



COURTESY PETER LINDSEY

Peter Lindsey in his dory, the Schmedlow, in front of the Needles at Haystack Rock.

He's with Roscoe Divine, a famous mile runner from the golden days of track and field at the University of Oregon.

GONE FISHING

Peter Lindsey's 'Just Movin' the Water Around' recalls Cannon Beach's dory fleet

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In his new book about the Cannon Beach dory fleet, Peter Lindsey does more than “just movin’ the water around,” as the title hints.

He dives deep into the dory boat culture, tracing the history of the small fishing boats from Europe to America’s east coast and, finally, to the 20-foot-long West Bank dories that “slipped off the sands of Cannon Beach.”

A trained folklorist with a passion for language, Lindsey repeats

the stories told to him by fishers who spent much of the 1970s in those boats seeking salmon, coho, cod, rockfish and crabs.

He also provides a dory glossary, a list of captains and their boats, numerous photos from local collections, drawings by Astoria artist Sally Lackaff and the cover art by local artist Drea Rose Frost.

“The dory fleet that operated here in Cannon Beach was an integral part of the community,” Lindsey said in an interview.

Concerned that memories of the

dory era were fading, he decided to revive them. Rainmar Bartl, of Cannon Beach, helped him organize the book, raise funds and find photos, a publisher and local editors.

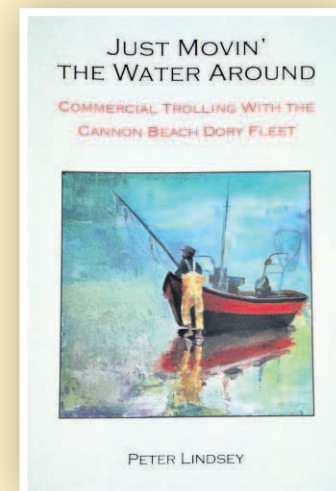


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“It’s a slice of Cannon Beach history, a rather unique one,” Bartl said. “It’s the type of history I like, focused on what folks in a community do for a living, told through stories. I like

Peter’s storytelling and wanted to help bring it to a wider public.”

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The cover of 'Just Movin' the Water Around' by Cannon Beach author Peter Lindsey. The art is by local artist Drea Rose Frost.

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