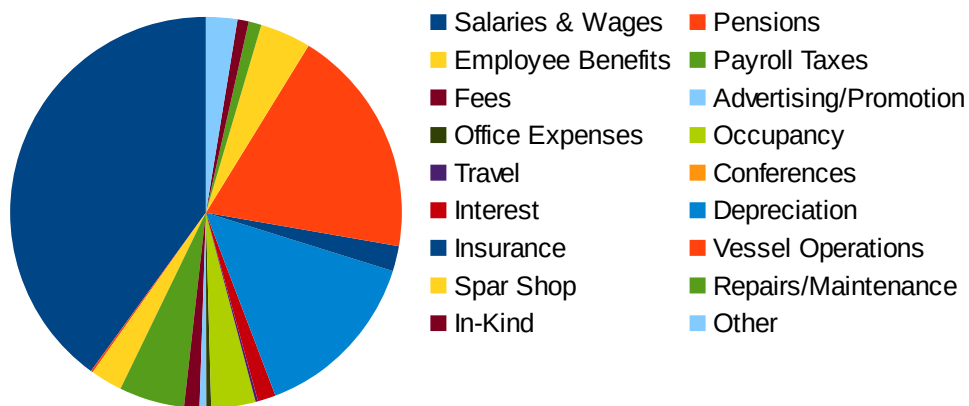
2014 Revenue: \$1,856,243



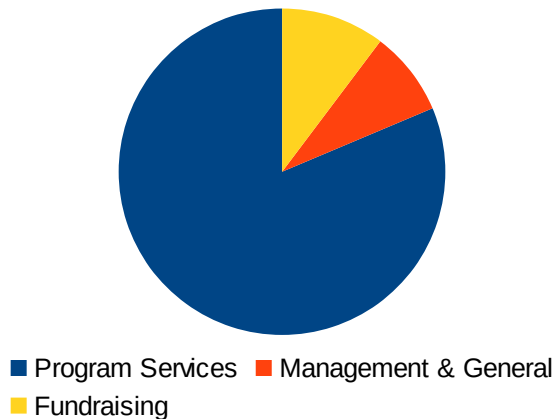
Program Services Revenue: \$741,354



Expenses Detailed (Total = \$1,492,739)



Expenses Overview (Total = \$1,492,739)



Because of its structure as a municipal non-profit corporation, GHSA is audited every year by the Washington State Auditor's office. Audit reports are available on the auditor's website.