



**News Release**

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**Gilkey Tugs & the Bahada's Final Demise**

Friday, November 17

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Centralia Timberland Library**

for adults



Join local researcher & historian Shawn Murphy as he shares the story of The Bahada, an 86-foot steam tugboat owned by Gilkey Brothers Towing Co., built in Seattle in 1902. In 1926, the Bahada unexpectedly sank in the vicinity of Anacortes near Huckleberry & Saddlebag Islands. All nine crewmembers were lost and the cause of the sinking has never been determined.

The presentation will take attendees through a history of Gilkey Brother's Towing, including Shawn's personal connection to this tragedy; his great-uncle was one of the Gilkey brothers. Murphy will talk about the Bahada's history including its first sinking in Los Angeles in 1923, the crew, their families, and what's happening now with the subsequent search and raising attempt.

All Timberland Programs are free and open to the public. The **Centralia Timberland Library** is located at 110 S. Silver Street. For more information, contact the library at (360) 736-0183 or visit [TRL.org](http://TRL.org).

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