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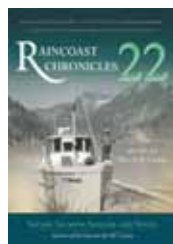
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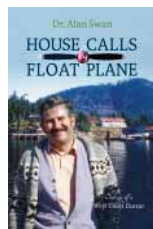
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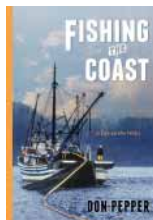
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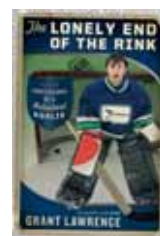
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editorial

Farrells



By Brian Lee

They were the first boats I recall admiring.

My dad's boat, the *Sedna*, was a Penson — a plywood gillnetter built the year I was born.

It was fast and a great little boat but I felt pangs of disloyalty to her every time we'd pass one of those new Farrell boats.

Their crown-like dodgers made them stand out from most of the other flat-topped cabins on the grounds but I enjoyed the curves of their flared bow and ample rounded stern.

They had an ability to hold your eye, drawing your attention along proud graceful lines.

They were sexy.

To my six-year-old eyes they made the other flattish-hulled plywood boats seem kind of homely.

They were also faster than most with clean decks and fittings that didn't look like they were installed by a fisherman.

They brought a pleasure boat esthetic to a commercial industry that didn't worry much about looks.

That's not to say there weren't beautiful fish boats already bobbing around out there.

Later on I'd come to appreciate other builders like Gooldrup, Wahl or Frostad but the Farrells always stood out for me.

No boat is perfect and I've heard it said that Farrells have some deficiencies as traditional fish killers.

"They were built by someone who never fished," means some practical considerations may have been overlooked in favour of a crisp

design.

But commercial fishermen are utilitarian creatures who value square usefulness and don't adopt new ways easily.

So it's a testament to the quality of the Farrell boat that word of mouth sparked an enormous demand for the boats in a very short time.

The Farrells became the most popular boat ever to break into BC's commercial fishing industry.

They were at the forefront of a boatbuilding revolution in which lighter, faster hulls could suddenly be mass produced.

Fibreglass boats required much less maintenance than their wooden sisters and despite early concerns by wood holdouts, they were durable.

And Barrie Farrell's timing was perfect, coming along at a time when fishing regulations rewarded speedier boats.

The fact that he went broke a couple of times despite enormous success points to the fact that, like many of the names in BC's boatbuilding history book, he was a better builder than he was a businessman.

But history rarely concerns itself with how much money was earned or lost.

Barrie Farrell's legacy floats on in the number of his boats — whether they carry his name or not — that still work and play on the Coast.

And, if you talk to him, he seems fine with that.

(For more about Barrie Farrell's boatbuilding career, see p. 12.)

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SERENDIPITY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR: DEC. 7, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

It's their eighth annual Christmas Craft fair and the Serendipity Child Care Centre parents have pulled out all the stops. This festive event at the P. H. Community Hall features 25 local artisans displaying crafts and Christmas gifts, a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Jennifer from the Painted Boat and the traditional poinsettia fundraiser.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH THE STEEL TOE BOOTS: Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with The Steel Toe Boots at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. The Steel Toe Boots are a dynamic country-rock act from the Vancouver area. They play a variety of popular rock'n'roll and modern country songs. Be prepared to dance all night as these boys will keep you pinned to the dance floor! Tickets cost \$25 if you get them early (at Java Docks) or \$30 at the door. Doors open at 9 p.m. and all proceeds support the Pender Harbour Community Club.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LEGION: DEC. 31, 6:30 P.M.

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Lagoon society drives community bus back to Area A

Area A will soon have its bus again, albeit without regular scheduled service.

The SCRCD has agreed to donate the Area A community bus to the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society after their proposal to take over operation of it was accepted last month.

In an Oct. 28 SCRCD staff report outlining the proposal, the society indicated its primary use for the bus would be “to transport groups to the Iris Griffith Centre but would be also available for field trips by other groups and agencies within the Pender Harbour area.”

The bus was purchased with federal gas tax money in 2009 for \$37,985.

On Sept. 1, 2010 it began regular service throughout Area A and to Sechelt but suffered low ridership.

After its final run on Oct. 11, 2011, the bus was parked in an SCRCD storage yard and, other than rental excursions, it has sat there ever since.

Last year Area A director Frank Mauro put out the call for proposals to operate the bus.

As part of their proposal, the Lagoon society will take over ownership and responsibility for the bus and will cover all operational costs, includ-



Brian Lee photo

The Area A community bus as it looked from the inside during its brief operational period in 2010-2011. It will now be operated by the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society as required by specific programs or community needs.

ing insurance, storage, maintenance, repairs and fuel.

The society indicated it expects community groups will use the bus 15-20 per cent of the time with the remainder of the usage coming from their own programs and field trips.

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Declining enrolment squeezes Serendipity daycare finances

The Serendipity Child Care Centre in Madeira Park could close in the New Year due to declining enrolment.

"We have a cushion but we need need more of a pillow top mattress," says Mary Mackay, president of the Serendipity Child Development Society.

"We have enough for five or six months."

Mackay says the non-profit society that operates the daycare is running a deficit of between \$1,500 and \$2,500 a month and has only enough cash to keep the lights on until June.

Mackay adds that things would have been much worse were it not for the forethought of parents last year who foresaw the drop in enrolment and built up a surplus to offset it.

Enrolment dropped this year to

five children from more than a dozen the year before but it is expected to go up again next year.

"It's just getting over that hump until next September to carry us through," says Mackay.

Besides paying hydro and insurance, the society employs two people with much of the remaining work, such as cleaning, handled by parent volunteers.

Before 2010, the society ran the Serendipity Preschool, which operated out of the same SCRD-owned forestry building in Madeira Park.

That year they applied for and received a licence to offer a full daycare as well as their preschool program.

The society provides a location for working parents to leave their children as well as offering subsidies

for low-income families.

Mackay says closure, even on a temporary or part-time basis, would be their last choice.

"If the parents who are working don't have the option of dropping off their child any time during the week, they'll go somewhere else," she says.

The worry, says Mackay, is that if that happens, those children won't come back, further threatening the long-term viability of the program.

"Then there won't be any service locally," says Mackay.

"And the thing is, we only pay \$5 per year for our lease and if we lose that building, good luck getting something back if we tried to reopen it again. It would be a shame to close it down — it can't close down."

Hunters draw attention of Daniel Point residents

A Daniel Point resident drew attention to concerns about hunting in residential areas recently when he was surprised to find two men hunting deer in the 4200 block of Johnson Heights Drive Nov. 10.

"They were on the lot next to us about 80 feet from our house, walking up the hill," said Ryan.

Ryan said one of the men was carrying a bow while the other had "a firearm" that Ryan wasn't able to distinguish as a rifle or shotgun.

The pair told him that it was within the regulations to be hunting in the area.

Ryan said he was unclear of the exact regulations but did advise them they were on private property and he was confident his neighbours had not granted them permission to be there.

Ryan learned later, after consulting with the RCMP and Conservation

Officer Service, that there is a deer (bucks only) season in effect in the area from Sept. 10 to Nov. 30.

Hunting in the area is restricted to bows and shotguns using heavy shot only.

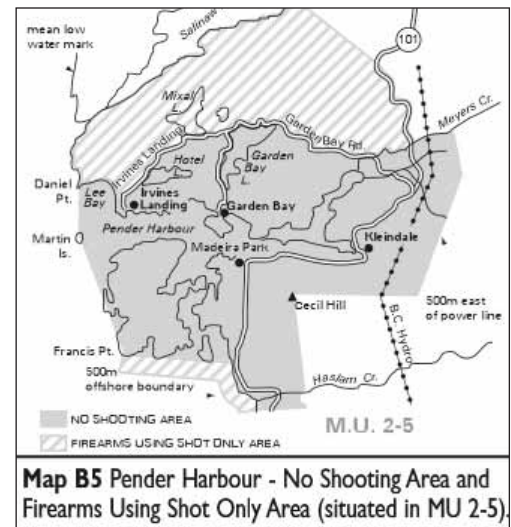
Representatives from the Conservation Officer Service didn't return calls to the *Harbour Spiel* by press time but Ryan said they advised him that "the only additional rules are that hunting cannot occur within 100 metres of a residence and that a property owner has a right to deny hunters access to their property."

The conservation office told Ryan that the regulations were 30 years old and boundaries set before development occurred within Daniel Point.

In the meantime, Ryan and his neighbours have tried to make it clear hunters are not welcome on their

property.

"We've put up several 'No Hunting' signs but what's interesting is a couple of our signs have been torn down."



2012-2014 BC Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis map

This map outlines the local boundaries for 'no shooting' and 'firearms using shot only.'

Filmmakers taking funding public as project nears completion

When they left BC in January, Alexandra Caulfield and Ryder White weren't sure how far their "Canadian Frame(lines)" project would go.

Their plan to bring film and video skills to small and remote communities in each province would require Caulfield and White to brave the sinister pavement and threatening moose of Newfoundland and Labrador's winter.

"We were intimidated, to say the least," Caulfield says.

"But we decided to give it our all and hope for the best."

Eleven months later, the Vancouver-based filmmakers have visited every province and have held workshops in eight communities with four more planned before the end of the year.

They've managed to do it all on a very modest budget.

White recalls that their 2012 fundraiser did not go as planned.

"In hindsight, we were overly optimistic, and we fell short of our goal. But the first set of communities we had contacted were so enthusiastic about the project that we had to do it, even if it was only on a fraction of the original scale."

In February, Caulfield broke her arm in Alberta, requiring on-the-road surgery and at the end of March, their camper bus broke down in Ontario.

The repairs weren't cheap, eating their way through cash reserves intended to carry the project through its planned exhibition phase.

As a result, the pair are launching an online fundraiser.

The final formats include an exhibition of all the project's films in Vancouver and more cities across



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Canada as well as a public online database of all of the films.

The pair hope to raise more than \$10,000 and confidence is high.

As White puts it, "If there's one thing we've made on this trip, it's lots of friends."

Donations can be made at www.indiegogo.com/canadianframe-lines2013 or visit www.canadianframelines.com/fundraiser-2013 for more information.

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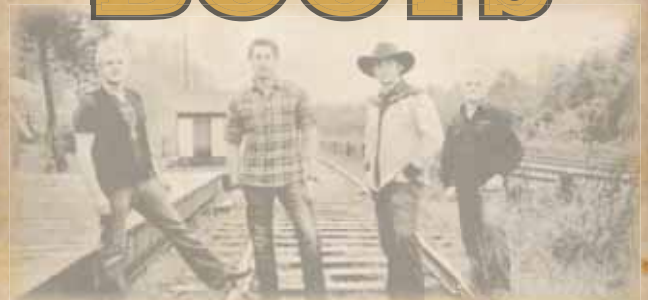
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Frank White's *Milk Spills and One-Log Loads*

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Frank White started writing the story of his life as a pioneer truck driver in 1974.

When he was 60.

His boisterous yarn in *Rain-coast Chronicles* about wrangling tiny trucks overloaded with huge logs down steep mountains with no brakes won the Canadian Media Club award for best magazine feature and was reprinted so many times everyone urged him to write more.

He kept at it in his spare time but stumbled upon so many new adventures he didn't finish until this year—at the age of 99.

Frank set out to tell the story of his life in transportation, starting in the horse-and-buggy age and chronicling the growth of trucking in the BC freighting and logging industries.

But *Milk Spills and One-Log Loads* is much more than that.

Just as absorbing as Frank's accounts of obstreperous men wrestling big timber are his memories of becoming his family's designated driver at age 12 because his father couldn't break the habit of yanking up on the steering wheel and yelling "Whoa! Damn you, whoa!"

There are tales about collisions with streetcars and tsunamis of spilled milk, roads clogged with dust-bowl jalopies and the hysteria that gripped the BC coast after Pearl Harbour.

White details the hazards of starting married life with a family of 10 pigs or of keeping a pet deer so dumb it would stand on a hot stove with its hooves smoking.

As Howard White (Frank White's son and publisher) says in his introduction to the book,

"I'm too close to the material to



Clayton Bailey photo

Frank White was still monkey-wrenching trucks in 1972 when he authored the groundbreaking article 'How It Was With Trucks' about the early days of truck logging.

judge its ultimate merit. It is, as I said at the outset, the kind of everyman story that doesn't often get written and I think that gives it a certain novelty.

"It was Dad's idea to frame it as a story about transportation and how trucking in particular developed in the first half of the 20th century and it certainly provides insight into that process.

"There is an undeniable fascination in listening to a man talk about anything from the perspective of having observed it over the course of a whole century, be it the evolution of trucking, ladies' fashions, sexual mores, or a hundred other things he touches upon in these pages.

"But I suspect the main exhibit here is Frank White himself, an unas-

suming man who in his plain-spoken way reminds us that the most ordinary-seeming life, on close inspection, can be found to be full of unexpected riches."

Frank White will launch *Milk Spills and One-Log Loads* at the Pender Harbour School of Music on Sunday, Dec. 1 from 2-4 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

Book sales will be provided by The Earth Fair Store and White will be on hand to sign them.



Good news and just news



By Frank Mauro,
Area A Director

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY BUS

I am pleased to report that the SCRD has accepted a proposal from the Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society to take over the ownership and operation of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Community Bus for the benefit of resident and community groups in the area.

I wish to thank the Lagoon society for stepping up and putting forward the proposal to manage the bus.

I also wish to thank all the groups and businesses who supported the proposal.

This process has demonstrated the true community spirit and inclu-

siveness that we see over and over.

The level of support bodes well for the success of this project.

For logistical reasons the official transfer of ownership will occur at the end of February.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA ZONING

The SCRD board is moving forward with consideration of zoning provisions to help ensure new federally licensed medical marijuana facilities will be situated in appropriate locations if any are built in SCRD electoral areas.

The board had the opportunity to tour a facility of this type and it is very apparent that the rules and legislated requirements dictate that a large area is required for the operation of such a facility.

Subsequently, the direction

the board is taking is that medical marijuana production facilities will be directed by zoning to properties in agricultural, industrial and rural zones having larger lot areas and where facilities can be sited at a substantial distance from neighbouring properties.

GRANT IN AID CHANGES

The rural areas grant-in-aid policy has been amended — the 2014 deadline has moved to March 21 from the previous April 15 deadline.

It's hoped this will allow for better synchronization with the budget process and to provide more flexibility for submissions and payment, to better work with community groups' requirements.

Information about this can be found on the SCRD website.

We invite you to join the conversation
at the SCRD committee meetings below:

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

December 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Infrastructure Services Committee

December 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Regional Hospital District

December 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Community Services Committee

December 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Regular Board

December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Planning and Development Services Committee

December 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

December 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Our meetings are held at 1975 Field Road in Wilson Creek at the SCRD Board Room. Agendas for these meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/Agendas-2013.



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SOLID WASTE

The editorial in the *Harbour Spiel* last month titled “Trail or Trash” certainly identifies some of the dilemmas around solid waste and waste diversion policies.

I have previously reported on lobbying provincial ministers regarding the cost and lack of options regarding asbestos-contaminated gypsum and illegal dumping in general.

During the upcoming budget I can quite reliably predict that the item that will cause me the most angst is reconciling cost and services for handling solid waste.

On the positive side, there have been many discussions at the SCRD about the best way to provide a single drop-off point for all solid waste and recyclables at a reasonable cost.

I plan to work hard to ensure that the resource recovery facility, which will be constructed here in 2014, will go a long way toward that end.

There have been two cleanups of illegal dumping — one in the Sechelt area and one in the Gibsons area.

The next one will be held in the Egmont/Pender Harbour/Halfmoon Bay areas.

For these events to be successful the illegal dump sites must be identified.

The registry named “Report All Poachers and Polluters” is maintained by BC Ministry of the Environment and dump sites are most often reported voluntarily by hikers and trail users, anonymously if they wish.

Reporting can be done by phone at 1-877-952-7277 or online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/form.htm.

I encourage everyone to report any sites they notice to help ensure the cleanup in this area, due to be held

next September, will be as effective as possible.

OPEN DISCUSSION

I will be available 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Copper Sky in Madeira Park to answer questions, discuss these topics further and

to listen to your concerns.

I can be reached at (604) 740-1451 or by email at Frank.Mauro@scrd.ca.

Best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Barrie Farrell: The rough ride of a boat building icon

By Brian Lee

Of the dozen or so “brands” of commercial fish boats working the BC Coast, there may be none as easily recognizable as the Farrell design.

If you ask any fisherman what makes the Farrell boats stand out from the rest on the water, most will point to their graceful lines and unique profile.

Some might also say it's because there's so damn many of them.

It's estimated that since the early 1970s, well over 600 boats carrying Farrell's design have been launched between Washington and Alaska.

Despite the number of people on the Coast kept dry by his hulls, Farrell has little to show for it.

He speaks quietly and deliberately, without any hint of the raspiness one might expect from a man who's worked around the dust from polyester resin, fibreglass and asbestos filler his whole life, much of it without a mask.

He sounds as he describes himself, “healthy as a horse.”

Farrell is the first to point out that he only built about 300 of those boats, but almost all can be clearly identified by their trademark rounded sterns and distinctively curved dodgers.

The popularity of Farrell's design owes as much to an aesthetic appeal as it does to any practical advantage the hulls offer.

But those fast, planing hulls allowed commercial fishermen to chase fish to the next opening in other areas, something that had become increasingly advantageous in an industry stretching throughout the BC Coast.

The boats successfully merged an artistic quality with utilitarian necessities and it's a testament to Farrell's



Barrie Farrell photo collection

Barrie Farrell and his stepmother Sharie in Irvines Landing at the 1966 launch of the *Klyuk*, the ‘first larger boat’ Barrie Farrell built. She was built as a charter boat for Henry Whittaker and is still in Pender Harbour owned by Randy Edwardson (since renamed the *Gotta Go*).

keen eye that his designs have been copied, stolen and admired for the better part of 40 years.

Barrie Farrell was four years old when his parents Allen and Betty bought five acres in Bargain Harbour in 1938.

Allen Farrell's eclectic life and boat-building legacy has been well-documented in a number of books, most notably in Maria Coffey and Dag Goering's *Sailing Back in Time*.

Like his dad, Barrie Farrell built his first boat in his early teens.

“I was working over at Joe Baker's sawmill out at the mouth of Bargain Harbour there and I needed a little boat to go exploring around,” says Farrell.

“It was just a little eight-foot

rowboat but I made it real nice — it had a varnished plank on the topside, alternating red and yellow cedar decks and oak rub strips.”

“I used it for a few months then a guy on a yacht bought it for \$10. That was the start of Farrell boats.”

After that, the boats kept getting bigger.

His parents' marriage dissolved and Farrell moved with his mother to Parksville.

His stepfather, Ralph Webster, got him a job working at Bill Osbourne's Alberni Shipyards in Port Alberni when he was 15.

Farrell would walk four miles into town to catch a ride to Port Alberni each day, earning 60 cents an hour

In his spare time he kept building boats at home in Parksville.

Harbour Spiel

Farrell built a 23-foot plywood pleasure boat and then, during a week's holiday, built five pram dinghies and sold them all.

He stayed at Osbourne Shipyards for 10 months before taking jobs closer to home in Parksville.

After awhile he decided to move back to Pender Harbour to work for himself repairing boats.

"It was sort of home to me," says Farrell.

He built small boats for the likes of Malcolm Duncan and Len Larson before doing some logging at the head of the Harbour and Nelson Island.

He left Pender Harbour shortly after his return to deckhand on the 92-foot coal-burning tugboat the *Swell*.

After a year and a half of shoveling coal while towing scows all over the coast, he went to visit his dad.

By this time, Allen Farrell had moved to Blind Bay on Nelson Island with his second wife, Sharie.

The younger Farrell stayed there while he designed and built the *Sea Song*, a 24-foot cod boat.

"I built it all by hand, just like he did," says Farrell.

"No power tools."

While doing so he also built a cabin on Jack Edmonds *Hazel H* ("Charlie Higgins' old boat") to trade for a two-cylinder Vivian diesel he put in the *Sea Song*.

It seems then, as with much of the rest of Farrell's boat building career, luck wasn't on his side.

Before finishing Edmond's boat and before he could start cod fishing, Farrell gave Edmonds his new *Sea Song*, after the *Hazel H* was destroyed while under his watch.

"Jack had borrowed some anchor chain from this guy that was working in the camp and they had a fight," says

Farrell.

"I guess without anyone knowing, this guy went out and took the anchor chain back and threw the anchor back in. The boat blew away in a storm and got smashed up so I gave Jack my new boat."

Farrell just carried on and rented a house in Irvines Landing, building two small boats for the Department of Fisheries and three 14-footers on the beach in front of Bill Pieper's hotel.

That house burned down and Farrell bounced around the Harbour for awhile, always with a shop nearby.

Eventually he took a two-month job repairing a seineboat that was skippered by his brother Jerry and used as a camp tender in Bentinck

Arm near Bella Coola.

When he got back he had a "pretty good stake."

He started working out of Roy Dusenbury's Shell garage in Kleindale where he built a number of boats including a V8 speed boat for Dusenbury, the *Sea Fun*, and a 19-foot crew boat for OB logging.

Later, Farrell married Phyllis Wise and the two lived in Kleindale while he worked out of Norm Klein's shop.

When he couldn't scrape up a customer, he'd go to work for other builders.

He spent some time working with Vic Gooldrup building boats like

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Barrie Farrell photo collection

Barrie Farrell coping out the stern timber on *Sea Song*, a 24-foot cod fishing boat he designed and built for himself on Nelson Island. Farrell built the boat completely by hand without any power tools at the age of 19.

Barrie Farrell (cont.)



Barrie Farrell photo collection

Barrie Farrell built Roy Dusenbury the V8-powered *Sea Fun* for the cost of materials to return the favour of charging him 'peanuts' when he needed some welding done. 'He seemed like such a heck of a nice guy.'

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Sam Lamont's beachcomber, *Vulture*.

He also worked for Denny Harling at Garden Bay Boatworks and built "a couple of 40-foot trollers" with Fred Crosby.

The first "bigger boat" Farrell built was the *Klyuk*.

He built it in a shed over the water in Irvines Landing and intended to take it gillnetting.

But when the engine and gillnet didn't come through in time for the fishing season, he sold it to Henry Whittaker of Whittaker's Resort for use as a sport fishing charter boat.

It was 1966 and Farrell knew just enough about fibreglass technology to lay fibreglass over the *Klyuk*'s plywood hull.

As a testament to the promise of that relatively untested technology, the *Klyuk* is now the *Gotta Go* and can be regularly seen (and heard) around

Pender Harbour, often with a crew of rowdy revellers.

Farrell learned about fibreglass while working with Vic Gooldrup.

"We had a guy come up from Vancouver for a couple of days showing us all the tricks and then we just did it from there," says Farrell.

After the *Klyuk*, Farrell built the *Devil Woman* for Bud Kammerle and the *Alice R* for Edwin Reid.

"I built the three of them out of plywood and fibreglass and it was a lot of work finishing the outside of them so I decided I better take a mould off Eddy's boat," Farrell says.

"I didn't know anything about what I was doing — there was nobody around there to ask. We got her figured out and I built the mould and took a few hulls out of it."

Speaking about how he ventured into what would be one of the biggest advances in boat building since the in-

ternal combustion engine, Barrie Farrell is characteristically nonchalant.

"I just figured it out. I just waxed it up good and it all popped off fine."

Shortly afterwards, Farrell's wife Phyllis took her life.

"I kind of lost heart in the business and sold the moulds to a guy in North Vancouver."

Farrell sold that 34-foot mould to Jack Currie in North Vancouver and "after some time off and partying too much, I smartened up" and went to work for him.

They built half dozen or so more boats from it, the last for Stan Vestad who was from a well-known wooden boat building family "up the river."

Farrell says Vestad became the black sheep of the family for choosing a fibreglass boat.

By this time, Farrell was starting to acquire a name for himself as both a designer and builder of quality fibreglass boats.

He caught the eye of a fisherman turned businessman who saw an opportunity to start mass producing boats at a fraction of the cost of wood.

Art White owned Snowball Industries and convinced Farrell to move to Westport, Wash., where he designed a new mould for a 27-foot boat that could be easily trailered and finished as a conventional gillnetter or a bowpicker.

Farrell says he built and finished three boats working by himself in seven months.

Art White would go on to produce more Farrell boats than Farrell.

They were branded "Snowballs" and White churned out 27s, 29s, 32s, 37s and a 40-foot model taken from Farrell's 37 hull.

"He never gave me any credit for the design," says Farrell.

When he returned to Canada he discovered that Palmer Boatworks in Maple Ridge had turned over the 34-footer he built for Mike Forrest and took a mould off the hull.

Palmer went on to make many more boats, either from a mould taken directly from that 34 Farrell or a redesigned larger version of it.

"So those Palmer boats are actually Farrells," Farrell says without a trace of bitterness.

"There's no protection that way so when I got back, I thought, 'Aw, to heck with it, I'll design a bigger and better one.' So I designed the 37."

He rented a little shop in Delta's Gunderson Slough and went to work-

designing and building a mould for the 37 Farrell.

"When I started building the mould I didn't have any orders," says Farrell.

"And before I got the mould finished I had eight orders. I was too busy to do any advertising or anything so I guess it was just word of mouth."

It was 1972 and the horizon looked clear for Farrell Boats.

But it wasn't to last.

"I had three boats I was finishing in my shop in Delta and my shop burned down," says Farrell.

"So, I rented another shop and I just got going and the fire marshall came along and said, 'Nope, you can't

build boats here.'

"I found another shop in Richmond and went full bore and the orders came rolling in like you wouldn't believe."

The fire destroyed a 27-foot mould that he took off one of the boats he built in Westport.

Once set up in Richmond, he got another one up, took a mould from it and started punching out Farrell 27s, 29s and 37s.

Farrell thinks it was 1974 or '75 when he built 50 Farrell 37s in one year out of his shop on Bridgeport Road.

That's on top of the other models built that year.

"They were kit boats, most of them," says Farrell.

"I'd put the motors and windows and shaft and rudders in them and then they'd go somewhere else to be finished."

Farrell says this production model suited him fine.

"I didn't want to finish the boats because it takes too long and it's where you lose your shirt usually. I made pretty good money doing kit boats."

While there, he started experimenting with a new 29-foot design but didn't think it was beamy enough.

"So I added 18 inches of beam to it and then it was wide enough to make it a 32-footer," he says.

Barrie didn't keep track but he estimates he sent close to 150 boats out the doors of his shop in Richmond in only three years.

When his lease came up in 1975, he bought some property in Nanoose Bay, built a big shop and moved his operation there.

"Things were going good there



Barrie Farrell photo collection

Bud Kammerle's brand new *Devil Woman* on top of Harry Brown's *Hazel Mae* and the dock of the Garden Bay Pub shortly after her (un)launch in 1969. The launch party started the night before and the next day's sea trial consisted of a celebratory trip over to the pub. Farrell says Kammerle always had slow boats before then and after leaving the pub, 'He jumped aboard and I guess he opened 'er up and did a big circle in the bay and then didn't straighten her out. He claimed it was an airlock in the steering but it never happened before or after so I think the airlock might have been in his head,' Farrell says with a laugh. 'Harry [Brown] used to come over while we were building it and say, 'She's too light built — she's gonna fall apart. You're wasting your time!' And there's his boat sitting there with the decks and everything smashed right out of it and there goes Bud's boat right out the bay.'

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Barrie Farrell (cont.)

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for a few years but then the early '80s came along and I got caught with that high interest and everything stopped," Farrell says.

"There were no orders and I was mortgaged to the hilt. So, I had a bankruptcy there."

A man named Don Pickelow took over his shop, his moulds and the Farrell name.

Barrie Farrell stayed on awhile to train the new people but he says it was "pretty haywire" and he got out of there.

Within five years they too would go bankrupt.

The mould for the 37 sat in a field in Coombs for many years before it finally deteriorated.

By then, Farrell had picked himself up and moved back to Vancouver to work for Ralph Rolston's Sea Air Marine in Coal Harbour.

Rolston had the popular Vancouver 27 sailboat mould, "But they didn't know what the heck they were doing," says Farrell.



Barrie Farrell photo collection

At the peak of his production in the mid-1970s, Barrie Farrell took out this ad promoting his growing fleet of Farrells.



Craigslist photo

This 'Snowball 29' bowpicker is for sale on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula for \$4,000. Barrie Farrell designed the hulls but didn't receive credit for the boats built in Westport, WA.

He stayed on for a couple of years until things slowed down before jumping over to a couple of other boat building companies to pay the bills.

Farrell hadn't built one of his own boats for about seven years before he rented a shop at Mosquito Creek Marina in North Vancouver.

"I put a little wee ad in the Vancouver Sun that I was taking orders for Farrell Boats.

"A guy came in the next day and

said, 'How do I order one?'"

"I said, 'Well, just give me \$500 and I'll put you on the list,'" Farrell laughs.

"He didn't know that I didn't even have a mould."

Farrell knew Art Snow had quit by then and the moulds were sitting idle in Westport.

"I thought I'd get the 32 up from him but then he drove such a hard bargain — he kind of forgot the deal



usednanaimo.com photo

Barrie Farrell recently bought this Farrell 37, *Montagnais II*, that he originally built in Richmond in 1976. It's been finished with a small rear cabin installed in the cargo hold. "She's a beauty." If he does say so himself.

he got from me.

“So I said, ‘To heck with him,’ and bought a whole bunch of materials and started building a new plug from scratch.

Farrell was now in his late 40s and starting over from scratch.

“It was long, long hours. I did an amazing thing there, working by myself. I built the plug and the mould, the cabin and deck moulds — everything and had it finished ready for fishing that spring.”

Farrell says this new 32 was a “big improvement” because the original 32 was a widened Farrell 27 and still had the 27’s low bow.

“When I widened the 27, I just took a Skil saw right up from the stern to the stem and then grabbed the ass end and spread ’er out 26 inches.”

“But then [with the new design] I raised her up and made nice crisp lines and and raised the cabin a couple inches and it turned out to be a real nice-looking boat.”

After a while orders for the 32s slowed down so he drafted up a new 34 with a wide (12’2”) beam that carried aft.

“It was pretty chunky but they were good boats — they did 27 knots with a single diesel.”

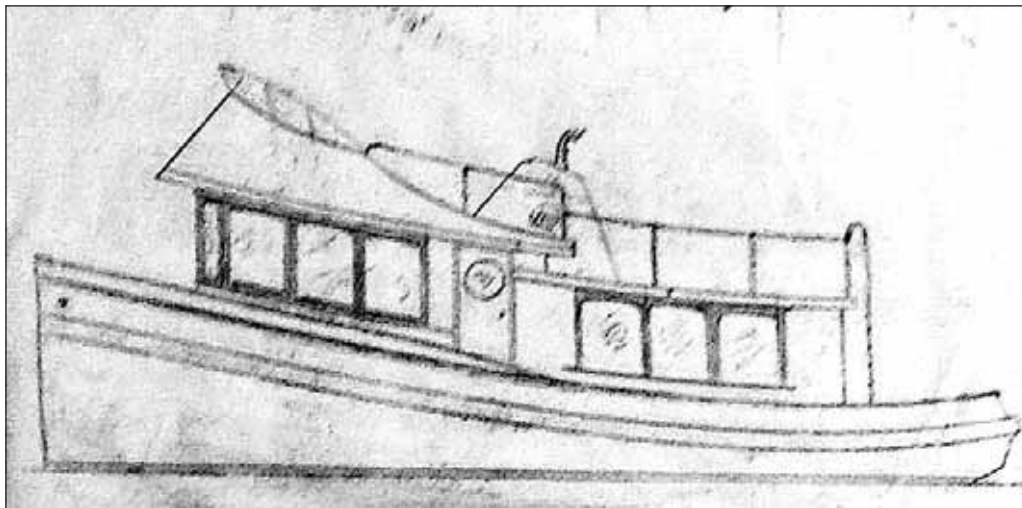
He made a complete set of moulds for the 34 Farrell but only built four — two fishboats, the *Native Legacy* and *DiaFlynn* and two pleasure boats, the *Kingfisher* and *Spring Tide*.

“In other words, I lost my shirt,” says Farrell.

“It cost a lot of money to build those moulds.”

By this time he’d moved his operation back to Coombs to acquire more space for production.

As changes in licensing affected



Barrie Farrell photo collection

At age 79, Barrie Farrell says he doubts he’ll ever build this pleasure boat tug design. ‘It’s just a dream now.’

the commercial salmon industry in the ’90s, speed was no longer the most important consideration and new sales competed with huge volumes of quality used fibreglass boats available.

Once again, Farrell’s orders dried up.

“I just pulled out,” he says.

Farrell gave the moulds to Eric Benfield and worked with him in Coombs for five years or so until that business ran down too.

The moulds were left on the property and eventually crushed and disposed of by the property owner.

“That was the end of the Farrell hulls,” says Farrell.

Barrie Farrell built more than 300 boats in his career and at age 79 he’s still working.

These days, working means mostly teak finishing but he says he’s got a new pleasure boat in him yet.

“People still buy these ugly looking things from the States. These modern boats, the newer they are the worse they get,” says Farrell.

“I think the manufacturers are having a contest to see who can build the ugliest boat — rounded off, no

decks, squinty windows, nothing lining up, so high and ugly.

“Oh man, they’re just terrible.”

He’s drawn up a 40-foot cruiser.

“It looks more like a tugboat than these other ones they call tugs, you know, like Nordic Tugs,” says Farrell.

“I always wanted to build it but it’s just a dream now.”

If you want to prove him wrong and be the first to own a Farrell 40 Tug, call Farrell Boats at (250) 616-1429.



Barrie Farrell photo collection

Barrie Farrell in Nanaimo, just a couple months shy of his 79th birthday.

Consider gifts for wildlife this Christmas

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This Christmas, why not give a gift that helps wildlife, feeds your creativity and provides a memorable activity to share with a loved one?

The Sunshine Coast wildlife project will even help you.

They offer a unique opportunity to connect with a friend or family member by building your own owl nest box, bat house or mason bee box.

The wildlife project is encouraging the installation of homes for wildlife on the Sunshine Coast by paying for the cost of materials.

In return, participants build, install and commit to monitoring the wildlife home through the project's wildlife stewardship program.

The goal of this project is to provide more habitat for local species-at-risk, investigate best practices for wildlife home designs and placements, and encourage the monitoring of animal populations.

You can build a wildlife home by purchasing one of their building kits,

with all materials and easy construction instructions included — all that is needed is a screwdriver.

If you are feeling extra handy, build one from scratch using one of the templates on their website.

Once your home is built and installed, send them a photo and the wildlife project will reimburse you for the cost of the kit or materials.

If you are unable to build one yourself, don't worry — you can purchase a ready-made bat, owl or bee box and contact the project to sign up.

Ready-made wildlife boxes are available from a variety of local suppliers including the Lagoon Society's EarthFair store in Madeira Park.

For pre-made homes, the project will reimburse 50 per cent of the cost and provide advice and support.

To learn more about the Homes for Wildlife program, visit their website at www.coastwildlife.ca or contact Ana at ana@coastwildlife.ca or (778) 239-9231.

Homes for Wildlife aims to benefit the following species-at-risk:

BATS

Unfortunately, bat populations are declining due to habitat loss, human disturbance, pollution and disease; half of BC's bats are listed as species-at-risk.

WESTERN SCREECH OWL

Of particular concern is the threatened western screech owl.

These adorable small owls have experienced dramatic population declines since the 1990s, both in the south coast area, where they have nearly disappeared, and in the northern part of the range.

NATIVE BEES

Few realize that in addition to managed European honeybees, British Columbia is home to over 400 species of native bees.

Since the 1990s biologists have observed a decline in native bees attributed to a combination of stressors, including habitat loss, pesticide use, invasive species and climate change.

Seeking seniors: Better at Home Pender Harbour

Submitted

A new program to help local seniors stay in their homes longer has arrived in Pender Harbour and will be in place until December 2015.

But it needs clients to serve.

The Better At Home program is funded by the province of B.C. and managed by the United Way through Sunshine Coast Community Services.

It provides simple non-medical services to those over 60 who could use friendly visits, help with grocery shopping, light yard work, light housekeeping and light home repair.

For more involved home repair, local contractors who are registered with Pender Harbour Better at Home will be hired and the repairs will be overseen by Pender Harbour's Better at Home co-ordinator to ensure that what is delivered is what is required.

Staffers are both volunteer and paid, and where there are fees for service, the charges will be assessed on a sliding scale according to income.

If you are over 60 and would like to be contacted about the Pender Harbour Better at Home program, please call the Pender Harbour co-ordinator, Carole Rubin, at (604) 883-2022.

If you know of a senior who could use this service, especially someone who does not come out to socialize or is not a joiner of groups, please call and we will set up a visit to outline what is available.

Where seniors require medical, personal hygiene or physical mobility assistance, the senior will be referred to the local health authority for assessment and support.

Better at Home is not a substitute for, nor does it replace, critically needed home support services provided by community health workers.

organizations

PENDER HARBOUR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

The annual Pender Harbour Christmas boat parade will take place Friday, Dec. 20. It's being organized by Bob Fielding and Charlie Park who are looking for participants from the community to decorate their boats and join in the fun. A gathering of participants and friends will take place afterwards in the Garden Bay Pub where Ron Johnston has kindly allowed his docks to be used for this event. Interested in coming out? Call Bob at (604) 740-2400 or Charlie at (604) 883-0453.

P. H. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST

Let's light up Pender for the holidays! The P. H. and Egmont Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a contest for the best display of holiday decorations. Light up your home or business to win prizes donated by local merchants who want to say thanks for shopping local this Christmas.

Phone (604) 883-2561 or email chamber@pender-harbour.ca to submit your address for viewing during the contest. Make sure your lights are lit on Dec. 17 for the Polar Express Christmas Lights Tour when final judging will take place.

Watch for the other highlights of the season:

Sunday, Dec. 1: Catch Happy Hollidaze family fun at the Aquatic Centre from 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7: Stroll the Serendipity Christmas Craft Fair at the community hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8: Catch the Pender Harbour Choir Christmas Concert at 2 p.m. at the School of Music.

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Come down to the heart of Madeira Park at 6:30 p.m. to see the lighting of the community Christmas tree. Enjoy carol singing and free hot chocolate.

Friday, Dec. 20: Enjoy an evening harbour cruise of carol ships and a celebration later at the Garden Bay Pub.

PHSS GRAD BOTTLE DRIVE

The PHSS grad class of 2014 needs your help.

Pender Harbour Secondary's grad class of 2014 will be have a fundraising bottle drive in Pender Harbour on Saturday, Jan. 11 (weather permitting) and is asking for your support.

Please save the recyclable bottles and cans from your holiday celebrations and students will come to you to pick them up. All the money raised will go towards the class's end-of-year graduation ceremony and banquet. To ensure they visit your home, you can contact them in advance by calling Marisa Alps or Michele Mocellin at (604) 885-5185 or by emailing marisa_alps@yahoo.ca.

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pender golf

Golf winding towards the holidays

By Jan Watson



The active season has wound down and some of the golfers have headed for warmer climes.

The golf club's annual general meeting was held on Oct. 19 and a new board of directors was elected.

Standing down was Wayne Babcock after serving two terms.

Continuing on are Rusty Ellis, Lorne Campbell, Bruce Forbes, Roberta Oleksyn, Cathy McEachern and Brett Hallborg with newly elected George Brown and Harry Friesen.

Kathy Needham carries on for another year as ladies' captain and Jamie Tufford is the new men's captain.

Later the same day, following a lovely prime rib dinner catered by Chrys Sample, the awards were presented to the various club champions.

It was especially nice to have

junior champion Cole Charlton and runner up Al Cook there to receive their awards.

A Halloween scramble was held on Nov. 2 but the weather did not cooperate and only two teams braved the rain.

Winners at three under par were Merv Oleksyn, Sandra Pylypiuk and her daughter Cheryl.

The other team at two over were Linda Klikach, Roberta Oleksyn and Jan Watson.

They were joined afterward by others for a potluck dinner.

The annual holiday scramble will be held between Christmas and New Year, weather permitting.

Call the pro shop at (604) 883-9541 to verify date and time.

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Anne Mary Wutzke (née Semak)

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Anne passed away peacefully at home and pain free at 10:35 p.m. on Nov. 13.

Anne fought a long, hard battle against cancer but her final moments were spent surrounded by family and friends.

She knew this and passed away with a smile on her face.

Anne is survived by Marv, her husband and Lynne, her sister, along with her many relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, and in the memory of Anne and all that she supported in her community, donations can be made to either the Pender Harbour District Health Centre or the Pender Harbour Reading Centre, both in Madeira Park.

Anne and Marv were humbled by the community support they received over the past seven years.

A celebration of life for Anne is planned in the spring.



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Help the Kelp: A citizen science project for the ocean

by Michael Mehta

More is known about the moon and nearby planets than the oceans that cover 70 per cent of the Earth's surface.

As marine ecosystems face collapse on a global scale, people are finally starting to take notice that something is seriously wrong.

On Gabriola Island, a group of community volunteers have focused their efforts to learn more about the Strait of Georgia and are asking questions: Why are canopy-forming kelp disappearing, and can anything be done about it?

In 2009, Help the Kelp was formed and team members have spent many hours since underwater in scuba gear and in boats with GPS units to map the existing canopy coverage around Gabriola Island.

Although little historical data exists about bull kelp densities, anecdotal evidence suggests that canopies



photo submitted

Team members Nancy Laird (l) and Michele Fire-River Heart (r) showing the carboy systems that are hoped will help rebuild bull kelp populations.

that once surrounded the island have declined dramatically.

Bull kelp plays an essential yet poorly understood role in the marine world.

This fast-growing brown alga creates ecosystems that are similar to rainforests on land with canopies that offer protection to fish and other marine organisms.

Without these kelp beds, ocean temperatures will increase at a faster rate.

There are many possible explanations for this decline.

It is known that the problem is global in nature and similar issues are being observed in places as remote as Tasmania.

Climate change and its role in increasing water temperature is likely having a negative impact and the increase of herbivores like sea urchins is playing havoc on kelp beds.

Help The Kelp has tried three approaches for replanting bull kelp with

varying degrees of success.

In the winter of 2009 the group co-ordinated with the Nile Creek Enhancement Society in Bowser to try an untested protocol.

Pre-drilled rocks were dropped overboard in a defined area and short pieces of rope were looped through holes with line that was inoculated with immature bull kelp growing on it.

There was a small but not measurable increase in bull kelp in following years, but this approach failed to produce dramatic or verifiable results.

In January of 2011, a more traditional approach often used by commercial kelp farmers was adopted.

Two 30-metre-long lines were placed near the bottom of the ocean and secured to rocks with floats spread across their length to keep them off the bottom.

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did not work and several other varieties of kelp common to the area colonized the rope.

Before trying again, team members mapped the entire island's canopy over the summer of 2013.

This was based on an approach pioneered by the Mayne Island Conservancy Society.

With our new map, Help the Kelp will be able to assess future changes in canopy coverage, and can assess the impact of interventions.

In the fall of 2013 we deployed a new approach that involves working with bull kelp at an earlier stage in its lifecycle.

Bull kelp reproduce by spores and drop large numbers of them from patches called sori.

We harvested mature sori from densely populated areas, dried them temporarily and then stuffed them into pre-drilled carboys.

In theory, the spores should release into the ocean in new areas in a manner similar to hair transplantation.

We should know by late spring or early summer of 2014 if this densification approach works.

Help the Kelp is attempting to develop simple, cost-effective approaches and best practices for rebuilding kelp canopies and we hope that other communities will learn from our work.

Marine ecosystems need your as-



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To the ocean they go! Michele Fire-River Heart (l), Victor Anthony (m), and Michael Mehta (r) deploy one of the carboys.

sistance, and it's time for community groups to offer a helping hand.

Michael Mehta co-ordinates the Help the Kelp project on Gabriola Island and he is a professor of environmental studies at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops.

He can be reached at helpthekelp@hotmail.com.

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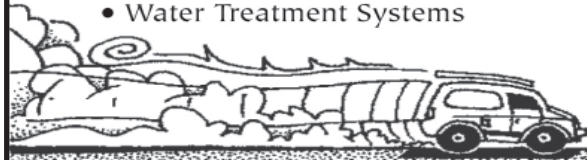
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Dec. 2	10:41 am -M, 3:08 pm +L
Dec. 3	11:27 am -M, 3:53 pm +L
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Dec. 5	1:02 pm -M
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Dec. 7	8:17 am +XL, 2:51 pm -L
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Dec. 9	9:46 am +XL
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DECEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in December is 6.5 C and our average daily low is 3.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 4.9 C. The highest December temperature recorded is 13.3 C (Dec. 14, 1962) and the lowest was -11.7 C (Dec. 28, 1968).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

December has an average of 54.9 hours of bright sunshine. It usually has 19 days with measurable precipitation, an average monthly rainfall of 140.1 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10.6 cm. Our average month-end snowfall is 4 cm. December has the highest snowfall of the year (November has the most rain). The highest December daily rainfall recorded at Merry Island was 66 mm (Dec. 25, 1972). The record daily snowfall was 40.6 cm (Dec. 31, 1968).



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He went to the barn to see if the reindeer were ready, but they were all cranky and hung over. With a growl, he went back

to the house and slammed the door. Hard enough to break the glass.

Ignoring the mess, he went to the fridge and took a big chug of milk from the jar. It was sour.

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shouted,

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DECEMBER ASTROLOGY

SAGITTARIUS: NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 21

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Capricorns often experience hardship early in life, but their resourcefulness makes them survivors. Sometimes hard to get to know, they are loyal, responsible, and down-to-earth. Unfortunately, Capricorns' early life hardships often come back to haunt their adult relationships in the form of anxiety and emotional baggage. Channelling and astral projection have both been found to be effective cures for these characteristically Capricornian afflictions.

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Local Rotary club pushes on with efforts to boost herring stocks

By Jon Paine

Herring are a keystone of the marine ecosystem on the BC Coast.

Herring spawn in the early spring and after they hatch they will go on to provide food for juvenile salmon.

As the salmon grow, the herring are also growing providing the principle food source for many other species of fish, birds and marine mammals including humpback whales.

Herring mature in about three years and can then spawn year after year for a dozen or more years.

Herring spawn on smooth surfaces such as kelp, eel grass and, unfortunately, on creosote piles.

The eggs are approximately one millimetre in diameter and take 10 to 20 days to hatch.

Historically, there were enough herring that their eggs would cover large areas of Pender Harbour and Bargain Harbour, forming a mass several eggs deep.

In recent years localized herring stocks have been reduced to near collapse by overfishing and loss of suitable spawning beds.

For the past three years, the Pender Harbour Rotary Club and other community members have been attempting to increase the number of herring by reducing egg mortality.

Because eel grass, kelp and pilings are exposed at low tide, the eggs suffer heavy predation.

Artificial herring curtains allow herring to deposit their eggs on a surface that is always underwater, by going up and down with the docks they're attached to.

Herring eggs laid on creosote piles turn yellow and die whereas eggs laid on non toxic material remain clear and within a couple of weeks a



photo submitted

Most of the herring eggs laid on this creosote piling in Garden Bay will die before they get a chance to hatch. A project by the P. H. Rotary Club aims to reduce the mortality of struggling local herring stocks by providing suitable spawning alternatives.

small eye can be seen as the embryo develops.

These herring curtains are made of a heavy-duty landscape fabric that is 20 feet long by five feet deep.

A row of fishing floats along the top provide flotation while a leaded line along the bottom keeps it down.

By tying the curtains alongside docks they can be easily checked for spawn and pulled out for weekly cleaning.

Although we have placed a few hundred feet of herring curtains each year, only a small percentage have had significant egg coverage.

As the number of herring has decreased the location of spawning is more random, making herring enhancement a bit of a shot in the dark.

There has been consistent spawn in a small portion of Bargain Bay that we know of with only sporadic spawning in Garden Bay and other areas of the Harbour.

We are looking for input from the public about any areas where herring have consistently spawned on or near creosote piles where herring curtains would give an alternate non-toxic spawning surface.

Although we could place several hundred feet of herring curtains in the water, they require monitoring for the date of spawn and hatching as well as weekly cleaning.

At the end of the spawning period in early April, the curtains must be pulled out of the water, power washed, dried, rolled and stored until the next season.

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Your liver and the holidays

*Compiled by Heather Damsgaard RN
(from Canadian Liver Foundation, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and UptoDate)*

We once again find ourselves in the month of holiday cheer.

With annual Christmas parties, staff parties, family gatherings, etc., there comes the temptation to indulge in excessive food and alcohol.

So I thought it was fitting to give recognition to one organ in our body that truly takes the brunt of it all — our liver.

The liver is an amazing, complex chemical factory that works 24/7.

It processes virtually everything we eat, drink, breathe in or rub on our skin.

It provides our bodies with energy, fights off infections and toxins, and so much more.

During the holidays, it helps metabolize alcohol as well as neutralize and destroy poisonous substances.

When we overload our liver with alcohol, the excess winds up in our bloodstream, affecting our brain, heart and other tissues, which in turn causes intoxication.

It is reported that in general the liver can only handle approximately one drink per hour.

Whether your consumption of alcohol is binge-like or continuous in nature, it all puts a strain on the liver.

This abuse over time destroys the liver cells, results in build-up of fatty deposits (fatty liver) or, more seriously, causes liver inflammation (alcoholic hepatitis), permanent scarring (cirrhosis) or even liver cancer.

There are no defined rules on how much someone can drink without damaging the liver, but a few tips may be helpful to our livers and our general health:



- Set limits and stick to them.
- Drink slowly, having no more than two drinks in any three hours.
- For every drink of alcohol, have one non-alcoholic drink.
- Always consider your gender, age, body weight and health. Your tolerance might not match another person. Don't try to "keep up" with friends.
- Never mix alcohol and medication, such as Tylenol.

And of course, the best way to protect your liver is not to consume alcohol at all.

And as a side note, please be responsible this Christmas season and don't drink and drive.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS DECEMBER 2013

Harbourside Friendships meets weekly on Thursdays at the Pender Harbour Legion, starting with coffee and socializing at 10:30 a.m.

Following the programs listed below, a hot lunch is served for \$10.

Everyone is welcome and for information please call Cathy at (604) 883- 9760.

Dec. 5: Travel presentation by Jocelyn Johnston.

Dec. 12: Christmas lunch and carol singing held at P. H. Community Hall.

Dec. 19: Car pool to Linwood House for Christmas cantata.

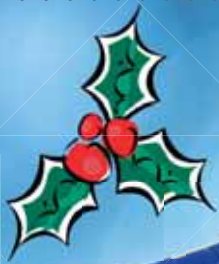
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Fitness programs begin week of Jan 6.

Watch for your SCRD Winter/Spring guide in the mail early December.

What's happening for 2014?

Tumble Tots (recreational gymnastics and swim for 3-5 year olds),
Jolly Jumpers Gymnastics (ages 1-2 years, parent participation),
Zumba Fitness and **Zumba Core**, **DancePI3y**, **Ready Set Go**
(beginner fitness), **Mom and Baby Aquafit**, **Aquafit Sampler**
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'Tis that season...

By Deb Cole

*"Those who don't make time for exercise
will have to make time for illness."
~ Earl of Derby, 1885*

It's dark and cold and you may feel the urge to hibernate — getting comfy on the couch and wanting to stay there, until spring. You must resist!

It's so important to keep active — your health and quality of life depends on it. The holiday season, and rainy winter season, can bring on many reasons to skip a few of those workouts. Buy a light rain jacket to keep dry for those outdoor activities or move your activity indoors. Grab those friends and family that come visiting over the holidays and do a group activity such as hiking or a friendly game of soccer. Remember, exercise is one of the easiest and most effective ways of improving both your physical and mental health. Ask anyone:

"Since I started fitness, the low back pain I suffered from for many years is gone," says Stephanie Lomax.

Heather Macklin has a similar story:

"With regular exercise I have improved my well-being and can keep up with the kids and grandkids. I feel so much better and more mobile, which is important as I wait for a knee replacement."

Most people know that being physically active is vital to maintaining health but statistics tell us that only 15 per cent of adults meet the current physical activity guidelines and only seven per cent of children and youth. Research shows that as much as one half of the functional decline between the ages of 30 and 70 is due not to aging itself but to an inactive way of life.

Start at a young age to develop healthy active habits and you will most likely keep those habits as you grow older. For children aged 5 to 11 and youth aged 12 to 17, 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity per day is required while adults (18 to 64 years) and older adults (65 years and older) must get at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity per week. If you haven't been active it's never too late to start and if you are currently active, keep it going.

What is moderate aerobic activity? It's an activity that makes you breathe harder and your heart beat faster. You should be able to talk, but not sing. Examples of moderate activities include brisk walking, dancing, gardening or active involvement in games with children.

What is vigorous aerobic activity? It's an activity that

makes your heart rate increase quite a bit and you won't be able to say more than a few words without needing to catch your breath. Examples of vigorous activity include fast swimming, running, water polo, walking briskly uphill, competitive sports and games, fast cycling, aerobics.

Statistics show that many Canadians who do exercise are not actually exercising hard enough to achieve significant health benefits. For optimal fitness benefits, you need to work at 65 to 85 per cent of your maximal heart rate (see sidebar below), but always pay attention to your body's physical cues to determine if you are working too hard — or not hard enough.

Consider these four tips to help motivate you:

MAKE IT SOCIAL

You will feel more motivated if you ask a friend to join you. It's easier to skip a workout when it's just you you're accountable to and adding a social element to exercise can make it more fun.

BE FLEXIBLE

You may think that if you miss your morning workout, that's it — you can't work out. If you keep flexible about your routine, you can be prepared to work out whenever the opportunity arises.

FIND AN EASY TIME

Everyone has 30 minutes a day whether at lunch or early in the morning before anyone else is up. Figure out when you have the time and the most energy and commit.

FOLLOW THE 90-10 RULE.

The holidays tempt us to enjoy foods that may be less than healthy for us.

It's okay to indulge as long as you try to eat healthy 90 per cent of the time and allow for those treats without any guilt 10 per cent of the time.

Nutrition plays a huge role in a healthy lifestyle.

CALCULATING YOUR MAXIMAL HEART RATE

Subtract your age from 220 and multiply the difference by the percentages (65-85%).

Example for a 35 year old:

- 1.) $220 - 35 = 185$.
- 2.) $.65 \times 185 = 120$
- 3.) $.85 \times 185 = 157$

This person would need to work out hard enough to achieve a MHR of 120-157 beats per minute.

A 75-years-old needs an MHR of 94-123 beats per minute.

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and another thing...

Stop the presses — before someone screws up again



By Shane McCune

Here's a sampling of 2013's goofs and gaffes from public figures, newspapers, and websites. And yes, we're going to proof-read this page very carefully...

MESSENGER SHOOTS SELF

"We know that there is no silver bullet."

— U.S. Vice-president Joe Biden, after a meeting with makers of video games to discuss first-person shooter games. President Barack Obama assigned Biden to seek ways to reduce gun violence in the wake of the Newton, Conn., school massacre. Biden said he was "shooting for Tuesday" to deliver his recommendations. *Agence France-Presse*, Jan. 11.

FICKLE AS PUFF DADDY, P. DIDDY OR...

Inside the Music: Dave Bedini

Author and musician Dave **Bedini** shares his playlist, today at 3 p.m./3:30 NT on Radio 2.

— Teaser on *cbc.ca* homepage Jan. 20.
His name is Dave Bidini.

CAN WE COPYRITE THAT SPELLING?

When Roland Burris is reached by phone at his Chicago law office earlier this week, he is proofreading copies of his memoir. He gives the working title—"What is your reaction to that? Does it grab you?"—but asks that it not be printed, since he hasn't **copywritten it**. His agent is still shopping the book around, and Burris is hoping for some kind of advance.

— *Not even the weirdness of the past participle can tip Daily Beast editors (if they exist) to the possibility that "copywrite" is not the same as "copyright."* Feb. 15.

WHY NOT PRETEND TO BE MD ARRESTED IN ONTARIO?

Ontario man accused of pretending to be doctor arrested in Alberta

— *Pity the fool so desperate for attention he pretends to be a doctor arrested in Alberta. From globeandmail.com, April 1. But not a joke, alas.*

NOT TOTAL IDITOS, SURELY

Whenever there is any issue that can potentially make the right look silly, they are portrayed as total iditos (Think Dan Quayle Potato, George W. Bush and his many quotes and Marco Runio taking a drink of water).

— *Conservative U.S. website mediabias.com, April 13.*

TALK ABOUT CONTEMPT OF COURT

The local press has extensively covered the shocking testimony about the Philadelphia "House of Horrors" where (abortion doctor Kermit) Gosnell allegedly **killed seven babies and one woman since the trial began** on March 18, nearly a month ago.

— *Eight killings while his trial was underway? Huffington Post, April 16.*

'I WAS NOWHERE NEAR THAT COURTROOM!'

Tim Bachman, a founding member of Bachman-Turner Overdrive has been found not guilty of three charges for an alleged sexual relationship with a girl, in a New Westminster, B.C., courtroom today.

— *cbc.ca, May 1.*

MUST YOU REMIND US?

Vancouver was the first team eliminated in the NHL playoffs this month, the first time in 12 years it was swept in the post-season, this time courtesy the San Jose Sharks. The Canucks, who finished seventh in points this season, have been ousted in the first round the past two years despite having home-ice advantage. But Vancouver was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs in the last two seasons despite having home-ice advantage, including the four-game loss to the Sharks. It was the first time in 12 years that the Canucks were swept in the post-season.

— *cbc.ca, May 22.*

HELL YEAH, ONE DOES

Watching the parade of endless weirdness, I thought of Doris Lessing, as one naturally does.

— *One does, does one? Dorothy Woodend, reviewing Elysium in The Tyee, Aug. 9.*

and another thing . . .

HIGHER RATES FOR BRITTLE BIKERS?

REGINA – An alternative way to charge a fair rate for motorcycle owners by SGI is getting mixed reviews from those who ride. . . .

The new method involves a device that can be hardwired into the bike. It will record acceleration, speed, driving distance and even how hard riders **break**.

— *globalnews.ca*, June 5.
Do those who shatter pay more?

NEVER MIND HIS POLITICS, LET'S SEE HIS TIME MACHINE

Although (incoming Bank of England governor Mark) Carney denied to the House of Commons that he had any political ambitions, he has been mooted as **Canada's first Liberal prime minister**.

— *London Evening Standard*, June 10.

SURE ABOUT THAT DATE?

Harry Neale, shown in a Hockey Night in Canada press photo **earlier this century**, joined CBC in 1985 after about two decades spent as a hockey coach. (CBC/HO/Canadian Press)

— *cbc.ca*, June 11.

HE'S BEEN CALLED WORSE

BBC rapped for describing Nelson Mandela as 'black'

— *Headline on Roy Greenslade's blog on guardian.co.uk*, June 26. *Seems an Indian journalist is furious that the Beeb is describing the ailing Mandela as "South Africa's first black president" instead of "South Africa's first democratically elected president."*

THAT'LL LARN 'EM

I've said before, Globe and Mail readers are a very smart, well-read group. They notice when errors are made and are surprised when Globe reporters and editors make mistakes.

Case in point – over the past two weeks mistakes were caught **by several readers that we fixed**.

— *Public editor Sylvia Stead, Globe and Mail* June 26.

IN TORONTO IT'S 'GUMMINT'



FRIGHT CLEW, SURELY

Captain Sum Ting Wong, Wi Tu Lo, Ho Lee Fuk and Bang Ding Ow.

— *Flight crew of crashed Asiana Flight 214, as identified onscreen and by news anchor on Fox affiliate KTVU*, July 12.

OH, JUST CALL HIM KAI

Caleb 'Kai' Lawrence McGillivary

CORRECTS SPELLING OF LAST NAME - In this undated photo downloaded from the Union County Prosecutor's website, Caleb "Kai" Lawrence **McGillivary** is shown.

— *huffingtonpost.ca*, June 3.

WE THOUGHT HE USED A PIPE

Rob Ford video showing alleged **crack use in police hands**

— *cbc.ca*, Oct. 31

AW, AREN'T THEY CUTE?

University grads see college diploma as key to jobs

— *Globe & Mail*, Nov. 12

AND THE TASTELESS HEADLINE OF THE YEAR:

Luka Magnotta returns to court in body-parts case

— *Globe & Mail RSS*, March 11.

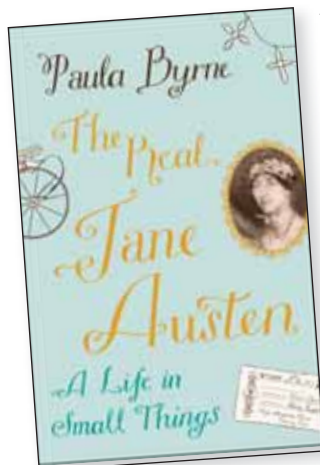
Books: The only thing on everyone's Christmas list



By Theresa
Kishkan

My favourite Christmas gifts are books. Well, chocolate is nice, too, for nibbling while curled up by the fire with a stack of new and old titles, because there's no reason why a book has to be new to be a pleasure. I love to give them and I love to receive them and luckily the people on my list are voracious readers. It keeps things simple.

I spent the last few months re-reading the novels of Jane Austen. Some of them I've read three or four times but there's always something fresh to discover. For a wonderful insight into this enduring writer, look no further than *The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things* (HarperCollins)



by Paula Byrne. Byrne decodes Austen's life and work by looking at materials and objects associated with her, forgoing the usual linear construction of a biography.

And Talewind Books has a great selection of Jane Austen's novels in bright contemporary Canterbury Classics editions. (Can the bindings really be leather? For less than \$20?) There are lots more titles in the series too — Jules Verne, Charles Dickens, *The Wizard of Oz*: truly something for everyone.

One of my favourite cookbooks is Yotam Ottolenghi's *Plenty* (Chronicle Books) so I was thrilled to see his new book, *Jerusalem* (Chronicle Books), co-authored with Sami Tamimi. Two friends, one from the Arab east side of the city and one from the Jewish west, exploring the Jewish, Muslim and Christian food traditions of the city they love — a powerful partnership, with delicious results.

For anyone who has enjoyed the comforting soups, stews, and casseroles at Burgoo, the cookbook of that name by Justin Joyce and Stephan MacIntyre, published

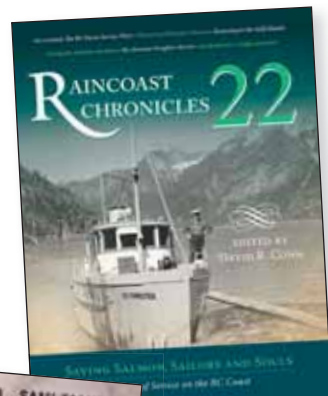
by Figure 1, looks great.

The Earth Fair Store (formerly Bluewaters Books) has a terrific selection of field guides and a good display of books associated with mushrooms. *The Fungal Pharmacy* (North Atlantic Books), by Robert Rogers, might be an interesting way to look at the medicinal possibilities of mushrooms. And I liked the look of *Darwin's Garden: Down House and the Origin of Species* (Counterpoint), by Michael Boulter.

Those interested in local history will enjoy *Raincoast Chronicles 22: Saving Salmon, Sailors and Souls: Stories of Service on the B.C. Coast* (Harbour Publishing), edited by David Conn. Only a little further afield, across Georgia Strait, Michael Layland's *The Land of Heart's Delight: Early Maps and Charts of Vancouver Island* has just been published by TouchWood Editions, with lots of illustrations and a masterful text.

The beautifully designed *Bluebacks and Silver Brights: A Lifetime in the B.C. Fisheries from Bounty to Plunder* (ECW), by Norman Safarik, with Allan Safarik, would interest the fisherman, as would Michael Wigan's *The Salmon: The Extraordinary Story of the King of Fish* (William Collins).

A daughter interested in car-

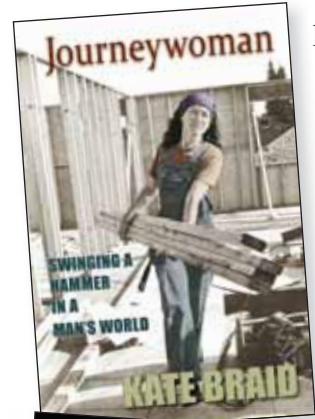


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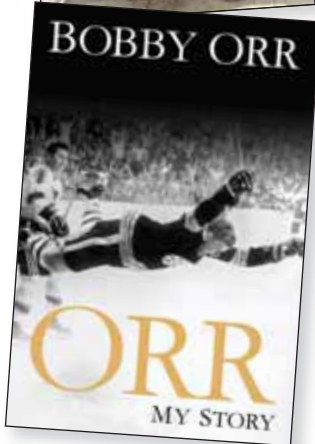
(For the week of Nov. 17, 2013)

1. **Haunting Vancouver** by Mike McCardell
2. **The Lonely End of the Rink** by Grant Lawrence
3. **The Oil Man and the Sea** by Arno Kopecky
4. **Raven Brings the Light** by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd
5. **Building the Orange Wave** by Brad Lavigne
6. **The Cougar** by Paula Wild
7. **They Called Me Number One** by Bev Sellars
8. **Raincoast Chronicles 22** by David R. Conn
9. **Vancouver Was Awesome** by Lani Russwurm
10. **And Then There Were Nuns** by Jane Christmas
11. **House Calls by Float Plane** by Dr. Alan Swan
12. **The War on Science** by Chris Turner

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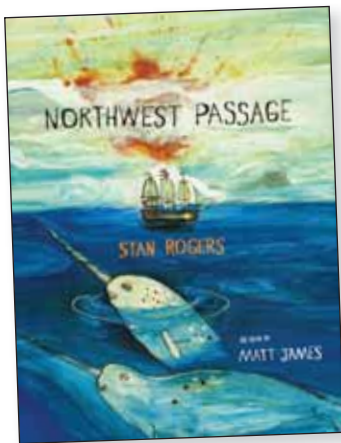


penry? Look no further than Kate Braid's *Journeywoman: Swinging a Hammer in a Man's World* (Caitlin). A son interested in the history of hockey?



Bobby Orr: My Story (Viking) takes the reader into the life of one of hockey's greatest players. My late father would have loved Charles Foran's *Maurice Richard* (Penguin) as he never believed that the NHL needed more than six teams and, anyway, the Rocket was king.

Beautiful picture books about this Christmas. The gorgeous *Northwest Passage* (Groundwood) — text by the late iconic folksinger Stan Rogers, supplemented by marvelous historical background — won Matt James this year's Governor General's Award for Children's Illustration. *How To* (Simply Read Books), written and illustrated by Julie Morstad, is lovely, as



is *The Dark* (Harper Collins), written by Lemony Snicket with nuanced illustrations by Jon Klassen.

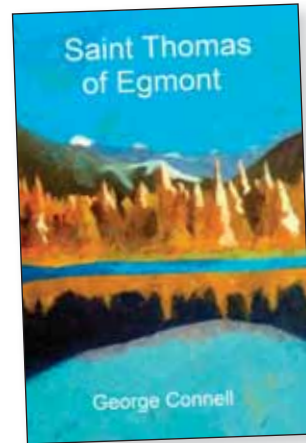
There's a huge selection of books for older kids. I was intrigued by a series by Catherynne M. Valente in a genre billed as “mythpunk,” also described as “folklore-based fantasy.” *The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making* (Tor) was published by crowdfunding and its sequel, *The Girl Who Fell Beneath Fairyland and Led the Revels There* (Feiwei and Friends), was a bestselling success and has

been followed by *The Girl Who Soared Over Fairyland and Cut the Moon in Two* (Feiwei and Friends). These are illustrated by Ana Juan.



There are lots of new art books, some of them works of art in themselves. Photographer Freeman Patterson's sublime *Embracing Creation*, co-published by The Beaverbrook Art Gallery (in Fredericton) and Goose Lane Editions, in conjunction with an exhibition of Patterson's work at the former, is stunning. And to see how books serve as the raw materials for art, have a look at *Art Made From Books: Altered, Sculpted, Carved, Transformed* (Chronicle), edited by Laura Heyenga.

If you're eager to read local authors, try new novels by Kathryn Para (her *Lucky* won the Great B.C. Novel Contest and was published by Mother Tongue on Salt Spring Island), Rosella



Leslie (her *Federov Legacy* came out this year with Caitlin Press), or *St. Thomas of Egmont* (Les Editions Extroverse) by George Connell of Earls Cove.

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 Sun. Dec. 1.....Frank White launch of *Milk Spills and One-Log Loads* - P. H. School of Music, 2-4 p.m.
 Sun. Dec. 1.....Sunday Jam with Mark Vance and Russell Marsland - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Dec. 2.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Fri. Dec. 6.....Lorne Jones Band - Garden Bay Pub, 8 p.m.
 Sat. Dec. 7.....Serendipity Christmas Craft Fair - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sun. Dec. 8.....P. H. Choir Concert "A Very Best Time of The Year" - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
 Sun. Dec. 8.....Sunday Jam with Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Dec. 9.....P. H. Garden Club Christmas potluck lunch - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
 Tues. Dec. 10.....P. H. Women's Connection annual Christmas luncheon - P. H. Legion, noon
 Tues. Dec. 10.....Community Christmas tree lighting - P. H. Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. Dec. 13.....NO School of Music coffee house (Next one is Friday, Jan 10)
 Sun. Dec. 15.....Ruby Lake Lagoon society Christmas potluck party - Iris Griffith Nature Centre
 Sun. Dec. 15.....Sunday Jam with Gary Comeau and Simon Paradis - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Dec. 16.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. Dec. 17.....P. H. Seniors Initiative Christmas Light Tour - board at P. H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.
 Fri. Dec. 20.....Christmas Aquafit and customer appreciation - P. H. Aquatic Centre, 9-11:30 a.m.
 Fri. Dec. 20.....Christmas boat parade - @ Pender Harbour
 Sat. Dec. 21.....Royal Canadian Legion Christmas turkey, ham & pie auction - P. H. Legion
 Sun. Dec. 22.....Sunday Jam with Peter Van B3 - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Sun. Dec. 29.....Sunday Jam with Playback - Garden Bay Pub, 2 p.m.
 Mon. Dec. 30.....P. H. Food Bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, noon
 Tues. Dec. 31.....New Year's Eve Family Bubbly Bash - P. H. Aquatic Centre, 1-4 p.m.
 Tues. Dec. 31.....Royal Canadian Legion New Year's Eve Party - P. H. Legion, 6:30 p.m.
 Tues. Dec. 31.....P. H. Community Club presents Steel Toe Boots - P. H. Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.



FERRY DEPARTURES

~ Effective to Dec. 19, 2013 ~

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Horseshoe Bay

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7:50 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
12:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
6:25 p.m.
8:50 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

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*4:15 a.m.
6:35 a.m.
9:05 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
2:40 p.m.
5:15 p.m.
7:40 p.m.
9:55 p.m.

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