

Exciting new heritage sailing ketch arrives on the west coast

There's a new lady in town and she's something most mortals only dream about. She has sailed the waters of eastern Canada, the Caribbean, Venezuela, and Hawaii, but she's a big city girl too. She sailed with the Tall Ships in New York in 1986.

She's a living museum--a work of art.

And now she's here for people of the west coast to enjoy.

Michael Hobbis and Manon Faivre have brought their exciting new heritage vessel to Tofino.

She's a traditionally rigged, 72 foot ketch named "Duen" which will be moored at Meares Landing in Tofino. The ketch, built in 1939, is "just like a museum," said Sherri Bondy, owner of Meares Landing. "And I'm really excited about the *Duen* coming here."

Originally a Norwegian fishing vessel, the *Duen* has been on several world cruises and became home to Michael and Manon in 1986. Michael and Manon purchased the vessel after Michael served as 1st mate onboard with the previous owners.



The "Duen" under sail

The duo, who have extensive sailing experience plan to offer bed and breakfast, whale watching, and nature tours.

First mate, Blair Helm said they've been lucky enough to find whales every day so far.

"When this distinguished lady of uncertain years gets moving in a breeze, it's a picture to behold," said Jimmy Cornell of *Cruising World Magazine*.



Manon and Michael