



Leif Erikson News



July 2025, Knife River, Minnesota



'An Event For Us, Our Country And Duluth'

Capt. Folgero's journal

June 23, 1927

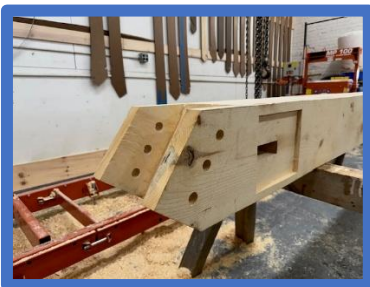
Thousands of people lined the pier
cheering loudly as the Leif Erikson
sailed into the Duluth Harbor.

Ready, Set, Go . . .

Well, not quite. We had HOPED the shelter would be finished sometime in early July, but that didn't happen. Our revised plan is to hold our Celebration/Ribbon Cutting in August or early September. We will let you know the new date and details as soon as we know!

Under Construction

Photos from our builder's workshop in Duluth show the complexity of joinery cuts necessary in preparation for our beautiful shelter.



Although the Open House has been cancelled for Saturday, July 26, board members are planning to show up from noon to 3 pm that afternoon with information, some merch to sell and stories to tell about the Leif Erikson. If you are in the neighborhood, stop by and say hi! We'd love to see you! Our ship will remain shrink-wrapped until that shelter is up! 160 Old Harbor Road, Knife River, MN.

Introducing . . .



Our builder, Gerald David, (right) owner of GFD Wood Working, LLC and his intern, Willem Hoeksema. Also in the crew, but not pictured, is Kai Mattinas.



The Leif Erikson awaits her shelter and freedom from shrink-wrap! Coming soon!

Kiosks

We are now in the process of designing five or six informational kiosks to be installed by next summer. These informational kiosks come at a price of approximately \$4000 each. Donations have already been secured for several of them. They will tell the Leif Erikson story in permanent, attractive displays.

Volunteers! We Love Volunteers!

The Leif Erikson Viking Ship, SOS, Save Our Ship, has openings for several new board members. And we are recruiting a robust group of volunteers to help with such matters as grounds upkeep, ship maintenance (including scraping and painting), and meeting the public during events. We are also in need of someone to manage our website and help with PR. Sign up with Neill Atkins at 218-390-6314, or the address below:

Stay Tuned

As plans for the Open House develop, you will be the first to know! Thank you for your interest in and support of the Leif Erikson Viking Ship.

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