How well do you know the S.S. Sicamous and some of our Okanagan history?



Q: What years did the SS Sicamous run up and down Okanagan Lake?

A: The SS Sicamous was launched on May 19, 1914 and ran a regular route every day except Sunday until 1936. The SS Sicamous' last run was in 1937, when it was chartered by the Gyro Club for an excursion down the lake.

Q: Did the Sicamous carry people all the time?

A: The Sicamous carried both people and goods. The upper decks were reserved for passengers while the lower deck was solely for the crew and cargo. The Sicamous was responsible for delivering mail to the many small communities along Okanagan Lake.

Q: How many people worked on the boat?

A: The crew on the Sicamous was made up of around 35 people including the captain, the mate, a steward, the purser, deckhands, waiters, chefs, a mail clerk and an express clerk.

Q: What was a typical day on the ship like?

A: The ship left Penticton at 5:30 am enroute to Okanagan Landing. The ship would make up to 14 stops along the way – to pick up and drop off people, mail, and other cargo. She would usually arrive at Okanagan Landing around noon, where the crew would load about 8 tons of coal before heading back to Penticton, arriving around 8:00 pm.



The SS Sicamous was launched in 1914 and retired in 1936. It was integral to connecting communities along the shores of Okanagan Lake. Due to the hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers, the Sicamous is a living museum for all to enjoy. Come visit our amazing museum and heritage site this summer.

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