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COVER

Kate Nichols and Rick Roberts pose with a spring salmon caught on a stand up paddleboard in Agamemnon Channel/Earls Cove on Aug. 1. Roberts said he likes to keep his fishing gear simple but admits wind is a constant issue fishing on a SUP. 'I drift fish, obviously, and if I can't find a lee from the wind, jigging becomes more like trolling,' he said. (Rick Roberts photo)

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editorial

Keep your optimism cautious



Brian Lee

A recent update to the shishálh swiya Dock Management Plan (story p. 5) has some cheering.

On Aug. 1, the province and shíshálh Nation announced a path forward for dock owners with a 3-year transition period to work toward 20-year renewable authorizations.

It's been called grandfathering, "a provision in which an old rule continues to apply to some existing situations while a new rule will apply to all future cases."

It should save most dock owners from having to needlessly replace their docks, at least for some time to come.

Though it might be the first positive step towards reasonable dock policy in over a decade, a closer read should leave the wary with only a dose of cautious optimism.

That's because there is no suggestion that any of the details included in the controversial DMP draft released last November have changed.

Now, dock owners will be given two years to replace aging Styrofoam flotation and 10 years to upgrade to light transparency decking.

If the dock is in "compliance with all applicable provincial legislation and requirements of federal and municipal governments," it may be granted a 20-year renewable authorization.

If not, and the dock needs to be replaced, "a new application will be required, and the DMP must be followed."

Also, new or replacement boat-houses will not be allowed.

With this plan, "repair" and "replace" will unseat "red zone" as the

buzzword of dock owners.

The province said in its Aug. 1 release that an updated shishálh swiya DMP is forthcoming but no date for its release was provided.

So, we will wait to learn if those who need to rebuild their docks will be required to follow contentious requirements contained in the last draft, like the proposed maximum floating surface area of 30m² (323 sq. ft.) for new docks, described by one naval architect as a "legislated hazard."

Until we see that, it seems premature to applaud.

Jim Case, a Pender Harbour dock owner and director with the Waterfront Protection Coalition, is more optimistic about the recent news.

He sat in on advisory group meetings and felt that everyone came away with a better appreciation of each other's position.

Case thinks the shíshálh Nation and province now better understand the need for docks and expects a better relationship in future planning.

He pointed to a recent fire on Sakinaw Lake (story p. 9) as a timely example of why docks are so important to waterfront communities.

Were it not for the cabin's dock, those fighting the fire would not have snuffed it so quickly, thereby risking the neighbouring forest and cabins.

To acknowledge the positive steps taken so far, Case and the WPC have asked the community to remove the yellow "We will not give up our marine assets without a fight" signs.

The signs served their purpose but I'm tired of having to recount 20 years of dock plan history every time a guest or newcomer spots one.

So, yes, let's take down the signs.

But don't throw them out just yet.

LOON FOUNDATION BIODIVERSITY MONITORING SYMPOSIUM: Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out to the Pender Harbour Community Hall on Sept. 21 to learn more about what the PODS crew has been up to at their “biodiversity monitoring symposium.” The BMS will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will showcase the diversity of species and environments currently being monitored from sea birds, to shorelines, to salmon. Guest speakers include Dr. Peter Ross (Raincoast Conservation Foundation), Bill Henwood (formerly with Parks Canada), John Field (citizen scientist with Salish Sea Marine Survival Project) and Jenn Blancard (Loon Foundation monitoring programs).

PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS TRILOGY: Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.

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Dennis Rush

Dennis Rush was mooching for springs off the A-Frame (Sakinaw Lake outlet) in a 12-foot aluminum boat on Aug. 1 when he was startled by this feeding humpback whale. ‘I saw a humpback in the middle of Agamemnon Channel,’ Rush said. ‘A few minutes later it came up about 100-feet from my boat and headed straight for me.’

Province announces updates to dock management plan

Changes to the shíshálh swiya Dock Management Plan were announced Aug. 1 and may include good news for dock owners.

According to an Aug. 1 statement from BC's Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship:

"The latest changes are informed by the work and submissions of members of the dock management plan advisory group established by B.C. and shíshálh Nation.

"Members of the advisory group include the Waterfront Protection Coalition, Sunshine Coast Conservation Association, local governments and others."

Among the updates is a three-year transition period to allow dock and boathouse owners to keep their current structures and register them through an online self-registration form.

"The changes are intended to simplify the process for existing dock and boathouse owners.

"The changes provide owners with time to make any necessary improvements to their legacy structures in a cost-effective manner.

"In alignment with existing provincial policy, new docks require an application and must be in compliance with the DMP."

During the three-year transition period, B.C. and the shíshálh Nation will review self-registered docks to transition them into a longer 20-year renewable authorization.

That self-registration form will be available on the government's Pender Harbour Project website.

Dock and boathouse owners will have 10 years (from fall 2024) to upgrade their structures to replace flotation with encapsulated Styrofoam or alternative flotation and install light

penetrating decking.

"Owners of all existing tenured and untenured docks and boathouses will be given a general permission for the existing structure as-built, subject to the upgrade requirements outlined."

The interim authorization will expire when the structure is transitioned into a new 20-year long-term renewable authorization.

"Before the issuance of a 20-year renewable authorization, repairs to docks or boathouses may be required."

INVENTORY OF DOCKS

This summer and fall, the province and shíshálh will complete an inventory of all docks and boathouses in the swiya (traditional territory).

As part of the inventory, docks and boathouses will be assessed and given a condition-rating to inform work planning for the transition to a 20-year renewable authorization.

Derelict structures will be identified and "owners will be asked to submit a remediation plan that outlines the repairs that will be completed within a two-year period, which must be in alignment with the requirements noted above.

"If repairs are not completed the province will undertake progressive enforcement steps, which may include directing the removal of the dock or boathouse."

LONG-TERM AUTHORIZATIONS

During the transition period, the province and shíshálh will review self-registered docks and boathouses prior to issuing a 20-year long-term renewable authorization.

The review will ensure that docks and boathouses are maintained in good condition and in compliance with applicable provincial legislation and requirements of federal and municipal governments.

According to a fact sheet accompanying the Aug. 1 statement, "existing dock owners do not need to contact the province to initiate the review."

If a dock or boathouse owner is required to complete a remediation plan because their dock or boathouse is not in compliance with the general permission authorization, the repairs will have to be completed within two years.

A management plan will be required for each long-term authorization with information such as dimensions and distances from property lines, explanation of why the moorage is required, an indication of distance from closest marina/group moorage facility and size and dimensions of the planned improvements.

Owners of untenured docks and boathouses, or those without an existing management plan, will be required

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Glen Tietjen's 1957 Ford Fairlane



1939 Chevy Coupe & 1969 El Camino



1959 Cadillac Deville

Lorraine Wareham photos

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's annual Show and Shine in Madeira Park on Aug. 11 attracted over 77 classic cars and motorcycles to the Royal Canadian Legion and an adjoining property owned by Brent and Tracy Parker. Over 1,000 people's choice ballots were handed out. Local Dale Klassen won first place in the 1933-39 category for his 1939 Chev Coupe (pictured). Beside it is Richard Frappier's 1969 El Camino.

DMP updates (cont.)

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to submit a management plan.

“No environmental or archaeological studies will be required as part of the management plan,” except in cases where docks and boathouses sit on registered archaeological sites or culturally sensitive areas protected under the Heritage Conservation Act.

“Owners of docks and boathouses on registered archaeological sites will be notified and referred to the provincial archaeology branch, which may direct additional work.”

REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

- Repairs to docks and boathouses to maintain the structural integrity will be considered “repairs.”

When making repairs, an updated management plan will be required, and owners will be encouraged to make repairs in alignment with DMP best management practices;

- Replacing pilings in the same location will be considered a repair, but when a dock owner is making structural changes to a dock to help mitigate impacts to an archaeological site, dock owners will be required to submit a new application for review;

- Full structure replacements, structural changes or changes to a dock’s footprint will not be considered repairs.

In these cases, a new application will be required, and the DMP must be followed.

Replacement of boathouses will not be allowed;

- If any existing docks in the red zones within the kalpilin management area need to be replaced within the term of the authorization, a new application will be required and DMP best management practices must be followed;

- Existing boathouses can stay

September 2024

until end of life, however, no new boathouses will be permitted on private, group, community, and strata moorages, including if a boathouse needs to be replaced within the term of an authorization.

Boathouses will be allowed on commercial moorages;

- Replacement of structures (docks or boathouses) due to a sudden catastrophic loss of the structure due to natural disaster or fire will be allowed but owners are expected to meet the requirements around Styrofoam, light penetrating decking and non-creosote pilings, and

- Applications for new docks or a dock replacement will require an environmental study and archaeological assessment.

The Waterfront Protection Coalition has raised over \$400,000 to represent those affected by the dock management plan with a goal of advocating “for all marine waterfront communities in Canada who face similar unfair legislation without representation.”

The WPC had representatives on the dock management plan advisory group and issued a statement on Aug. 1 endorsing the changes to the plan:

“Our role in the DMPAG was limited to providing recommendations, and it was made clear from the outset that we could not expect consensus.

“Although not all WPC recommendations were adopted, we consider this to be a significant improvement over the previous DMP, and believe we have achieved a higher level of certainty for existing tenured and un-tenured dock and boathouse owners.”

On their website, the WPC provide “key take-away points” from the government’s proposal:

- Secure tenure — renewable

20-year tenures that provide long-term stability provided they are kept in safe condition;

- Simplified process — no environmental or archaeological studies will be required to secure the grandfathered tenure;

- Ability to repair docks — ongoing repairs and maintenance will be permitted and expected without needing permits, and

- Environmental improvement — within 10 years, all unencapsulated Styrofoam flotation must be replaced, and light penetration decking installed.

WPC spokesperson Jim Case told the *Harbour Spiel* that he was pleased with the outcome of the DMPAG.

“My experience in this process was a positive one and if the ministry and the Nation continue to embrace this form of consultation, I think it will go a long way,” said Case.

“I firmly believe that the grandfathering aspect of the dock management plan will pave the way for other considerations — so those best practices are being developed, they’re evolving.”

Case and the WPC are pushing for the yellow “We will not give up our marine assets without a fight” signs to be removed.

“I want the community to get back to a place where it’s not as divisive over this issue,” he said.

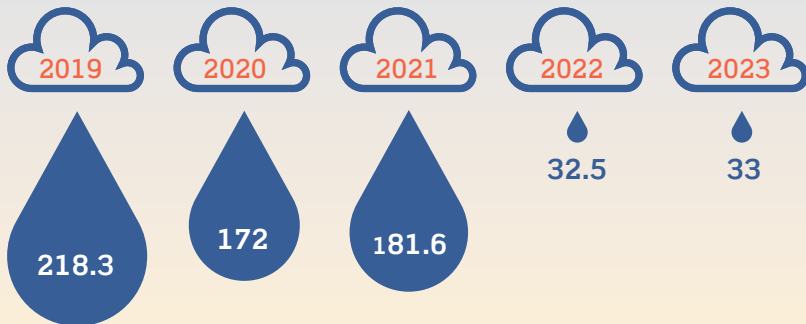
“The Nation has certain rights and those rights are going to continue to impact all of us and the better that we can understand one another and work together in a collaborative approach, we’re going to be farther ahead as a whole.”

The *Harbour Spiel* contacted the P. H. and Area Residents Association but a spokesperson wasn’t able to comment on the updates by press time.

3. ENVIRONMENT



The Sunshine Coast faces a number of environmental challenges but residents, local governments and community organizations are all taking steps to meet those challenges head-on.



Cumulative Summer Rainfall: July-Sept (mm)

0.5 m

BC Ministry of Environment's estimate for sea level rise by 2050. MoE estimates seas could rise as high as 1.0 metre by 2080.

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Wildfires on the Sunshine Coast and Powell River in 2023. After four years of averaging less than 10, in 2022 it jumped to 30.

609 L.

The average daily water use per property (excluding those with known leaks), across all SCRD rural areas in 2023.

1,000 L.

Peak daily water use across SCRD rural areas in June and July 2023, a reduction from the 2022 peak of just under 1,200 litres per day.



Major updates by the Provincial Conservation Data Centre have taken the number of Red listed endangered species reported on the Sunshine Coast from 8 in 2014 to 181 in 2023.

2022:
581 tonnes

5%

2023:
609 tonnes

SCRD's curbside food waste collection program



According to TraC's 2022 Active Transportation Progress Report, **12%** of the Coast's commuters cycle to and from work, up slightly from **11%** in 2016, while **3%** use public transit, unchanged from 2016.

The 2021 Census found that **46%** of public transit commuters have a trip of less than 30 minutes to/from work.

Ruggles Bay cabin fire doused by neighbours July 24

A fire that broke out in a cabin under construction on Sakinaw Lake July 24 could have been much worse were it not for the quick response of nearby residents.

According to Damien Hendley, a drywall contractor who was arriving by boat that morning to work at the Ruggles Bay site, the smoke first became visible to them at 8:15 a.m. as they approached Ruggles Bay from the Sakinaw Lake boat launch.

“We stopped at the general contractor’s cabin to quickly grab a water pump and alert others to call for help,” Hendley told the *Harbour Spiel*.

“As we got to the job site at 8:27

a.m. the structure was fully engulfed in flames.

“The windows blew out as we stepped foot on the dock.”

An ominous plume of smoke could be seen from the Sunshine Coast Highway with dry forest all around it.

Because much of the lake lies outside the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District and is only accessible by water, Sakinaw Lake residents maintain fire pump stations throughout the lake and train regularly in their operation.

Hendley said they quickly rolled out hoses but the fire was intense and

already starting to spread to a neighbouring property.

“Within minutes I turned around to hear someone yelling, ‘Here is another water pump.’”

He said several boats were arriving with water pumps and the assembled crew were able to set up pumping stations on three docks and a barge moored at the dock.

“I think there were about 50 Sakinaw Lake residents helping fight the fire, said Hendley.

“People kept showing up with pumps, gas and water for everyone.”

Hendley said they had the fire out in an hour and a half.



Damien Hendley

A fire that broke out in a cabin under construction in Ruggles Bay July 24 was put out by neighbours and lake residents using only pumps and hoses.



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Important Update!

Docks and Boathouses Grandfathered in the swiya

On Aug. 1, the Province and the shíshálh Nation grandfathered existing docks and boathouses throughout the swiya, as part of updates to the Dock Management Plan.

In appreciation of these changes to the DMP, the Waterfront Protection Coalition is respectfully asking the community to **remove the yellow signs** throughout the swiya.

WPC will monitor the implementation of the DMP and continue to support dock owners as we take on new initiatives – let's work together as a community to build upon these positive steps.

Enjoy your docks and boathouses!



Bill Haskett

The Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department recently took advantage of the warm water temperatures of Garden Bay Lake to practice ice rescues. Members of both the Garden Bay and Madeira Park firehalls suited up in insulated rescue suits to practice rescue techniques with 'ice rescue crafts.' In the left photo, both the Garden Bay and Madeira Park boats practice manoeuvring around objects and each other. In the background one of the trucks from Madeira Park is practicing pulling water up out of the lake and spraying it back using a "ground monitor" (a piece of equipment capable of flowing a high volume of water per minute). The smaller stream is coming from a portable pump that can run independently from the big pump that is part of the fire truck. In the image on the right, firefighters in insulated dry suits are practicing a rescue of another firefighter posing as an unconscious person in the water. The craft are tied back to handlers on the shore for safety and ease of getting back to solid ground quickly. Fire practice is held on Wednesday nights at both stations and new people are always welcome.

news

Biodiversity Monitoring Symposium comes to Madeira Park Sept. 21

The Loon Foundation will host a "biodiversity monitoring symposium" on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the P. H. Community Hall.

The BMS is a gathering of local citizen scientists, professionals, volunteers and curious community members who will share and collaborate in the long-term monitoring of coastal aquatic biodiversity on the Coast.

This event will showcase the diversity of species and environments currently being monitored from sea birds, to shorelines, to salmon.

Guest speakers include Dr. Peter Ross (Raincoast Conservation Foundation), Bill Henwood (formerly with Parks Canada), John Field (citizen scientist with Salish Sea Marine Survival Project) and Jenn Blancard (Loon Foundation monitoring programs).

Following the presentations, Michael Jackson, executive director of the Loon Foundation, will moderate

a round-table discussion on what the future holds for monitoring and preserving biodiversity in the Salish Sea.

For nearly a decade, the Loon Foundation has operated the Pender Harbour coastal waters monitoring program, a selection of ecosystem surveys documenting species of the freshwater and marine ecosystems of the region over time.

Data collected forms part of a

larger regional understanding intended to assist planners and policy makers to make better-informed decisions about the management and protection of the area's natural resources.

Findings will be shared at the event.

Everyone is welcome on Sept. 21 at Pender Harbour Community Hall.

For more information visit loon-foundation.org.

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Taking the reins



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Elected officials are responsible for developing policies, bylaws, and proposals but this role is often usurped by staff as local governments slide into a routine of mostly deferring to staff recommendations.

So, to focus on board priorities, the SCRD developed a high-level strategic plan so we can consider the merit of each new staff proposal before it's green-lighted.

RESPONSIBLE SPENDING

We have funding for hundreds of projects, but most are behind schedule or not even started, despite significant staff increases, so we hired

a consultant to develop a priority list, complete with a cutoff line, to let us complete more projects and present a more affordable 2025 budget.

Projects above the cutoff line will have all available staff tasked with completing them, but the many left below the line will have their fate decided by the board.

WATER WORRIES

Assumptions that water meters, new wells, and reservoir projects would slay the water dragon may have been premature.

We're blessed with abundant, fresh water, but that doesn't mitigate the need to use and share it wisely.

Our main worry in Area A is ensuring our water is safe to drink and its delivery infrastructure is dependable, and we still struggle with dis-

tributing it between North and South Pender services.

The need for a redundant water supply in case of an infrastructure failure or a surge capacity from a large fire has overridden our impulse of "this is ours and that is yours and never the twain shall meet."

Most residents appear ready to share the water, associated costs and planning for the future together, but time will tell if that becomes a reality.

People from Halfmoon Bay to Langdale cooperatively sourced and shared water supplies, which developed into our regional water system, but Gibsons remains an outlier.

Lower Gibsons sourced its water from wells while Upper Gibsons used the Chapman system, but they decided to drill more wells and get a divorce from the regional water system, there-



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole September 12 at 9:30 a.m.	Committee of the Whole September 26 at 9:30 a.m.
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by avoiding the severe water restrictions bedevilling their neighbours.

But, still dependent on the regional system for redundancy and emergency surge capacity, in July they proposed to us a new “south of Sechelt” water service to expand their current service to include Roberts Creek to Langdale.

The Church Road and Langdale well fields would supply sufficient water for this new service and Sechelt and Halfmoon Bay would rely on Chapman Creek, with the logic that each area would source from their own watershed, which they could then manage and plan for growth.

It tastes much like our old North versus South Pender debate, but having our water for our exclusive use is attractive, albeit a tiny bit selfish.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

In June, the SCRD created a Community Climate Action Plan, a blueprint to adapt to climate change, improve resilience, and mitigate disaster risk.

Its projects, undertaken through a climate-change lens, include:

- Promote the CCAP as the subject of an inter-governmental meeting;
- Provide publicity and activities to inform the public about the CCAP;
- Initiate an ongoing impact analysis of water supply and demand;
- Evaluate the natural assets of Chapman and Edwards Lake watersheds;
- Consider natural assets and green infrastructure in Official Community Plan updates;
- Consider ecological stewardship in planning regulations;
- Identify tools to support clean energy;
- Facilitate education to increase

energy-efficient retrofits, and

- Consider climate change in all government decisions.

SCREDO FUNDING ENDED

The Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization is a non-profit society, created in 2016 with funding from the shíshálh Nation, our two municipalities, and five SCRD electoral areas.

Problems surfaced in March when SCREDO announced their executive director’s departure from the organization.

In July, the SCRD terminated its agreement with SCREDO, but approved up to \$123,000 for SCREDO’s 2023 expenses, \$25,000 for 2024, and \$10,000 to ensure their websites operate throughout 2025.

No further taxes will be collected to fund SCREDO, and remaining amounts will be returned to taxpayers.

The SCRD will work with Sechelt, Gibsons, and the shíshálh Nation to collaborate on Sunshine Coast economic development.

RCMP BANG FOR THE BUCK

We pay \$46 per million of our annual property assessment for RCMP service, and that seems to be good value for our dollars, although some prefer that the RCMP stick to investigating violent crimes and property crimes.

Pender-Egmont had 210 RCMP calls (the most in all rural areas) in 2024’s second quarter, including:

- Six assaults, three assaults with a weapon, two sexual assaults, five threats uttered, and seven harassment incidents;
- Two B&Es, six property mischief incidents, five thefts under \$5,000, one theft over \$5,000 and one stolen property possession, and
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- ☐ b. Hidden Basin
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- ☐ d. Earls Cove



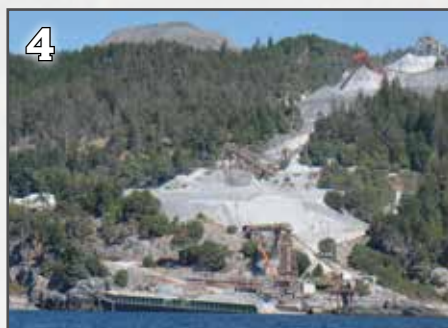
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- ☐ a. Dodd Narrows
- ☐ b. Bull Pass
- ☐ c. Narrows Inlet
- ☐ d. Skookumchuck Rapids



3

- ☐ a. Prideaux Haven
- ☐ b. Roberts Beach
- ☐ c. Sargent's Bay
- ☐ d. Savary Island



4

- ☐ a. St. Vincent Bay
- ☐ b. Texada Island
- ☐ c. Egmont
- ☐ d. Narrows Inlet



5

- ☐ a. Hornby Island
- ☐ b. Galiano Island
- ☐ c. Thormanby Island
- ☐ d. Jedediah Island



6

- ☐ a. Tla'amin (Powell River)
- ☐ b. Deep Bay
- ☐ c. Gillies Bay
- ☐ d. Gambier Island

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Shelly Brown

JULY 16, 1966 — JULY 23, 2024

Shelly Brown died peacefully on July 23.

She was born and raised in Pender Harbour.

Brown is survived by her best friend and partner Ron Collet.

She was the daughter to Phyllis and the late Harry Brown.

Sister to Kathy Phare, Donald Brown (Linda), Charlie Brown and

Heather Brown (Lorne).

Brown is also survived by nephews and nieces Troy Lalonde, Sara Clements, Steven Phare, James Brown and Isaiah Phare.

Brown was a great aunt to five great-nieces and one great-nephew.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in her memory to the Sunshine Coast Hospital Auxiliary.

seals



Note a Seal of Approval or Seal of Disapproval.

By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Brent and Tracy Parker** for the generous use of their property for the Rotary Show and Shine, to **the participants and public** for their enthusiastic support, to **the Legion** for their hard work, to **our sponsors**, and to our **hardworking Rotarians** for their dedication.

Your efforts made this event a great success.

Guy Halford-Thompson

A swimming pool full of Harbour Seals of Appreciation to **our generous community** for supporting our 50/50 draw. The Pender Harbour Aquatic Society raised \$ 4,770 split between the PHAS and five lucky winners. One was even kind enough to donate a portion back to us.

Thank you again and welcome back to your pool and gym on Sept. 3.

Jane McQuat Farrer

Pender Harbour Aquatic Society

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Heather Paget** for her long service to the Pender Harbour Library as a

volunteer and board member and for her other volunteer contributions to the Harbour.

Karen Dyck

A Boatload of Harbour Seals of appreciation to **our participants, volunteers, sponsors and community** in Pender Harbour that supported the 2024 Pender Harbour Wooden Boat show. Our boaters were particularly awestruck at the number of viewers and ovations they received on parade.

And special gold seals to **our organizing committee** — can't wait to celebrate ten years with you next summer!

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PENDER HARBOUR DAYS WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL August 2-4



Brian Lee photos



'Storytime Theatre' presented by the Driftwood Players kept the kids and adults entertained under the main tent.



The *Walronda*, owned by Jim and Judith McDonald, is a 60-foot carvel planked cruiser built in Hong Kong in 1912. Originally, she had a 2.4hp engine until she was repowered in 1951 with a 50hp Gardner. She was repowered in 1957 with a 95hp engine. In 2004, she was repowered again with twin 100hp Caterpillar D330 diesel engines.



The 100-year-old, 22-foot *Lady Marion* has a local connection. She was built in 1924 by Eddie Aqualin at his home in Powell River. She was originally called the *Marion* after the builder's wife and is powered by a Ford Model A marine conversion engine. In the late 1990s, she was moved to Colorado, her current home, where she underwent renovations that included a total replanking.



These two classics from Seattle, the *Comrade* (l) and *Thelonius* (r), attended the Pender Harbour Wooden Boat Show and then were spotted three days later buddy boating in Tenedos Bay in Desolation Sound (below). The *Comrade* is a 38-footer designed by H.C. Hanson and built by Franck and McCrary boat works on Lake Union in 1930. She was originally powered by a Hercules gas engine, later a 54hp Westerbeke and now boasts a Yanmar 4JH57 diesel that was installed in 2019. She is owned by Kathy Weber, the great granddaughter of the original owner, and Bill Shain. The 38-foot *Thelonius* was designed by Ed Monk Sr. and built by Admiral Marine on Lake Union in 1953. That year she was sold to the incoming commodore of the Seattle Yacht Club for \$27,000. She is now powered by a 150-hp Hino turbo diesel and owned by Larry Benson and Tina Stotz.



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- Contribute to a Roundtable discussion about preserving the biodiversity of coastal waters around Pender Harbour (kalipin).
- Meet fellow citizen scientists and nature enthusiasts that actively work to support biodiversity monitoring, and find out how to get involved!



View event schedule and learn more at
loonfoundation.org/symposium



Wildlife society hosts Jim Wilson, salmonid enhancement advisor

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society is pleased to host a presentation on Sept. 17 by Jim Wilson, Community Advisor for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, salmonid enhancement program Sunshine Coast/ Powell River.

Wilson has been living and working on the Sunshine Coast since 1994 and calls Gibsons home.

He has collaborated with government, industry and First Nations on salmon assessment, monitoring and habitat restoration so he is ideally positioned to assist the community in helping to ensure a future for salmon.

His presentation will focus on the salmonid enhancement program, including how the program has changed over the years and how it facilitates initiatives on community involvement.

The presentation will be at the Pender Harbour Secondary School in the foods room.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. before the presentation at 7 p.m. with refreshments and raffle to follow.

All are welcome to attend and for more information, email info@pend-erharbourwildlife.com.



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On Sept. 17, the P. H. Wildlife Society will host Jim Wilson, the community advisor for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, salmonid enhancement program, on the Sunshine Coast and Powell River.

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Special thank-you to Kyle Steel and Danielle Marion for all their time and effort for putting it all together, the Royal Canadian Legion #112, Derek Steel and, of course, all the riders who came out to support us and enjoy the day on the Sunshine Coast.

**COMING
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Recreation and community programs will be open for registration mid to late September. Call, email or stop by for updates.

Parents of MPES students can look for program updates in the school newsletter and PAC Facebook page.

If you are interested in offering a program through the Community School please call, email or drop in.



Another big thank you to Kyle Steel, all organizers, riders and everyone who supported the “Christmas in June” Legion Riders event which raised funds and toys for the “**Spreading Kindness**” fundraiser.

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Sept. 5 – Armchair Travel to Alaska

Sept. 12 – SloCat Harbour tour followed by lunch in the park. Cost: \$30 for boat tour.

Sept. 19 – Road trip to Powell River – shopping and lunch. Depart from Hall at 7:30am, return approximately 6pm. Cost: \$20 for transportation, plus the cost of your lunch.

Sept. 26 – Free lunch for those who attend – music with Eddy Edrick.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Sept. 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 & 27

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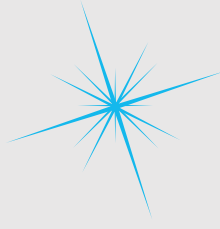
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The amount a lightning bolt is hotter than the surface temperature of the Sun — a lightning bolt is 30,000°C.

~ BBC

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily September high temperature is 17.6° C and our average daily low temperature this month is 12.1° C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 14.8° C. September averages 1.8 days with temperatures above 18.1° C. The highest September temperature recorded is 26.6° C (Sept. 3, 1988); the lowest September temperature recorded is 3.9° C (Sept. 27, 1972).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

September averages 10 days with rainfall and a total of 63.1 mm for the month. September has an average of 212.4 hours of bright sunshine, and the highest daily rainfall recorded is 69.4 mm (Sept. 1, 1983).

SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGY



VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

Virgos value knowledge highly and their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance. Virgos have high standards for themselves, and their goal is to be perfect in everything they do. This month, you Virgoans will find perfection is impossible thanks to Saturn in your sixth house. Instead of fighting, be like water. Try to relax a little and give all those poor suffering souls around you a break from your mania. Ironically, people you meet will suffer intense desire while in your presence until the full moon (Sept. 17).



LIBRA: September 22 – October 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. This month, the cloud will clear somewhat. Your family life will show signs of improvement. You will even consider not throwing it all away on Glenlivet and cheap floozies. This resolution will not last however, and by Sept. 23, old habits are renewed. Someone close to you will give a new pet an inappropriate name. Lotto Max numbers: 10 13 17 21 38 39 43.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Aug. 17, 2024

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.

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| 1. Untold Tales of Old British Columbia by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press) | 6. Mushrooms Know: Wisdom From Our Friends the Fungi by Kallie George (Greystone Books) |
| 2. Lightning Strikes the Silence by Iona Wishaw (published by TouchWood Editions) | 7. Voices for the Islands: Thirty Years of Nature Conservation on the Salish Sea by Sheila Harrington (Heritage House Publishing) |
| 3. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books) | 8. Points of Interest of BC by David Beers & Andrea Bennett (Greystone Books) |
| 4. A Flock of Gulls, a Chorus of Frogs by Lucky Budd, illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing) | 9. Backpacking on Vancouver Island by Taryn Eyton (Greystone Books) |
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 1: **Heather Brown.**
- Sept. 2: **Brad Higgins.**
- Sept. 3: **Jeff Higgs.**
- Sept. 4: **Robin Heiliger.**
- Sept. 5: **John Dafoe** and **Maxwel Hohn.**
- Sept. 6: **Michael Parrott.**
- Sept. 7: **Ed Pazur.**
- Sept. 10: **Ernie Paiement, Emily Gamble, Kiri MacGreggor** and **Pam Roosen.**
- Sept. 11: **Barb Barbour, Sharon Rosel, Doris Wilkinson, Desiree De La Canal** and **Ashley Georgison.**
- Sept. 12: **Tanisha Chandler** and **Daniel Hardwick.**
- Sept. 16: **Theresa Baldwin** and **Steven Edwardson.**
- Sept. 17: **Gord Barnett.**
- Sept. 18: **Charly Mclean** and **Gary Saunders.**
- Sept. 19: **Patti Gaudet, Doug Reid, Dennis Gamble, Aldo Cogrossi, Jesse Little** and **Lauryn Young.**
- Sept. 21: **Black Bill Gilkes, Christy King** and **Joey Fletcher.**
- Sept. 23: **Helmut Haas.**
- Sept. 24: **Susan Knock, Marnie Davis** and **Matt Richards.**
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To indicate an interest, email phrclibrary@gmail.com or stop by the library to register. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with fellow book enthusiasts and dive into great reads.

PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is pleased to present Nadia Vassev on Monday, Sep. 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music. There is a \$20 annual (2024) membership or \$5 drop-in fee and complimentary tea/coffee and goodies.

Vassev is a mother, gardener, baker, homesteader and a lifelong learner. She immigrated from Bulgaria and has been a full time Pender Harbour resident since 2016. In the September talk, Vassev will be speaking on the topic of "Healthy soil, healthy plants, healthy people." If you want to learn more about organic methods of fertilizer, electric culture and more, don't miss this garden talk.

Vassev will have items to sell including electric culture plant sticks, red wigglers hotels and possibly sour-dough starter kits with dry and fresh starters.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The opening meeting of the PHWC's 2024/25 season is Tuesday, Sept. 24. Women's Connection welcomes back members as well as folks new to our area. To start off this season, the PHWC is hosting Howard White as the guest speaker. White was born in Pender Harbour and he and his wife and Mary White established a publishing company that is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Come learn about this local business that grew from the spark of an idea in the late 1960s and grew into the highly successful publishing company known internationally as Harbour Publishing.

Doors open at the P. H. School of Music at 9:30 a.m. with a \$4 drop-in.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEEHOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Sept. 13 featuring Los Dos (Poppa Greg and Mike West), Sean Peters with Wayne Bergman and solo act Tim Rannard.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.



Naomi Fota photos

Naomi Fota and Laura McDonald paddled around Garden Bay Lake on a SUP on Aug. 3 to get these uncommon shots of a common loon (*Gavia immer*).



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Local health matters

NEW! Health and wellness practitioner at PHHC

Much of the community already knows the Pender Harbour Health Centre as a medical clinic but as a community health centre, it is also home to an array of health and wellness practitioners who operate their businesses from the PHHC.

These include the team from Pender Harbour Dental, registered massage therapists, chiropractors, footcare services and hearing specialists.

Now, the PHHC is excited to announce the addition of acupuncture services from experienced orthopedic acupuncturist Chris Hogan who started offering his services from the PHHC in August.



Chris Hogan R.Ac.

grounded, pain free and well.

He is a fully trained orthopedic acupuncturist, getting injured workers and sports people back in the game healing necks, backs, shoulders and knees with a holistic approach.

Hogan is the founder of the acupuncture program at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton, now in its twenty-fifth year.

He is also a former provincial examiner in Alberta and board member.

For the past 18-plus years, Hogan has owned and operated Edmonton's Acupuncture Health Centre and has close to 3,000 hours of professional training in the therapeutic use of natural medicines including Ayurvedic

medicines, standard professional Chinese medicine, western herbology, Nutraceuticals-supplements and mushroom therapy.

His academic background combines arts and science, providing a robust foundation for his holistic approach to both single patient and community acupuncture.

Now, after six years living and practicing on the Sunshine Coast, Hogan is excited to be practicing as a registered acupuncturist and a professional herbalist at the progressive, multidisciplinary PHHC.

PAIN AND ADDICTION ARE NOT A LIFESTYLE

For over 20 years, Chris Hogan has been helping people and animals with healing injuries, release of chronic pain patterns, assisting couples to conceive and deliver healthy babies and providing menopausal ladies with a natural path to a post-menopausal state.

Hogan is an expert at correcting the root causes of debilitating disharmonies including migraine headaches, depression, anxiety and addiction.

He is still amazed at how rapid and effectively acupuncture can allow a patient to feel balanced,

How to book an acupuncture appointment with Chris:

Appointments are available from 9am – 5pm on Fridays at the Pender Harbour Health Centre

To book appointments:

- Online: <https://sunshineacupuncturehealthcare.janeapp.com>
- Phone: Chris @ 604-989-7586 or PHHC Reception @ 604-883-2764
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An Egmonster working the Coast, part 2

Susan Marlatt

(Continued from *Harbour Spiel*, Aug.
2024 issue)

Enter the fabulous Buddy Cook and his wife Sue.

They had no boat, but suggested Greg Gray's *Arctic Courier*.

At that time, the *Courier* was really noisy but dependable, so why not go with this idea?

Thank goodness I didn't attempt this exercise on my own.

Buddy was well-acquainted with the inlet from his childhood visits to his aunt Ann Cook in Egmont.

He knew where every little homestead was and was welcomed warmly where ever we roared into.

All doors opened to Buddy and Sue; they didn't even know me.

Buddy thundered through the Skookumchuck — no matter the state of the whirlpools — seeking out hiding bachelors.

He would jump off the bow in the diciest of spots to snoop for the unenumerated.

He sweet talked Minnie Solberg (one of the famous Cougar Sisters) into giving us a huge box of eggs from her chickens.

The highlight of the trip was spending the night at the Young Life camp at Malibu Rapids, at the mouth of Princess Louisa Inlet.

Remarkably, they kept the lights on all night — something I considered a luxury after living in remote locations without a generator at all.

The next morning, we blasted into the dock at Chatterbox Falls.

Now, keep in mind the *Courier* was, and still is, a rough and ready boat, as was its captain, Buddy.

The folks at this dock are generally well-heeled and we really got a reaction from the whole crowd.

Hatches slid shut, latches clicked. Eyes peer out from behind curtains.

I walked the dock, fully expecting to find only Americans but was surprised to locate three boats full of unenumerated Canadians.

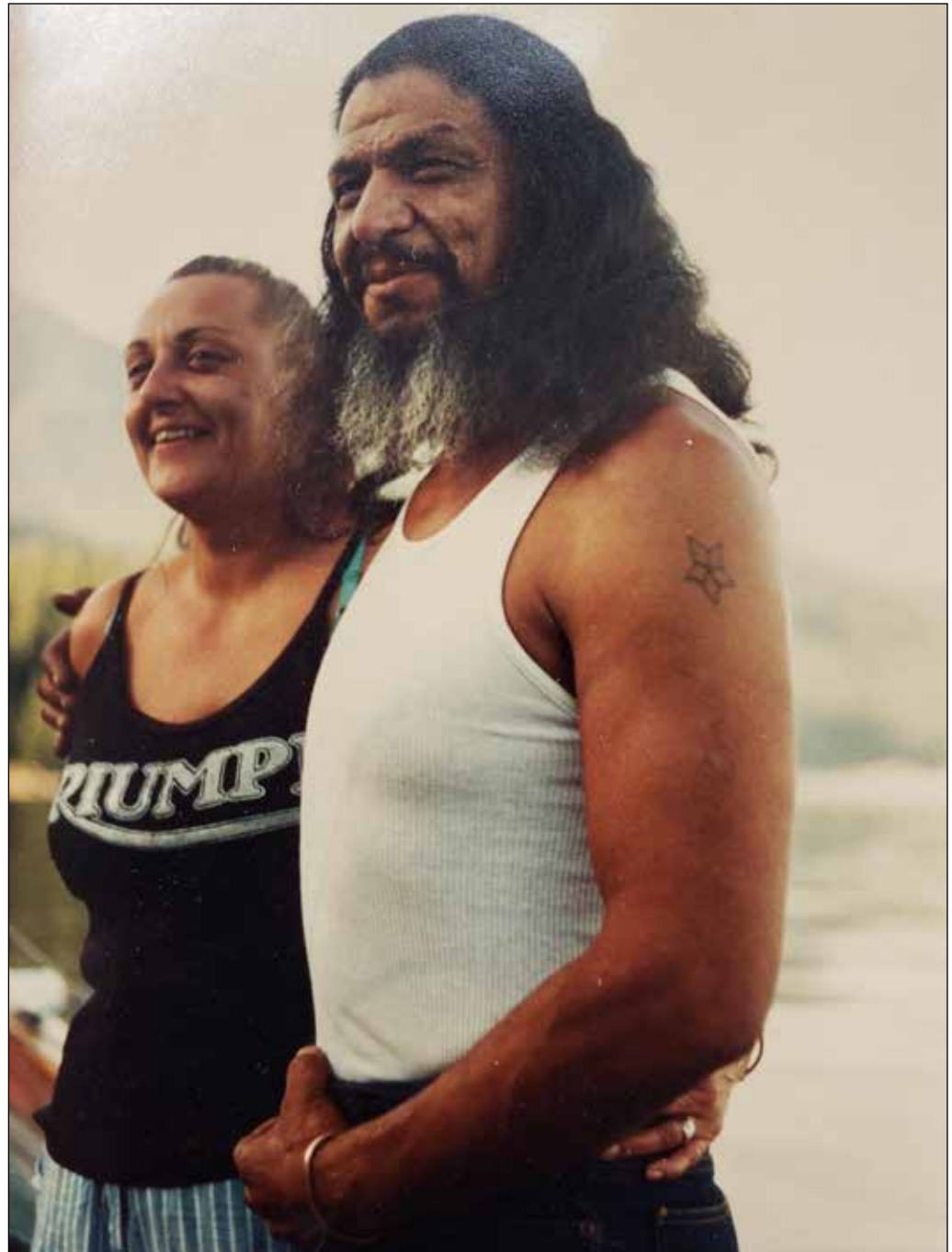
This will only take an hour, I informed them.

An hour each — it's the dreaded long form census.

"How far do you have to go to escape the census lady?" they begged.

Census work eventually came to an end that June.

Hoping for more local work, I looked for another opportunity that



Buddy and Susie Cook.

Susan Marlatt

wouldn't get the WCB upset.

I found an ad in the back of *Pacific Yachting* from a company in Sidney that was planning to maintain charter sailboats in Egmont that were available for hire by qualified sailors.

Really?

Where are you going to sail against all that current?

Surely not up to Chatterbox Falls which is a challenge for anyone, much less a weekend sailor.

"Who cares," I thought.

"I bet they are going to send someone up to care for these boats and I can do that part right from here."

I got in touch and before long, I had several beautiful, big keel fiberglass boats tied at the Backeddy Pub.

Oh, my.

The challenges of holding on to the charter sailor fresh out of his office in Vancouver, while stressing to him how he had to be very "positive" about leaving the dock in up to 16 knots of current.

"See the rock right behind you?"

We survived that summer and the next year relocated to Duncan Cove in Pender Harbour.

Such a lovely change.

I also learned that I would make a good sailing instructor, quite by accident, while filling an empty berth on one of the company's "Cruise and Learn" weeks in the Gulf Islands.

It seems I knew how to do all the important bits to keep folks safe thanks to my commercial fishing years and that was appreciated.

This led to 12 years of teaching basic and intermediate sailing skills as well as coastal navigation to groups spending week after week circumnavigating Saltspring Island.

At the end of each session, Seahorse Sailing handed me a cheque.

What a great job to stumble onto in Egmont.

Winter work for most cruise and learn instructors involved teaching sailing in the Caribbean, but I opted to pursue my interest in herbal medicine and take a degree from Dominion Herbal College to fill the cold months.

What I was thinking taking on biochemistry, pathology and anatomy at this point in my life, I don't recall, but four years later my partner Denny built me a beautiful apothecary and I heated up the cauldron.

Many of you might recall some very ugly tasting teas being produced in that pharmacy.

Effective, but not nice.

Though consulting didn't pay much, I hung out on *Meleet* at the Madeira government dock and had lovely conversations about healthy eating and the role herbal medicine can play.

What did pay was, as a clinical herbalist, I qualified to supply custom formulated meds to naturopaths —

particularly tinctures.

Shipping tinctures in 500 ml glass bottles from Egmont is difficult.

Richard Paton had to hold the Purolator man at the Petro Can so I could rendezvous in Garden Bay, since the courier came no further in those days.

I taught some fun classes at the Pender Harbour Community School — ten weeks covering all the body systems and herbs with an affinity for the issues encountered with each system.

For the last week's lesson, we made medicine in my pharmacy in Earls Cove.

It's amazing how just a little initiative and hard work will keep the wolf from the door.

Initiative and lots of help from the Pender Harbour, Egmont, Lasqueti Island and Powell River communities kept me afloat during those difficult years.

I will forever appreciate it.



Susan Marlatt

The author (second from left) leads a Canadian Yachting Association basic 'cruise and learn' session with students from Alberta. They are tied up at Maple Bay before taking a week to sail around Saltspring Island. Marlatt describes it as, 'The best job ever.'

SEPTEMBER

Tue. Sept. 3.....Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre reopens

Wed. Sept. 4.....First day of school

Thu. Sept. 5.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (armchair travel) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Sept. 9.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Thu. Sept. 12.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 12.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (SloCat tour) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 12.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 13.....SoM Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 16....Pender Harbour Library first book club meeting - P. H. Library, 1 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 17.....Pender Harbour Wildlife Society hosts Jim Wilson, PHSS, 7 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 19.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Powell River trip) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sat. Sept. 21.....Loon Fdn. Biodiversity Monitoring Symposium - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 21.....SCRD 11th annual Trash Bash (Halfmoon Bay to Roberts Creek) - Hackett Park, 10 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 22.....P. H. Music Society presents Trilogy - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 23....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Mon. Sept. 23....Pender Harbour Garden Club presents Nadia Vassev - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 24.....P.H. Women's Connection presents Howard White, P. H. School of Music - 10 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 26.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 26.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (lunch/Eddy Edrik) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 26.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1:30 p.m.

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



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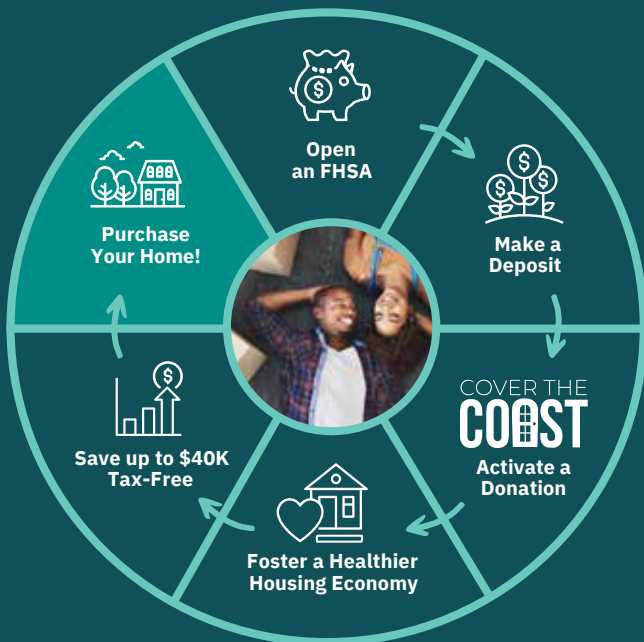
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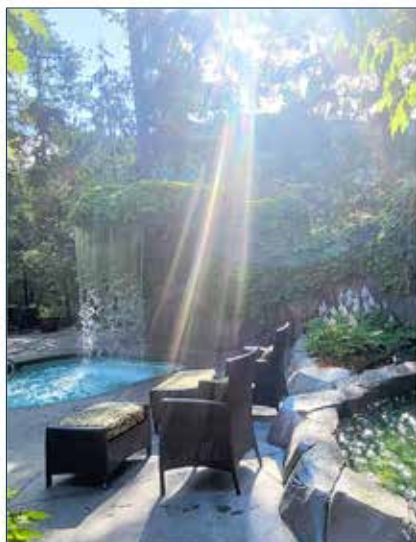


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