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COVER

Frustrated fishermen blame seals for poor
fishing. No one can say for sure, but no one can
also say that they've ever seen a skinny one.
Despite the drama all around them, this healthy
sea dog makes full use of a warm day and big low
tide on the Hodgson Islands June 10.
(Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Bring back child labour



Brian Lee

Not to be all “I had to
walk two miles uphill both ways to
school when I was a kid,” but summer
jobs seem to be going out of style.

By the time you read this, sum-
mer’s frenzy will have overtaken our
community and businesses will once
again be screaming for workers.

Where are the teens?

When I was young almost ev-
ery kid in school had a full-time job
through July and August.

Commercial fishing shipped
many (mostly dudes) up north for the
summer while others worked 40 hours
a week at local resorts, gas stations or
fuel docks.

And, this was back before the pa-
rental taxi service had been invented.

It was a given that somehow we
found our own way to work each day.

In the glorious freedom of the
1980s, parents were still indifferent to
the welfare of their teenage children.

A friend of mine recalls getting
up at 3 a.m. to pump his BMX from
Rondeview Road on Francis Penin-
sula to open the Irvines Landing fuel
dock at 5 a.m.

He says it started to get light out
about when he reached the PetroCan.

At the end of an 8 hour (or more)
shift, he’d pedal home, every day for a
summer.

We worked because we had
grown-up expenses.

Everyone had to buy a car when
you turned 16 — preferably some-
thing that was able to hack a donut.

Then, we were obligated to rip
out whatever totally adequate cassette
stereo system it came with and replace
it with an expensive Alpine system.

Or, you were a loser.

Teens these days don’t even
know how to ride bicycles and are

further challenged by having to wait
longer for a driver’s licence.

That’s our fault — we drove like
idiots, all the time, and now they’re
paying for my generation’s accidents.

Because of that, parents might
even be justified in discouraging their
kids from getting a job, hoping to
protect both the wonder years of their
children’s youth and their own sum-
mer enjoyment from daily drop-offs
and pick-ups.

But that would be a shame.

Experts say summer jobs provide
a master class in soft skills, like com-
munication, time management and
problem solving, with lasting impacts.

My friends all agree that the so-
cializing and self-confidence acquired
by learning skills and accomplishing
tasks as a teenager was foundational
to later success.

We still managed plenty of lake
time and dutifully attended every
party but, without even realizing it,
we learned about sales tax and what
an invoice is and how it feels to let
down coworkers when you’re late for
a shift.

The headlines paint a bleak pic-
ture of the youth job market outside of
the Sunshine Coast.

According to Statistics Canada,
in May, B.C.’s youth unemployment
rate (ages 15 to 24) was 16.6 per cent,
the second-highest in Canada (after
Alberta’s 17.2 per cent).

That’s an increase from 10.5% a
year ago.

Fortunately, the seasonality of
this community assures there is still
plenty of summer employment.

But the success of our tourism
industry is limited by the number of
employees operators can attract.

In the 1940s, teenagers were
called to war — our community just
wants to pay you.

SARAH WRAY HALL OPEN SATURDAYS THROUGH JULY: Saturday, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Built in 1931, The Sarah Wray Hall, the former Irvines Landing School, was restored by Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society volunteers with the help of many others between 2012-2014. The building is one of B.C.'s last remaining one-room schoolhouses.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday throughout July, visitors can have a look at two recent donations: a 6-foot-wide quilt that was given to Denise Mackay upon her retirement from Madeira Park Elementary School in 1990 (students' names and artwork make this a very interesting piece) and a folding organ that was used on the Columbia Coast Mission ships. The organ is believed to be from the late 1800s. There's also a red cedar canoe on display, raffle tickets and plenty of local history to take in. You can't miss it at 4334 Irvines Landing Rd., near the western end of Hotel Lake.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE: Saturday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

The P. H. Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, July 11. The musicians this month are The Empty Streets and the duo of Reg and Lynne Dickson. Doors (Pender Harbour School of Music) open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

GUNBOAT BAY BLUES 'THE DOCK PROJECT' WITH PETER VAN DEURSEN: Saturday, July 19, 3 p.m.

A now annual blues concert in Gunboat Bay with music supplied by Peter van Deursen and his band and the dock provided by the Mellquist family. This year, the music starts around 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 (rain or shine).

The Mellquist's dock is on the north shore of the bay north shore of Gunboat Bay immediately after you pass through through the rapids. All are welcome to join from your own dock or on your boat anchored in the Bay. Questions about the event, or if you are interested in contributing a tip for the band or a donation to a local charity, can be emailed to ken@mellquist.ca.

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Dock 'mysteriously' catches fire in Whiskey Slough after dark on June 8

Members of the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department got little sleep on the night of June 8 after an anchored dock caught fire in Whiskey Slough.

Jim Cameron, Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department Chief, said it had already been a busy night for the volunteers.

At approximately 9 p.m., they were called out to assist the BC Ambulance Service with a person in "medical distress" up the old mine road in Kleindale.

"Then there was another call in Madeira for something that boiled dry on a stove and filled the place with smoke," said Cameron.

That call came in about 11 p.m.

"After I got home from that, I drove in my yard and I looked out and I could see flames on a dock," he said.

Cameron lives on Francis Peninsula overlooking Whiskey Slough.

He said he watched it for a few minutes and then called dispatch to page everyone back out again.

"It was anchored and wasn't attached to anything and somehow it spontaneously combusted," said Cameron.

"I have no idea how but it mysteriously caught fire after dark."

By then it was just after midnight.

"So, we met at the fire hall and took one of the trucks over to my place," he said.

Cameron's gillnetter, the *Miss Barbara*, became the PHVFD's make-shift fire boat and was loaded with firefighters and a portable pump to go out and tackle the blaze.

By this time the fire had burned through the dock's mooring line and the fire ball was floating freely in the crowded anchorage.



Brian Lee

More junk has mysteriously caught fire in Whiskey Slough after this anchored derelict dock caught fire and drifted dangerously around the bay in the early hours of June 9.

Cameron said dock contained large amounts of Styrofoam flotation which had caught fire and made it more difficult to put out.

The situation was made even more dangerous by moderate winds.

Eventually, the dock came to rest on one of the beacon markers on the east side of Gerrans Bay towards Coho Marina.

"Luckily, the tide was coming in so we could get right in and we hooked on to it with a pike pole and towed it off to where we had it clear a bit and put a rope on it," said Cameron.

After dousing the flames, crews towed the dock back to Whiskey Slough to Cameron's dock where they grabbed an old anchor and re-

anchored it in the bay.

"So, we cleaned up and went back to hall," said Cameron.

"I drove home and when I got back, I could see a flame on it — we hadn't got it all."

So, he paged everyone out again.

By this time, it was about 3 a.m.

After removing the decking with a chainsaw to get at the flames, the fire was snuffed.

Cameron said he got to bed at 4:30 a.m.

Because the charred dock was a navigation hazard, the local Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 61 later towed the dock and tied it off to the beach on the south end of Dusenbury Island, where it still sat at press time.



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PENDER HARBOUR WOODEN BOAT SHOW

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PENDER HARBOUR DAYS SCHEDULE

Friday, August 8

5pm: Community Boat Parade, all welcome. Fly your Canadian flag and muster off Madeira Park Government Wharf. We tour Pender Harbour starting at 5:30pm.

Saturday, August 9

8am: Breakfast sandwiches! In support of Lions' Park.

10am - 3pm: Heritage boats on display. Free!

10am - 3pm: Historic exhibits, hands-on displays, salmon raffle, vendor tables and more.

10am - 4pm: **MUSIC ON THE LAWN** featuring local artists Stephan Lacasse, Sean Peters and Matt Richards.

10:30am: **SPEAKER SERIES** Martin Swan retraced his father's 1964 voyage from Pender Harbour to Kimsquit. Using the original logbook and slides, he shares photos and stories showing how the Coast has changed over 60 years.

10:30am: 36th Annual Malaspina Regatta, hosted by the Garden Bay Sailing Club

11am to 3pm: Kids' mini-boat making in the amphitheatre

1pm: **SPEAKER SERIES** "Cape Horners of the Sunshine Coast." Old salts, tall ships and other flotsam and jetsam that rounded Cape Horn, with Isaac Vanderhorst, includes archival film.

Sunday, August 10

8am: Breakfast sandwiches! In support of Lions' Park.

10am - 1pm: Marine Tailgate Sale. \$10/ car. Set up 9:30am.

10am - 2pm: Heritage boats and displays, music and local vendors.

10am - 4pm: **MUSIC ON THE LAWN** featuring local artists Rebecca & Jeremy, Joe Stanton and Los Dos.

11am to 3pm: Drop in, all ages crafting in the amphitheatre with Mad Park Arts.

12pm: Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society Canoe Raffle Draw for Redwood, (tickets at Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society website until Aug. 9 or in person at the show). Only 500 tickets!

When you're done at the Wooden Boat Show, check out the Pender Harbour Rotary Club's 20th Annual Show and Shine at the Legion, Sunday only.

Three days celebrating boats and Pender Harbour's maritime tradition.

The show kicks off with a Boat Parade Friday night. Saturday and Sunday feature a variety of music, food, heritage boats, exhibits and the popular speaker's series featuring Martin Swan, son of Pender Harbour physician Dr. Alan Swan.



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P. H. Paddling Society gives up its dragon boat

After close to 20 years of dragon boating in Pender Harbour, the Pender Harbour Paddling Society has reluctantly let go of their boats.

With “sad hearts,” Andie Elliott, president of the P. H. Paddling Society and Jean Pate, vice president, recently disposed of the club’s 20-person dragon boat and 10-person outrigger.

Since the Garden Bay Pub burned down in November 2020, the club has unsuccessfully tried to find a 40-foot dock space in Pender Harbour to store the two boats.

The society eventually decided that they had to give them up.

According to Pate, the PHPS got its start when Sally Haugen, one of the people who developed a dragon boating team in Sechelt for breast cancer survivors, spoke at the Pender Harbour Women’s Connection about starting a dragon boat club in Pender Harbour.

“Rick Harmer managed to get everything moving, applying to the government for the approval of our name and appointing board and committee members,” said Pate.

“We started off with a rented dragon boat and then we were able to purchase our very own 20-person-



submitted

The Pender Harbour Paddling Society's Dragon boat in Davis Bay, headed south to find new paddlers.

dragon boat.”

In April 2008 the club purchased a dragon boat, financed with help from the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour and Sunshine Coast Credit Union.

Rick Harmer became their first steersperson.

But they club would never have left the dock without the help of Ron and Marita Johnson at the Garden Bay Pub who, back in 2007, welcomed the club to keep their boats there.

The club soon held meat draws at the pub every Friday night and soon managed to complete the payments.

“Our racing team was called the ‘Dragontinis,’ which soon became a cocktail made up for us at the pub

and reflected on our team shirts,” said Pate.

“Our team was made up of all ages and different fitness levels but as the season went on, we all improved with strength and endurance.”

The team competed at races in Nanaimo and other locations and even held their own regattas, attracting five other teams to the club’s “Final Fling,” in Garden Bay in 2009.

Pate said the boats have been taken to Vancouver where they will be refurbished and sold at lower prices to new teams.

All proceeds left from disbanding the P.H. Paddling Society will be donated back into the community through the local Rotary club.



Brian Lee

Here, the Pender Harbour Paddling Society Dragontinis (red boat) races against the Sunshine Dragons Abreast team in the 2009 Final Fling, the PHPS-hosted regatta that saw six teams compete in Garden Bay.



HARBOUR SPIEL

trivia

1. Where is the Sunshine Coast Regional District main office located?

- ☐ a. Wharf Ave.
- ☐ b. Field Rd.
- ☐ c. Brooks Rd.
- ☐ d. Cowrie St.

2. Who is the author of *The Little Green Valley: The Kleindale Story*?

- ☐ a. Peter Robson
- ☐ b. Al Lloyd
- ☐ c. Ray Phillips
- ☐ d. Howard White

3. What is at Francis Point?

- ☐ a. House
- ☐ b. Community dock
- ☐ c. Lighthouse
- ☐ d. Submarine cable

4. What is the most abundant gas in the Earth's atmosphere?

- ☐ a. carbon dioxide
- ☐ b. oxygen
- ☐ c. ozone
- ☐ d. nitrogen

5. What once sat on the upper portion of the property now called Egmont Park?

- ☐ a. School
- ☐ b. Post office
- ☐ c. Bank
- ☐ d. Fish plant

6. Where was Brightside Resort?

- ☐ a. Ruby Lake
- ☐ b. Katherine Lake
- ☐ c. Mixal Lake
- ☐ d. Hotel Lake

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



submitted

Exchange student Emma Valli (l), has returned home in Northern Italy after staying with Josh and Jodee Young for the past school year. The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour exchange student arrived last September and completed the school year at Pender Harbour Secondary School. She is seen here with her host parents at a recent farewell party hosted by Rotary.

news

Fire prohibition now in effect throughout Coast

As of May 30, open burning activities are prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction which includes all areas of the Sunshine Coast.

Category 2 and Category 3 open fires are prohibited and this prohibition will be in place until Oct. 31 or until the order is rescinded.

Also prohibited are fireworks, binary exploding targets, burn barrels, controlled air incinerators, air curtain burners and carbonizers.

Category 1 fires (campfires) were still allowed by the *Harbour Spiel's* press time (June 22) but it is likely they will also be prohibited soon.

Campfires refer to small, contained fires a half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller.

Anyone lighting a campfire must maintain a fireguard by removing flammable debris from around the campfire area and have a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available nearby to properly extinguish the fire.

Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be issued a violation ticket for \$1,150, required to pay an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 or, if convicted in court, fined up to \$100,000 and/or sentenced to one year in jail.

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Official community plan renewal underway



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Our Official Community Plan renewal project aims to create a single blueprint called a “harmonized OCP”

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Most rural areas have specific, local needs and want to preserve their unique character, which we will accommodate by the creation of “local area plans,” which typically are contained as a schedule integral to a modernized OCP.

A harmonized/modernized OCP will address provincial government

requirements, housing needs, environmental protection, future growth and other community changes.

These items include setting parameters for commercial development locations, major water and wastewater systems and protecting groundwater.

Related zoning bylaws will also be consolidated and updated as part of the renewal project.

A harmonized OCP will enable us to work together to plan for, and respond to, challenges that reach across community boundaries and enable the SCRD to achieve community goals in a cost-effective way.

Now underway, the OCP renewal should be completed in 2027.

To learn more about this major project, visit the SCRD website, click

on “current projects,” and then “official community plan update.”


You can view the project status and add your opinion at lestalk.scrd.ca/ocp-renewal.

For an example of a harmonized OCP and a draft modernized OCP, check out the Cowichan Valley Regional District at www.cvrld.ca, click on “services,” and then “planning and development.”

Community involvement is critical for a strong and relevant OCP, so please take every opportunity to have your voice heard by our directors, planners and not-for-profits.

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Board and Committee Meetings

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| Committee of the Whole July 10 at 9:30 a.m. | Reginal Hospital District July 17 at 1:00 p.m. |
| Regular Board July 10 at 1:00 p.m. | Committee of the Whole July 24 at 9:30 a.m. |
| Electoral Area Services Committee July 17 at 9:30 a.m. | Regular Board July 24 at 1:00 p.m. |

Board and Board Committee meetings are held in person in the Sunshine Coast Regional District Boardroom at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC, online via Zoom, and live-streamed to the SCRD YouTube channel. Zoom and YouTube links are available on the Agenda page of the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

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2. Consumption allowance assumes 1.9 residents per average household and the water volume they need for essential use, e.g. cooking, bathing, and laundry, and
3. Volumetric rate (consumption charges) will bill above-average users for water used beyond the consumption allowance.

For more details about volumetric billing, visit www.scrd.ca, click “Lets Talk SCRD,” then to “volumetric billing.”

Click “latest updates” to find a link to a detailed, May 22 staff report, “volumetric billing project update.”

SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT (\$600K)

Continuation of 2018 work will replace the asbestos cement watermain on Francis Peninsula Road from Pope Road to Rondevue Road.

Early this year, emergency work was required to replace a broken watermain, including an expedited permit for required archeological assessments.

A contractor was retained for excavation, SCRD staff installed the pipe and a paving crew will finish.

The Beaver Road to Warnock Road section of watermain should be completed late this year.

COVE CAY PUMP STATION REBUILD (\$921,000)

The Cove Cay, Earls Cove, pump station needs substantial upgrading to replace aging infrastructure and improve access.

Vancouver Coastal Health expanded the project scope considerably with their requirement of multi-barrier treatment with a July deadline and the contract was awarded to EHD Engineering Ltd.

Design meetings and site visits were held and completed design drawings are being reviewed.

Staff are now engaging with First Nations and VCH, and the project should be completed by early 2026.

NORTH PENDER WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT (\$850,000)

This project will replace the existing 100 millimetre asbestos cement watermain on Panorama Drive with a 200 millimetre ductile iron watermain to improve system reliability and fire protection for 70-plus homes.

It’s been subject to several leaks in past years, resulting in service dis-

ruptions and extra staff time.

An infrastructure survey and archeological assessment was completed, requests for construction proposals issued and the project should be completed by the end of the year.

GARDEN BAY WATER TREATMENT UPGRADE (\$200,000)

Phase 2 of the feasibility study on a treatment system upgrade identified options to improve water quality and meet drinking water standards.

The study shows that the required upgrades could cost up to \$9 million.

Tender documents for the preliminary design have been prepared, with a budget of \$190,000, and the study should be completed by the end of the year.

VINEBROOK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT & PARKS SERVICE REVIEW

These unfinished projects, which are delaying others at Katherine Lake Park and Dan Bosch Park, will be worked on as time permits but progress will be slow and deliverables likely not met in a timely manner.

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Morrison: June editorial ‘a form of fear-mongering’

Editor,

Regarding your editorial, “What is Aboriginal title,” in the June issue:

It is not, will not, be easy to address the present and historical inequalities experienced by First Na-

tions’ people in Canada, in BC, on the Sunshine Coast, in Pender Harbour.

How we, as non-Aboriginal members of this community help to do that, clearly, is a work in progress, fraught with many difficulties.

It must be done, however, if we

are to inhabit this land together in harmony.

Your editorial is a form of fear-mongering of the type that does not further that goal and, ultimately, serves no one’s interests.

Patricia Morrison

Craigan: Regarding ‘What is Aboriginal title’ editorial

Editor,

First of all, I want to thank you for making the effort to watch the documentary film “s-yéwyáw: Awaken,” which has been nominated for the Donald Brittain award (Canadian Screen Awards) for best social/political documentary program.

This film tells part of my life story along with my legacy as an elected and hereditary Chief.

In 1910, my father was born in the village on Skardon Island in Garden Bay and in 1963 he died as a hereditary and elected Chief of the shíshálh people.

I stepped into his shoes in 1974 and became the youngest elected Chief in Canada by that time.

My father and I spent our lives

fighting for justice for our people, our syiyaya.

Before I retired in 2017 from elected office, I was instrumental in negotiating a mandate with the province of British Columbia to begin a 20 year Foundation Agreement which opened the door to meaningful reconciliation.

At the end of that historical signing, then Liberal minister John Rustad poised this question to me:

“Now will you go home and begin evicting people?”

My immediate and quick response was,

“Hell NO, that is not and never was our intent!

“Our children and grandchildren all go to school together!

“We only wanted and want to be

involved and included in decisions related to our lands and peoples!”

It has been estimated by archeological teams from three separate universities that the population of the shíshálh traditional territory, going back to the 17th century before the epidemics, consisted of 30,000 to 40,000 people.

Our hereditary Chiefs governed with the law of the land, respecting and protecting all that sustained us for thousands of years.

Now the entire population of this land, as a community, works together, plays together, and plans together for the greater good of the lands and ALL the people living here.

Calvin Craigan

shíshálh retired elected chief and hereditary Chief hiwus

Dyck: Thank you, Pender Harbour

Editor,

As Jeff and I are leaving Pender Harbour after 19 years, for new adventures on Vancouver Island, I would like to send a huge thank you (and Harbour Seal of Approval) to the many kind and generous people we have known here.

The list is huge, but it includes fellow boaters including the Curtisses and the Cotters, our wonderful neigh-

bours in Farrington Cove and elsewhere in Garden Bay, the over-the-top Pender Harbour Library board, the committed folks of the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association and Leonard Lee.

They all make the Harbour a better place to live and there are many others.

The shops we frequented, like the accommodating Marina Pharmacy and the friendly IGA were wonderful,

and the many tradespeople who made it possible for us to live in comfort are very appreciated.

Our time at Farrington Cove and in Pender Harbour has meant so much to us.

It’s been a chapter filled with wonderful memories and friendships we truly treasure — and hope to carry with us across the Salish Sea.

Thank you, Pender Harbour.

Karen Dyck

Susan Margaret Campbell

AUGUST 24, 1943 — MAY 1, 2025



Susan Margaret Campbell was born on August 24, 1943 in Victoria to Tommy and Peggy Stevenson.

The family relocated to Penticton in 1951 where she grew up relishing friendships, riding horses through the sagebrush hills and playing on sandy beaches.

Campbell enrolled in the nursing program in Victoria and it was there that she met and married the love of her life Ryan Campbell who was enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy.

Over the next 50 years, they lived and travelled across Canada, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, finally settling on the West Coast.

Along the way, they raised three

children (Kim, Rod and Craig), made deep friendships and enjoyed life to the fullest.

While her husband was in the military, Campbell remained at home raising her family and later joined the workforce as a manager with The Bay.

When they settled in the Lower Mainland in 1987, Campbell opened her own specialty foods shop called Sue's Sweet & Natural at the New Westminster Quay Public Market.

She was creative, loving and generous and particularly enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and travelling with Ryan.

In the early 1990s, the couple relocated to the Sunshine Coast to start a new chapter in their lives.

They were welcomed into and actively participated in building a remarkable community in Madeira Park.

From Power Squadron, Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, the Pender Harbour Chamber Music Society, and Robbie Burns celebrations, to the development of Lily Lake Village and donation of land for Campbell House, they left their mark on the lives and hearts of many people along the Sunshine Coast.

In 2010, they purchased a second

home in Guayabitos, Mexico where they spent winter months actively involved with the local community.

After Ryan passed away in 2014, Campbell continued to thrive with dear friends and a caring community.

She was admitted to St. Paul's Hospital in late March of 2025 and spent her final weeks at St. John Hospice on the UBC campus.

Her last days were peaceful, filled with love and storytelling shared with family and dear friends.

In the presence of her children, Campbell died peacefully on May 1.

She leaves behind six grandchildren — Kate, Jack, Rowan, Rui, Kai and Corbin — to carry on her legacy.

Campbell's beloved corgi Diego has returned to his birthplace in the Okanagan, to live out his days on an acreage with family.

Her family would like to recognize this place, Pender Harbour and the people who live here and have lived here, who offered community, care and support for their mother, particularly after their father died

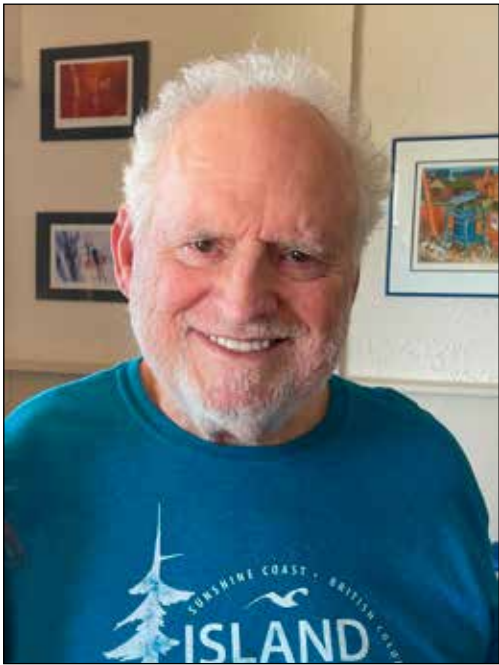
They are deeply grateful to all of you for your friendship and devotion and Campbell's family takes solace in the knowledge that she was so grounded in community.

photojournal



Harbour seals of disapproval, Hodgson Islands June 10.

Michael Gene Miller
JANUARY 7, 1945 — JANUARY 26, 2025



Michael Gene Miller, known to friends and family as Mike, wrapped up a life well-lived on Jan. 26.

Born in 1945, Miller filled his 80 years with stories, laughter, love and an enduring ability to make everyone feel welcome at his table and in his heart.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Ledford, his six children and 13 grandchildren, each of whom carry forward his legacy of humour, resilience and an appreciation for a good gathering.

Miller believed in joy, connection, and the importance of coming together.

In keeping with his spirit, loved ones will gather to remember and celebrate him on Aug. 2 at Sarah Wray Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

He would have wanted stories shared, smiles exchanged and a few laughs along the way.

He will be missed — deeply — but never quietly.

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Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Disapproval.
By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A May Day full of Harbour Seals to **Madeira Park IGA, C.A.R.S, Jamie Taylor, Madeira Marina** and the **parents** that volunteered their time and resources.

The royal float and kids' dance couldn't have happened without you!
Raylene Sladey

Harbour Seals of Approval, and gratitude, to **Josh and Jodee Young** for hosting our international exchange student Emma for the past year. Their generosity has enriched her life and those around her in so many ways. Thank you so much.
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Gilbert Fraser Yard

MARCH 9, 1941 — APRIL 16, 2025



Gilbert Fraser Yard of Pender Harbour died peacefully at 84 years of age in Sechelt on April 16 surrounded by his family.

Yard endured a year-long battle with cancer which he fought with incredible determination, grace and positivity.

He never lost his sense of humour or his zest for life.

He was born in Duncan, the eldest of four siblings, and spent his formative years in Victoria.

The oceanfront along Dallas Road and the expanses of Beacon Hill Park were his childhood playground.

After 37 years of service with the RCMP, with many transfers spanning five provinces, yard retired in 1998 as superintendent in charge of the North Vancouver detachment.

His dream of returning to live by the ocean was fulfilled: first with 10 years in Garden Bay, then 14 years in Madeira Park.

He loved everything about the ocean and it was often said “saltwater ran in his veins.”

Yard lived a full life and was respected by his family, friends, colleagues and community, both in his

working career and volunteer efforts.

His legacy will live on in the lives of those he touched, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Yard is survived by Louise, his wife of 61 years, three children and their spouses and six grandchildren and their spouses.

He was predeceased in 1966 by his first-born son.

At his request, a family celebration of life will be held at a future date.

His family expresses their sincere appreciation to Dr. Simon Reznick, the medical staff at Sechelt and Lions Gate Hospitals, the pharmacists at Marina Pharmacy and the P. H. Health Centre support team.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Sechelt Hospital Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

James Lauder Greenlaw Sr. (Jim)

JANUARY 21, 1927 — MAY 22, 2025



Jim Greenlaw Sr. died peacefully in his sleep on May 22.

Greenlaw was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and moved to Vancouver, with his family as a young boy.

He always had a fascination with cars and opened up a Chevron gas station in Vancouver at Granville Street and Marine Drive followed by his shop, Marpole Collision.

When his property was expropriated by the City of Vancouver, he moved to Dean Bros. and then to ICBC at the end of his career.

Greenlaw and his wife Gloria retired to their waterfront property in Madeira Park in 1985 and never looked back.

He loved his boats, salmon fishing, his family and always the sunshine.

Greenlaw will be greatly missed by Gloria, his wife of 77 years, his three children, Bev (Dave), Jim (Margo) and Linda, and nieces, nephews and neighbours.

There will be no service by request.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge to recognize and record those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date of birth and date of death and be submitted in a digital format. Submissions will be edited for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.



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Local health matters

Pender Harbour Health Centre Summer Updates

The team at the PHHC wanted to update the community as we enter the summer of 2025. We are excited about all the opportunities that the summer provides.

May Day Thank You

This year the PHHC had a stall at the May Day event where we shared important news and updates from the PHHC. This included our Executive Director being dunked by the community (and some of the Health Centre staff). We would like to thank all those who visited our stall and thank all the volunteers who made the 2025 May Day celebration such an amazing event.

Updated PHHC Website & Brochure

The PHHC team have been working with a local company, Spiderplus Graphics, to update and modernize our website. We are excited to announce our new website is now live and we encourage folks to check out our new and improved website at www.penderharbourhealth.com. In conjunction with the website upgrades we have also created a new PHHC brochure which you can pick up at the PHHC.

Relaunch of the PHHC Adult Day Program

The PHHC Adult Day Program has been relaunched at Lily Lake Hall and runs biweekly on a new day, Tuesdays. The ADP provides four hours of respite and care for people with dementia. We currently have available spaces, please contact our ADP Co-ordinator at 604-740-2823 if you would like to learn more.

VCH/PHHC Youth Clinic

As we move into the summer, the PHHC and Vancouver Coast Health are collaborating to provide access to a youth clinic at the PHHC.

This clinic is available for youth in our community aged 13-24 and to book an appointment you are asked to call 604-314-8253. Clinic dates for July are Wednesday July 9, 1:30pm to 3pm and Wednesday July 16, 9:30am to 11am. We thank VCH Public Health for this collaboration and support for youth in our community.

Primary Care Wing Renovation

The renovations of our Primary Care Wing remains on schedule, and we hope to have the work completed by the end of July 2025. We will be officially opening the newly renovated Primary Care Wing at our August Open House event. More information to come soon. We thank our patients for your patience and understanding during the renovation work.

PHHC Open House: Aug. 22

On Aug. 22, the PHHC will host an Open House from 11am to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to learn about the programs and services provided at the PHHC by our teams, partners and tenants. More information will be provided in the August edition of the Harbour Spiel.

Recruitment at the PHHC

The PHHC is currently seeking our next Finance and Administration Manager and casual nursing staff to join our team. If you're interested in either of these roles, please check out the new careers page on our website or contact our Executive Director at: nick.gaskin@penderharbourhealth.com.

pender harbour tides ~ july 2025

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Canoe Pass:



| July | | 1AM | 2AM | 3AM | 4AM | 5AM | 6AM | 7AM | 8AM | 9AM | 10AM | 11AM | Noon | 1PM | 2PM | 3PM | 4PM | 5PM | 6PM | 7PM | 8PM | 9PM | 10PM | 11PM | 12AM |
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| Fri | 04 | 14.6 | 14.0 | 12.8 | 11.2 | 9.4 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 10.4 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 13.9 |
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| Fri | 11 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 12.2 | 12.8 | 13.1 | 12.8 | 11.6 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 9.5 | 12.1 | 14.2 | 15.3 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 12.6 |
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| Mon | 14 | 12.2 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.7 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 12.5 | 11.9 | 10.5 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 11.3 | 13.7 | 15.4 | 16.0 | 15.6 | 14.4 |
| Tue | 15 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 9.8 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 10.0 | 11.0 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 10.4 | 8.7 | 6.9 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 8.0 | 10.4 | 12.9 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 15.0 |
| Wed | 16 | 13.4 | 11.5 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 11.2 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 6.8 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 8.1 | 10.0 | 12.2 | 14.1 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 15.4 |
| Thu | 17 | 14.1 | 12.2 | 10.1 | 8.3 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 10.2 | 9.2 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 11.7 | 13.5 | 14.9 | 15.7 | 15.6 |
| Fri | 18 | 14.7 | 13.0 | 10.8 | 8.6 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 9.9 | 11.1 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.3 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 11.7 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 15.2 | 15.6 |
| Sat | 19 | 15.1 | 13.8 | 11.8 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 9.3 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 12.2 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 12.7 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 15.2 |
| Sun | 20 | 15.3 | 14.4 | 12.8 | 10.6 | 8.1 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 8.9 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 13.6 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 13.2 | 13.9 | 14.6 |
| Mon | 21 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 13.8 | 12.0 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 4.5 | 6.7 | 9.2 | 11.5 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 14.3 | 13.7 | 13.1 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 13.8 |
| Tue | 22 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 14.5 | 13.3 | 11.3 | 8.8 | 6.2 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 12.3 | 14.2 | 15.2 | 15.2 | 14.7 | 13.9 | 13.1 | 12.7 | 12.9 |
| Wed | 23 | 13.4 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 14.1 | 12.9 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 7.8 | 10.6 | 13.1 | 14.9 | 15.6 | 15.4 | 14.6 | 13.6 | 12.6 | 12.2 |
| Thu | 24 | 12.4 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 13.8 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 7.9 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 8.8 | 11.7 | 14.0 | 15.5 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 14.2 | 12.9 | 12.0 |
| Fri | 25 | 11.6 | 11.9 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 10.1 | 7.6 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 4.4 | 7.1 | 10.1 | 12.8 | 14.8 | 15.8 | 15.7 | 14.8 | 13.5 | 12.1 |
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| Sun | 27 | 11.1 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 9.4 | 7.2 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 7.7 | 10.3 | 12.9 | 14.7 | 15.7 | 15.5 | 14.5 | 13.0 |
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| Tue | 29 | 11.9 | 10.3 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 11.7 | 12.1 | 11.9 | 10.9 | 9.5 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 6.3 | 7.3 | 9.1 | 11.1 | 13.0 | 14.5 | 15.1 | 14.9 | 13.9 |
| Wed | 30 | 12.3 | 10.6 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 11.3 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 11.0 | 9.9 | 8.8 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 9.2 | 10.7 | 12.4 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| Thu | 31 | 12.7 | 11.0 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 13.1 | 14.0 | 14.3 | 14.0 |

Thompson's N3N takes off from Pender for the last time



This story originally appeared in the July 2015 issue of the Harbour Spiel.

The iconic yellow 1942 U.S. navy biplane that sat like a beacon on Bill and Wilma Thompson's Hospital Bay wharf has left Pender Harbour.

Bill Thompson died in February.

On June 25, his son Garry lifted the plane off its perch with his former seiner, *Closing Time*.

The pilot made some test landings and performed a final flyby before flying the 73-year-old plane to Pitt Meadows for servicing before its eventual transport to Yellowknife.

According to another son Pat, the family sold the N3N to "Buffalo" Joe Bryant, star of History television's *Ice Pilots NWT*.

Thompson bought the plane in 1979 for \$7,000 and over the next 12 years, completely rebuilt it.

Thompson's first flight was on October 11, 1991.

Since then it has been a common summer treat to watch — and hear — the two of them perform aerial maneu-



Garry and Cheryl Thompson's *Closing Time* hoists the nearly 3,000-pound N3N biplane from its Hospital Bay perch where it has sat longer than most can remember.

vers over Pender Harbour.

According to the Canadian Museum of Flight website, N3Ns were used "mainly as primary trainers, they were operated either as landplanes or as seaplanes with a distinctive main float and outer stabilizing floats."

"They were completely U.S. navy-built, even down to their Wright R-760E seven-cylinder radial engines.

"That, and the thorough design, was the problem. They cost three times as much as Stearmans, so production ceased in 1942."



Brian Lee photos

After a few test landings and takeoffs, the N3N flew out of the Harbour, headed for Pitt Meadows.

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Annual Maintenance Closure: August 2 to September 1

HOURS OF OPERATION: June 30 to August 1

Monday to Friday: 7 am – 1 pm • Saturday & Sunday: Closed

DROP-IN FITNESS CLASSES:

Admission with MYPASS or pay admission: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+)

Land Meets Water.....Tue & Thu.....10:30 am

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If you enjoy working with people and love the idea of teaching swimming skills that can last a lifetime, this could be the perfect fit for you! You don't need to be a lifeguard to be a Swim Instructor. We are offering the Swim Instructor Course Aug. 24 to 29 at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre. You need to be at least 15 years of age by the last day of the course and have completed Bronze Cross.

ARE YOU A QUALIFIED LIFEGUARD? We will be hiring lifeguards this summer.

Please check www.scrd.ca/careers frequently for postings. We offer the training you need to become a Lifeguard! Our summer training is full and we are accepting people on a waitlist. Watch for our training programs in Fall 2025 and Winter 2026. Lifeguard training is an investment in specialized skills which are in high demand. The starting wage is \$27.23 per hour. If you are a high school student, Lifeguard Certification is worth two high school credits.



ANNUAL POOL MAINTENANCE CLOSURE: August 2 to September 1

The facility will be temporarily closed for annual maintenance work to extend the life of the facility and minimize unexpected closures.

DO YOU USE A MONTHLY MYPASS?

Plan ahead for the pool maintenance closure. If you only use your pass at this facility, please keep in mind that passes are not refundable. Make sure you don't purchase a pass for the time the facility is closed for annual maintenance work. (Aug 2 – Sep. 1).

LOOKING FOR FITNESS OPTIONS DURING AUGUST?

Use your MYPASS for drop-in activities at other SCRD recreational facilities! In August, Sechelt and Gibsons Pools are open, and the weight rooms at Sechelt Aquatic Centre and Gibsons Community Centre are open.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FALL REGISTRATION!

Registration for fall programs will start on Aug. 20 at 7 am. Swim lessons, aquatic leadership, exercise & fitness programs and more! Preview fall programs starting Aug. 6. Visit www.scrd.ca/recreation-registration/ for more information.

MINOR ADJUSTMENTS TO SCRD RECREATION FEES: starting Aug. 1

Drop-in admission fees and pass fees will increase for the first time in over a decade on Aug. 1. This will help SCRD Recreation meet increased operating costs and inflation so that we can continue delivering high quality recreation services to residents of the Sunshine Coast. For example, the adult aquatic and fitness drop-in rate is \$7, and starting August 1, it will be \$7.35. The youth MYPASS which is \$39 for a year will increase to \$40.95 per year – an increase of \$1.95 per year.



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JULY ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY

2 SUMMER KICK OFF
DROP IN / MEET UP AT
T-DOCK 1:00 PM
(GARDEN BAY LAKE)

9 CRAFT @ MAD PARK ART
10:30AM- 12:30PM
KIDS AGED 5-12
COST: \$10.00
PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

16 DRIVING RANGE
1:00PM - 3:00PM
KIDS AGED 5-12
COST: \$2.00

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THURSDAY

****Lake meet ups and hiking**
meet ups are subject to
change due to weather. Be
sure to check our Facebook
page for the most up to
date information for each
activity at Pender Harbour
Community School Society.

****Pender Harbour**
Community School will be at
lake (water) events but
parents are asked to drop in
with their children and not
leave children unattended.

24 BABYSITTING COURSE
LOCATION: PENDER HARBOUR LIONS
CLUB HALL
9:00AM-4:00PM
COST: \$90.00
PRIOR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

For more information or to register please
email: Virginia@pendercommunity.ca or call
604.883.2826

FRIDAY

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SPECIFIC DETAILS

25 OUTDOOR MOVIE
MPES FIELD
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SPECIFIC DETAILS SUCH AS MOVIE THAT
WILL BE SHOWN, TIME, ETC.

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Seniors' activities for July!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

July 3 – TBA

July 10 – Garden Tour at GeoPia's Gallery followed by lunch at the
Cove Restaurant

July 17 – TBA

July 24 – Music with Eddy Edrick

July 31 - TBA

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, July 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 & 28

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am – 12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11–12pm. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Cost: \$3.

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES JULY

DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

1. 10:20 AM +S, 3:45 PM -M
2. 11:35 AM +S, 4:42 PM -M
3. 12:50 PM +M, 5:59 PM -S
4. 6:26 PM -L, 2:06 PM +L
5. 6:57 AM -L, 3:11 PM +L
6. 7:35 AM -L, 4:04 PM +L
7. 8:39 AM -L, 4:52 PM +XL
8. 9:37 AM -L, 5:40 PM +XL
9. 10:19 AM -XL, 6:18 PM +XL
10. 10:56 AM -XL, 6:57 PM +XL
11. 10:33 AM -XL, 7:32 PM +XL
12. 12:09 PM -XL, 8:02 PM +XL
13. 12:48 PM -XL, 8:27 PM +XL
14. 7:10 AM +M, 1:38 PM -XL
15. 8:12 PM +M, 2:15 PM -XL
16. 9:29 AM +M, 3:10 PM -L
17. 10:47 AM +M, 4:17 PM -M
18. 12:05 PM +L, 5:39 PM -S
19. 1:26 PM +L, 7:09 PM -S
20. 6:38 AM -XL, 2:46 PM +L
21. 8:01 AM -XL, 3:56 PM +XL
22. 9:57 AM -XL, 5:02 PM +XL
23. 11:04 AM -XL, 5:47 PM +XL
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25. 12:47 AM -XL, 7:10 PM +XL
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CANADA/U.S. TRADE

70-80%

Roughly, Canada's exports to the United States, Canada's largest and most important trade partner.

\$7.1 billion

Canada's global record trade deficit in April 2025. The country's trade deficit, the difference between imports and exports, was \$2.3 billion the prior month.

-15.7%

The drop in exports to the U.S. in April 2025 compared to the previous month — the third consecutive monthly decline.

-10.8%

The decrease in the value of imports from the U.S. in April 2025 compared to the previous month.

-16%

The amount U.S. imports from the rest of the world fell in April, the largest drop ever.

3%

The amount total U.S. exports rose in April.

2.9%

The increase in Canadian exports to countries other than the U.S. in April.

8.3%

Meanwhile, imports from countries other than the United States increased 8.3% to a record \$29.0 billion in April.

49%

The percentage of Canada's imports that come from the U.S.

~ Statistics Canada, Globe and Mail

JULY WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Sechelt)

Our average daily high temperature is 24° C and low is 13° C. The highest July temperature recorded is 34.4° C (2022) and the lowest is 9° C (July 1, 1979).

JULY PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

July averages seven days with rainfall with a total of 41.5 mm. July has an average of 283 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in July is 37.1 mm back on July 19, 1968. Total rainfall for the month averages 41.5 mm.

JULY ASTROLOGY



CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22

Those born under the sign of the crab value security and enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities. July spells an end to your stretch of libidinous potential but despair not Cancerians. The Sun is in your sign from approximately June 21 to July 23. Aside from the very real dangers of melanoma, this presents an opportunity to nurture the spiritual being trapped helplessly inside you. Find a cosmic doula (Roberts Creek) to help with your rebirth and reap the alchemic benefits.



LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. This month, Uranus smashes into Gemini, creating chaos for social connections. Chaos is a powerful force that can destroy but also moulded into positive outcomes. Consider this when navigating the storm of emotions on their way. You will face a series of tests this month. Let the stars guide your decisions when you receive a number of suspicious phone calls. Hint: They are not Telus.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending June 14

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

- 1. *The Cost of a Hostage: A Lane Winslow Mystery*** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- 2. *Swimming Holes and Beaches of SW BC*** by Alex McKeen & George Harwood Smith (Greystone Books)
- 3. *105 Hikes in and Around SW BC*** by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
- 4. *The Curve of Time*** by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing)
- 5. *Indigenous Rights in One Minute: What You Need to Know to Talk Reconciliation*** by Bruce McIvor (Nightwood Editions)
- 6. *Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love*** by Shelley Adams, Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings)
- 7. *Beneath Dark Waters: The Legacy of the Empress of Ireland Shipwreck*** by Eve Lazarus (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- 8. *Best of BC Road Trips*** by Sam Burkhart (OP Media Group)
- 9. *The Teachings of Mutton: A Coast Salish Woolly Dog*** by Liz Hammond-Kaarremaa (Harbour Publishing)
- 10. *I am Connected*** by Kung Jaadee, illus. by Carla Joseph (Medicine Wheel Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1: **Glenn Vincent.**
 July 2: **Richard Massullo.**
 July 3: **Loy Haase and Roy LaFave.**
 July 4: **Stephanie Phillips.**
 July 5: **Ali Fraser, Wendy Lowings, Rick Marzolf and Andrew Vickers.**
 July 6: **Holly Seabrook and Bryce Viitanen.**
 July 7: **Lyn Charlton, Cypher Clerx, Shaun Georgison and Alexa Dornbierer.**
 July 9: **Silas White and Danielle Silvey.**
 July 10: **Tanner Haase, Don Johnson, Carol Logtenberg, Beau Sladey, Sage Robson, Candy Whittaker and Maureen Luck.**
 July 11: **Brittany Bouvette and Skinny Jimmy Dougan.**
 July 12: **Bill Jack.**
 July 13: **Steve Morris, Amy Coombes and Daron Petraschuk.**
 July 14: **Malcolm Ingram.**
 July 15: **Ty Campbell, Devin Hollis and Fred Baldwin.**
 July 16: **Jane McOuat, Shelly Brown, Danielle Gough and Jodee Young.**
 July 17: **Amanda Civitareale.**
 July 18: **Maxine Gilkes and Lisa Johnston.**
 July 19: **Wade Lajlar.**
 July 20: **Dwight Young.**
 July 21: **Eric Phillips, Karen Purnell and Marlayne Williams.**
 July 22: **Buck Rice, Lee Walters, Mike Zacharias, Christina Wharton, Wyatt Baldwin and Tiffany Baldwin.**
 July 23: **Owen McQuarrie and Brody Pantages.**
 July 24: **Paige Coombes and Renee Harper.**
 July 25: **Adam Dornbierer.**
 July 26: **Chris Schroeder.**
 July 28: **Kevin Farrell, Keith Mackie and Rick Wagner Sr.**
 July 29: **Randy Edwardson, Connie Sutherland and Tucker Pantages.**
 July 30: **Darlene Fowlie, Robert Hynd, Shane McCune and Marvin Wutzke.**
 July 31: **Hugh Baird, Parker Hohn, Dave Mackay, Bonny Shotropa and Ron Sim.**

Mary Palmer leaves an island legacy and a life well-lived

The following memorial was published on the website of Dignity Memorial.

Mary Catherine Palmer died at her home on March 31 after suffering a stroke on March 27.

In her final days and hours, Palmer was kept company by family and friends and made her passage with a smile on her face.

This event capped a truly remarkable life.

Born in San Francisco in 1920, Palmer lived to be 104 years and four months old.

She spent her early years living with her mother, at her grandmother's home in Seattle.

After her mother remarried, her new family left the grandmother's home and moved to Pysht, a remote logging camp on the Olympic Peninsula.

Palmer's adventuresome spirit manifested itself early on in life as exemplified by a story she shared about getting into a boat and floating down the river, alone as a child, right to the sea, where her step-father found her and brought her home.

After leaving Pysht, Palmer lived in Seattle where she sang in the Seattle Opera company.

In Seattle she met Evan Mattice, a clarinet player playing in a band.

They married and had two sons, Roger and Evan.

There was an empty lot beside their home and Palmer decided to pasture a Jersey cow on it.

This led to her meeting the local feed store owner and before you knew it, they had bought the feed store.

Evan took a WWII float plane, complete with bullet holes, removed the wings and converted it into a power boat.

They sailed Puget Sound and the BC Coast looking for a special place.

The search ended when they saw an advertisement in the *Seattle Times* real estate section, advertising the sale of a 640-acre island in the Strait of Georgia.

They boarded a float plane from Seattle and flew up to Jedediah Island to have a look.

In 1949, using an inheritance received from her grandmother, the couple bought Jedediah Island.

Over the next 20 years Palmer slowly paid off the debt from her earnings.

Her love of gardening and her knowledge of native plants led her to becoming the gardening editor for the *Seattle Times*.

Though the couple eventually divorced, Palmer retained ownership of Jedediah Island.

Not long after, while attending classes at the Seattle University, she met Al Palmer, a fisheries biologist.

They married in Las Vegas and settled in Seattle where they started up a successful nursery.

Palmer continued her work with the *Seattle Times*.

In 1972, after 11 years in business and in their early 50's, Mary and Al Palmer sold the nursery and moved to Jedediah Island.

They lived off the grid, relying on a VHF radio for communications with the outside world.

The Palmers put in a huge vegetable garden and husbanded cows, sheep, chickens and geese plus Will, the horse.

Palmer had beautifully flowering plants planted in every crevice on the rock surrounding the house.

During those early years, they had company at least once a week



from various logging camps on Texada Island, tugboat captains and boaters stopping in for a visit.

As time went by, many of these people moved to town and Mary and Al would go weeks without seeing anyone.

Because of this, as well as their advancing age, and after almost 20 years of living on the island, the couple decided to leave Jedediah and moved to Nanoose Bay.

They needed to sell Jedediah Island but at the same time wanted the future of the island secured as a provincial park.

They worked diligently with various agencies, societies and friends of the island, and after lots of hard work by all the parties, a deal was finally struck.

The Palmers accepted a lower price for the island from the province, and the island would become the newest marine park, where there would be no logging or mining permitted, and public access was assured for future generations to visit and enjoy this piece of paradise.

They enjoyed their life after leaving Jedediah, going on a world cruise on the Queen Mary, a cruise down the Amazon and going on a tour to China.

She and Al were privileged to be invited to meet with Prince Charles where all he wanted to talk about was their time on Jedediah.

When they were not travelling the globe or rubbing shoulders with royalty, the Palmers were making their mark on every place they lived, from Fairwinds to the Penthouse at Cameron Island in Nanaimo, to the Wellesley in Victoria.

Their free spirited approach to life and their zest for living lit up every room that they entered.

Added to this mix was Palmer's need to get things done right.

Like her time at the Wellesley in Victoria.

It had a roof top with a few straggly plants.

In no time she had the residents who liked gardening organized, money was raised and a beautiful roof top garden was created for everyone's enjoyment.

It was during their stay in Victoria that Al succumbed to the effects of a stroke.

After Al's death, Palmer filled her days in Victoria volunteering at the BC Museum as a docent.

Eventually she moved back to Nanaimo and the tower at Cameron Island.

There she could be seen tooling around on her scooter, having breakfast with her friends at The Pantry, or scooting along the sea wall enjoying the sights and making new friends along the way.

She so endeared herself to the wait staff at The Pantry that, in her 99th year, they bought front row tickets for themselves and Mary at the Thunder Down Under show, an "immersive male dance revue with adult themes," at Port Place.

For Mary's 100th birthday celebration, family and friends met at The Pantry restaurant, where a section was cordoned off to seat her guests.

Mary wrote two books after leaving Jedediah Island — *Jedediah Days*, a memoir of her time on the island, and the *ABC's of West Coast Gardening*, a book dedicated to cultivating a successful West Coast garden.

The foreword to the gardening book is a classic Mary/Al story, highlighting their love of nature and respect for life.

In the spring of 2021, after several falls, Palmer accepted an offer to stay in the house on the Mann farm.

There she received 24 hour care from an amazing group of ladies, dedicated to her well-being.

These ladies cared deeply for her and made sure that her days were as full as possible — taking her out for

walks, scaring the local bear and just sitting outside enjoying the sunshine and the birds of course.

Palmer celebrated four birthdays at the farm, celebrating each one with excitement and her own brand of tact, "Still here, not going anywhere yet kid!"

Palmer knew and went for exactly what she wanted in life right to the end, showing those who cared for her that indomitable spirit that fought for every second of joy and life she had.

She was a caring, vivacious person, giving family and friends the help and support that they need while bringing joy and life to whatever community she lived in.

In lieu of condolences, celebrate Mary Palmer's life the way she did — go out, feed the birds, smell the flowers, eat the cake, smile — and think of her.

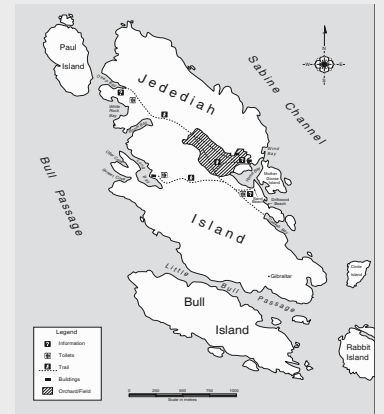
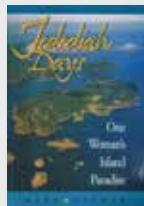
Jedediah Island

Jedediah Island Marine Park is located in Sabine Channel between Lasqueti and Texada islands. It has long been a popular destination for recreational boaters and kayakers. What sets Jedediah Island apart is its size. It is one of the largest island parks in the province at 640 acres.

Jedediah Island is the largest and most diverse of a chain of more than 30 islands and rocky islets located north and west of Lasqueti Island. The interior of Jedediah is comprised of forest ecosystems where you will see a variety of mature tree species, including Douglas fir and arbutus, intermingled with rocky outcrops. In several areas evidence of previous human settlements are evident.

In 1949, Mary Palmer purchased the island and eventually lived on it for almost 20 years starting in 1972. In the 1990s Mary and Al Palmer struck a deal with the provincial government to secure the future of the island as a park. In March 1995, after an extraordinary public fundraising campaign, Jedediah was officially designated a Class A provincial marine park.

In 1998, Harbour Publishing published a hardcover edition of Mary Palmer's stories about her time on the island, *Jedediah Days: One Woman's Island Paradise*.



community calendar

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JULY

- Tue. July 1.....Canada Day
- Thu. July 3.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. July 4.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. July 5.....Sarah Wray Hall (Irvines Landing) open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sun. July 6.....Live music with Mad Cow - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Thu. July 10.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRД boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 10.....Harbourside Friendships (garden tour and lunch) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 10.....SCRД regular board - SCRД boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. July 11.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. July 11.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Sat. July 12.....Sarah Wray Hall (Irvines Landing) open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sun. July 13.....Live music with Halfcut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. July 14.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Thu. July 17.....SCRД electoral services committee - SCRД boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 17.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 17.....SCRД regional hospital district committee - SCRД boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. July 18.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. July 19.....Sarah Wray Hall (Irvines Landing) open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sat. July 19.....“The Dock Project” with Peter van Deursen - Gunboat Bay, 3 to 5 p.m.
- Sun. July 20.....Live music with Spindrift - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Thu. July 24.....P. H. Community School babysitting course - P. H. Lions Hall, 9 a.m.
- Thu. July 24.....SCRД committee of the whole - SCRД boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 24.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Eddy Edrik) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. July 24.....SCRД regular board - SCRД boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. July 25.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. July 26.....Sarah Wray Hall (Irvines Landing) open, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sun. July 27.....Live music with Blue Western - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. July 28.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Thu. July 31.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (TBA) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. c 4. d 5. a 6. b

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~ Annie Dillard



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