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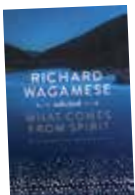


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Brian Lee

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editorial

The proof's in the flooding



Brian Lee

Rain was once just a nuisance.

Now it's become something more sinister.

I just learned another “atmospheric river” is expected to dump on us over the next few days.

Surely it won't match the biblical event that overwhelmed the province in mid-November — but it's hard not to sit up and pay attention.

Soggy North Vancouver averages 244 millimetres of rain in November.

One North Vancouver weather station measured 331 millimetres over two days last month.

It seems few areas were spared from the “100-year” downpour that overwhelmed water shedding systems throughout the province.

A 100-year flood is one so extraordinary that it can only be expected to occur, on average, once every 100 years.

November's rain exposed the fact that much of our housing and public infrastructure is not capable of withstanding such extremes.

It turns out the scientists were right again — climate change is a thing.

So, is it still possible to predict what those extremes might be?

In the past few years, whether drought, wind or rain, our overachieving planet keeps smashing records.

If weather was an athlete, we'd suspect steroids.

As the certainty of climate change comes into view, with it is the likelihood that 100-year storms will occur more frequently.

Even if we ignore all other examples of amplified weather damage in the past few years, this rainfall event should be a call to consider how we build future housing and infrastructure.

It also highlights why in remote communities like ours, we depend so heavily on each other during emergencies.

The Coast was fortunate not to suffer like Merritt and Abbotsford, but anyone who found inches of water in their home on Nov. 15 now understands a special type of anxiety.

Like many that day, I woke up to a family flooding emergency and barely looked up until it was over.

While considering how much hearing loss I was suffering from hovering over a gas pump all morning, news filtered in about similar disasters happening to others.

With each of them came stories like ours, of people pitching in to help during a desperate time.

Examples of friends delivering pumps or assistance, clearing ditches, driving people to appointments or checking in on elderly neighbours remind us that we can't always rely on the authorities to rescue us.

Living at the dark end of the road means that neighbourly concern will continue to be our most reliable tool for keeping each other safe.

It's just another reason small communities like ours retain a spirit folks in larger towns assume is extinct.

As our community continues to develop, and our weather continues to go rogue, it's comforting to know that traditions like these still persist.

Note: Last month's editorial ('Our failing ferry system,' Nov. 2021) referenced a late request to BC Ferries for information that wasn't received in time to make the November issue. That response can be found in full on p. 9. ~ ed.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING POSSIBLE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

The Sunshine Coast COVID physician task force and Vancouver Coastal Health operate a “respiratory assessment” clinic that runs Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Respiratory Assessment Clinic is able to assess and test anyone on the Sunshine Coast who develops possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Fever, cough and difficulty breathing remain the most common symptoms, but COVID-19 infection can also include a new runny nose, a sore throat, muscle aches, chills, headaches, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. If you develop any of the above symptoms, please call your family doctor or contact the Respiratory Assessment Clinic directly for further assessment and testing (if indicated). Anyone who is seen at the clinic will also receive a follow-up phone call or appointment within 24 to 48 hours.

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Please remember that you should self-isolate and get tested even if you have been fully vaccinated. Due to the large number of people that are currently being tested, it may take a couple of days before you can be tested.

IF YOU REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION

If you need to go to the hospital, and are able to travel safely to the hospital, call (604) 885-2224 to let the emergency room staff know you are coming and to receive instructions.

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photojournal

A group of people dressed as witches are on a lake at sunset. They are standing on inflatable SUPs (Stand Up Paddleboards) and holding paddles. The background shows a dense forest of trees with autumn foliage reflected in the water. The scene is captured in a warm, golden light.

Brian Lee

Why did all the witches go paddling together? They were missing their broom-mates. About 20 witches took to Garden Bay Lake Oct. 30 for what has become the 4th annual gathering of the SUP coven.

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Harbour Spiel

Sunshine Coast RCMP seize dozens of firearms in Halfmoon Bay



Sunshine Coast RCMP

Some of the weapons seized on Nov. 1 after an RCMP emergency response team entered the home of an intoxicated man 'making suicidal and homicidal comments.'

On Nov. 1, at 9:30 p.m., Sunshine Coast RCMP responded to a report of an intoxicated male who was uttering threats and making suicidal and homicidal comments at a residence in Halfmoon Bay.

According to a Nov. 25 Sunshine Coast RCMP press release, police tried at length to de-escalate the male, but he refused to co-operate and then ceased all communication with them.

The Lower Mainland integrated emergency response team responded, and at approximately 6 a.m., after deploying chemical agents into the home, a male was taken into custody without incident.

A loaded handgun and .308 rifle were located within arm's reach of the man.

The RCMP subsequently execut-

ed a search warrant at the residence and seized a cache of firearms, ammunition and assorted other weapons.

Over a dozen handguns and long guns were seized as well as over a dozen Airsoft handguns and rifles.

Many of the weapons were found insecure, loaded and in plain view in the home.

The RCMP have requested a

firearm prohibition and the registered owner has been charged with uttering threats, possession of a weapon and careless use of firearms and may face additional charges.

"We are thankful that this situation was resolved peacefully and no one was injured during this tense situation," said RCMP Corporal Darren McKay.



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P. H. Transfer Station contract awarded

The SCRD recently awarded the contract for site operation services at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station to Sechelt's Salish Environmental Group Inc.

With a bid valued at \$660,684 (excluding GST), SEG beat out one other bidder, Sicotte Bulldozing Ltd., for the three-year contract that carries an option to extend it up to two addi-

tional one-year terms.

The contract carries a start date of Jan. 1, 2022.

According to an SCRD staff report dated Nov. 18, "contracted services are retained to provide operation of heavy equipment, provision of containers for garbage and hauling services as well as other related site maintenance and operations services."

photojournal



Brian Lee

Despite recent rains, coho salmon seem to have found their way back to local streams like Mixal Creek (photos taken Nov. 26). Grant McBain, retired biologist and former community adviser for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, told the *Harbour Spiel* that he expects over 800 coho to arrive to spawn in various creeks supplying Sakinaw Lake.

Don't miss it!

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Merrill Crescent wastewater rates to rise

Residents attached to SCRD managed wastewater treatment systems will see their rates rise in 2022 and beyond, but none higher than Merrill Crescent.

A Nov. 18 SCRD staff report (“Wastewater 2022 User Reviews”) presented to the infrastructure services committee recommended fee increases for 15 residential wastewater service areas.

Topping that list is Merrill Crescent which will rates of \$1,948.25 per connection in 2022 and rising to \$2,066.90 by 2024.

The next highest annual rate is prescribed to the Sakinaw Ridge wastewater plant which is recommended to go up to \$1,323.63 next year.

By comparison, those connected to the wastewater treatment plant at Lee Bay will see a rise of \$487.67 in 2022, the lowest on the list.

According to the report, “Merrill Crescent continues to have increased operating and maintenance costs due to the condition of the system.

“A feasibility study performed by Aurora Professional Group in 2021 identified several issues with the existing system that need addressing (i.e., upstream trash tank requirement, influent quality issues, infiltration, etc.) and that are currently contributing to increased maintenance work at Merrill.”

The report goes on to say that “the current user fee structure for Merrill Crescent does not provide sufficient revenue to meet the annual operations and maintenance budget obligations or the minimum required operating reserve threshold recommended and outlined in previous reports.”

The report recommends a communication plan to inform homeowners who are connected to SCRD wastewater systems of the rate increases.

Information regarding rate changes will be communicated via print advertising, social media and on utility invoices sent to customers and will be posted on the SCRD website.

BCF aims for two-vessel service by 2030s

The *Harbour Spiel* made a late request last month to a BC Ferries spokesperson for information regarding a proposed two-vessel service on the Langdale-Horseshoe Bay route that was promised by 2024.

The reply from Deborah Marshall, BC Ferries executive director of public affairs, missed the deadline.

“BC Ferries provides two-ship service on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route leading up to and throughout the summer,” wrote Marshall in an email.

“We continue to advance planning that supports year-round two-

ship operation on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route.

“This plan is dependent on new ships being brought into service.

“Due to the pandemic, we deferred our construction plans for new major vessels by five years.

“We are in the process of resuming that program and expect new vessels would arrive between 2029 and 2031.

“At that time, provided we get support from the province for the increase in service, we could introduce a year-round two-ship operation on the Horseshoe Bay to Langdale route.”

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Stephanie

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1

- ☐ a. Ambrose Lake
- ☐ b. Mixal Lake
- ☐ c. Hotel lake
- ☐ d. North Lake



2

- ☐ a. Egmont
- ☐ b. Madeira Park
- ☐ c. Secret Cove
- ☐ d. Hospital Bay



3

- ☐ a. Mt. Drew
- ☐ b. Mt. Churchill
- ☐ c. Mt. Hallowell
- ☐ d. Mt. Steele



4

- ☐ a. Hidden Basin
- ☐ b. Gunboat Bay
- ☐ c. Ballet Bay
- ☐ d. Cockburn Bay



5

- ☐ a. Sechelt
- ☐ b. Gibsons
- ☐ c. Powell River
- ☐ d. Richmond



6

- ☐ a. Nelson Island
- ☐ b. Kleindale
- ☐ c. Middlepoint
- ☐ d. Egmont

Answers: p. 42

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

THEFT

Between Oct. 22 and 25, a suspect or suspects damaged and gained entry to a number of Canada Post community mail boxes located on Francis Peninsula Road and Warnock Road, Madeira Park.

It is unknown how much mail has been stolen but it is believed there would have been some theft of mail.

During the same period, more break-ins occurred at a community mail box located on the corner of Garden Bay Road and Hammond Road.

Anyone with information is asked to contact RCMP.

COLLISION

On Oct. 25, police attended a single vehicle incident in the 11700 block of Highway 101, Madeira Park, after a passerby reported that a vehicle had spun out of control and ended up in the ravine.

The P. H. Volunteer Fire Department was able to assist the lone driver and occupant exit the vehicle.

The driver was not impaired and did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

It is believed the weather and consequent treacherous road conditions were a factor.

THEFT

Overnight on Oct. 26, a vandal drilled the gas tank on a vehicle parked at a business in the 12900 block of Shark Lane, Madeira Park.

A similar incident in the same area was reported in September.

Anyone with any information about either of these incidents is asked to contact RCMP, reference police file 2021-7226.

STOLEN VEHICLE

Sunshine Coast RCMP are looking for anyone with information relating to a 2011 dark grey Toyota

Venza stolen from Cecil Hill Road in Madeira Park sometime Friday night, Nov. 5, to early morning Nov. 6.

The vehicle had a BC license plate of CG320H with an insurance tag that expired Sept. 7, 2021.

COLLISION

On Nov. 22, a single vehicle incident was reported in the 12500 block of Baker Road, Madeira Park, after a

vehicle crashed into the garage.

The lone driver and occupant, who is known to police, fled the scene before police arrived.

The collision caused moderate damage to the door and frame of the structure, but fortunately, no one at the address sustained any injuries.

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Tiny housing is a giant issue



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Increasing BC real estate market pressures, steeply rising affordable housing costs, and a critical affordability gap have contributed to, if not created, a housing crisis on the Sunshine Coast.

This situation has forced desperate people to use RVs (travel trailers, motorhomes, etc.), “tiny homes,” and various other manufactured buildings as full-time, permanent residences.

But it’s challenging to find suitable spots to legally place them.

There are very few affordable, fully serviced, and bylaw-conforming pads in mobile home parks, so the use of RVs as permanent housing is either

disguised as part-time use or allowed because of a fine-print discrepancy between the BC Building Code and the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act.

The BC Building Code doesn’t recognize an RV as a building, but the Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act, does not exclude them as dwellings.

When an occupied RV is allowed to stay more than 30 days, it falls under MHPTA protection so, if forced to evict that tenant, the property owner would have to give one year’s notice and pay \$20,000 compensation.

A recent bylaw infraction at a Robert’s Creek mobile home park put the issue on the SCRD table, along with a proposed official community plan amendment which would allow legal use of alternative housing to

somewhat alleviate the homeless crisis by permitting permanent RV sites and additional camper sites.

The proposed amendment will be referred to relative agencies, a public information meeting will be held, and there will undoubtedly be passionate debate on this issue because many residents dislike “trailer parks.”

If passed, the amendment will require multiple OCP updates (a Pender Harbour-Egmont bylaw 337 update might also be required).

I’m sure this process will at least advance our understanding of what the public is willing to accept to help address our homeless crisis.

More details about this issue are available at <https://www.scrd.ca/agendas> (find the Nov. 18 P&CD agendas, click the video link, and fast-forward to 42 minutes).



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Infrastructure Services Committee

December 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

December 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Special Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

(Budget Round 1)

December 13, 14 and 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Planning and Community Development Committee

December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

You can attend our meetings in person at the SCRD Board Room at 1975 Field Road in Wilson Creek, or you can video stream so that you can watch from home. Agendas and links to video-streaming for meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/agendas

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HARDY ISLAND CLEANUP

Because of resident requests, the SCRD will consider adding Hardy and nearby islands to the 2022 budget for the Islands Clean-up program, which annually removes residential waste and recyclables by barge.

This would add approximately 30 to 40 properties (or 20 to 30 residents) to the program, which currently includes the islands Nelson, Thormanby, Trail, Gambier, Keats, and Anvil.

The service contractor, Mercury Transport Inc. of Vancouver, could include Hardy Island without significantly increasing our budget.

NEW SCRD BOARD CHAIR

At the first board meeting of every year, the SCRD chair and vice-chair are elected by directors and we elected Lori Pratt, former Pender Harbour resident and Halfmoon Bay director, as chair since 2018.

This year, Pratt announced that she would like to excuse herself as a candidate, for personal reasons including situations requiring her to be off-Coast for extended periods.

We were saddened by her decision because we appreciate her leadership, enthusiasm, hard work, and unwavering support of all of us.

She will participate in meetings electronically when she is unable to attend in person.

At our inaugural board meeting in November, we elected Darnelda Siegers (Sechelt director, mayor, and regional hospital district chair) as board chair, and Area E director, Donna McMahon was acclaimed as vice-chair.

The chair is the head and chief executive officer of the regional district, with all the responsibilities of those positions plus those of area

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Under the local government act, the chair must:

- Ensure that the law is carried out for the improvement and good governance of the regional district;
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- Chair meetings, oversee conduct, maintain order and apply the rules of governing meetings;
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CONTACT ME

The "Lee Side" helps me effectively represent you by informing you of local issues and inviting you to contact me with questions and comments about what matters to you within the scope of the SCRD.

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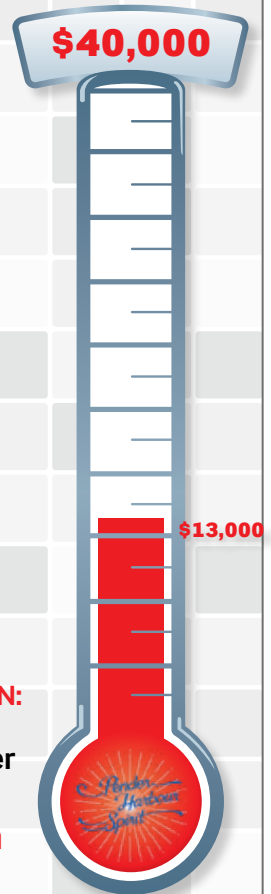
The washrooms are used year-round by hundreds of Sunshine Coast residents who shop in the village. About 5,000 visitors use the washrooms each year and close to 90 area businesses depend on this public service being available to their customers.

Together with the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour, the Chamber has raised \$13,000 in the last three months.

Our target of \$40,000 will renovate the two single occupancy public washrooms to make them gender neutral and accessible with anti-vandalism fixtures, low-flush toilets, grab bars, automatic handicap doors and wheelchair accessibility.

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Editor,

A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to the driver who passed me while I was driving 30 km/h in a school zone.

It was at 3:30 p.m. on a school day (and I know for a fact there were still students in attendance in their art classes).

You rode the tail of my vehicle, and then passed me in the oncoming traffic lane between the parent parking

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My honking horn didn't slow you down.

When I followed you to the post office to let you know you were speeding in a school zone, you shrugged your shoulders and said I was driving too slow.

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In a school zone?

With kids at school?

And you were driving in the wrong lane.

Let's just say, you were driving too fast, and the post office wasn't about to close before you got there, so there was no fire that was worth risking the lives of the kids in our community.

Martha Lamarche

Madeira Park

photojournal



Barb Thomas

Proving that the North Shore and the South Shore of Pender Harbour do share something in common, Barb Thomas snapped this shot from Charles Island looking up the Harbour towards Hospital Bay Nov. 4.



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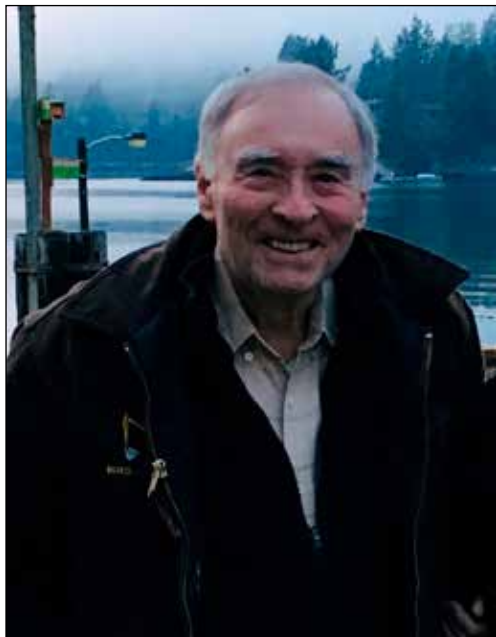
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Donald Stephen Boyd

DECEMBER 29, 1941 — SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



The family of Steve Boyd announces his sudden death at his home on Sept. 5.

Born in Vancouver, Boyd had his first job delivering newspapers at the age of 12.

He was a hard worker and very self-motivated.

He worked all his life and relished it.

In 1972, he moved to Madeira Park to work as a log scaler and immediately fell in love with the area.

He was successful in operating a scaling business, a sawmill, a logging company, a painting company and retired running a local gravel pit.

He coached Little League baseball, and volunteered as a board member of the Pender Harbour Health Centre and GRIPS.

But Boyd's greatest love was volunteering with the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department.

He was chief for many years and he made many friends and held pride in all of the members.

Steve Boyd is survived by his wife Irene, his children Kelly (Rod) and Ryan and his most precious grandchildren, Stephanie, Jordan and Jessica (Chi Chi)

As per Steve's request, there will be no service.

Beverly Reid

FEBRUARY 28, 1943 — NOVEMBER 4, 2021



Claresholm, Alberta.

Reid taught school in Claresholm, Banff, Calgary, Chilliwack and Rosedale.

She loved children and teaching and often remarked that she couldn't believe that she gets paid for doing something she loves.

Following retirement she home schooled grandchildren in Harrison Hot Springs.

She started dating classmate, and future husband of 59 years, Terry Reid in high school.

In 2009, the couple moved to Madeira Park.

She loved living here.

She enjoyed the beautiful scenery, people, wildlife, gardening, walking the Fran Pen loop, writing poetry and painting.

Reid was devoted to her family and active in church, especially enjoy-

ing prayer meetings and the ladies' bible study.

She is survived by husband Terry, daughters Tammy (Rino) in Chilliwack and Kerri-Ann (Rene) in France, nine grandchildren (BC, Alta., England, Italy, France), eight great-grandchildren, brother Edwin (Gwen) of Red Deer, and sisters Louise-Ann (Tim) in Sundre, Alta., Cathy in Chilliwack and Janice (Joe) in Claresholm.

She was predeceased by her parents and sister Donna.

A service was held on Nov. 12 at the Madeira Park Community Church followed by interment in Forest View Cemetery.

The family is grateful for the compassionate care of Dr. Belgraver and the palliative care nurses.

If friends so desire, donations can be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society.

After a brief battle with cancer, Bev Reid died on Nov. 4 with family at her side.

Reid was born to Albert and Edna Shatford in Shaunavon, Sask., the middle child of five.

In her teens the family moved to



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Helga Anna Luise Thiele

AUGUST 17, 1933 — NOVEMBER 9, 2021



Helga Thiele, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, has died at the age of 88 at Totem Lodge.

Thiele is survived by her husband Egon of 67 years, daughter Peggy (Rod), son Roy (Georgina), four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Helga and Egon Thiele arrived in Canada from Germany in 1954.

They were proud to become Canadian citizens in 1967.

Thiele loved working at Fraser-View Delicatessen for many years.

She enjoyed travelling and was

an avid gardener.

She was also known for her superb cooking.

She had lived in Garden Bay since 1987.

The Thieles purchased a lot in Garden Bay in the 1980s and on weekends, built their home before moving there permanently in 1987.

Her family would like to thank the staff at Totem Lodge for their kind and compassionate care.

She will be missed by all who loved her.

There will be no service at her request.

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

photojournal



Brian Lee

Things got tight between these three boats in Garden Bay Sailing Club's weekly Saturday race as they tried to outmanoeuvre each other around the marker in Hospital Bay on Nov. 6. The boats are (inside) *Frendy* (Charlie Park), *Imagine* (Alain Catteau) and *Gennetay* (Guy Halford-Thompson) on the outside. 'It's a typical Saturday race with no wind in the Harbour,' said Charlie Park. 'No particular drama that I can recall although Alain (in the middle) claims he is being squeezed.'



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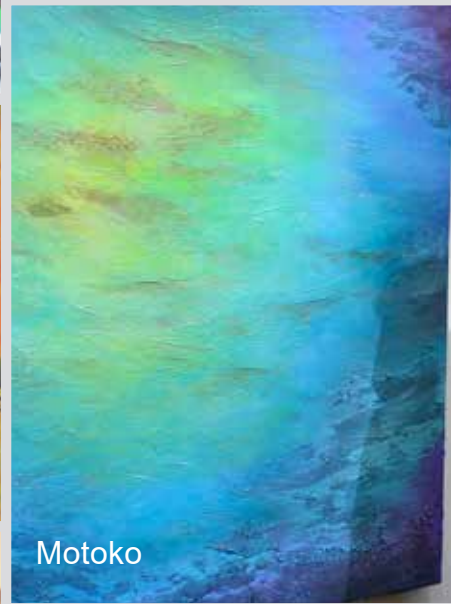
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Hydro crews prioritize repairs affecting the highest number of residents.

That means those living in relatively unpopulated and isolated locations are required to prepare themselves for the extended periods.

PREPARING YOUR HOME

- You can install a non-electric standby stove or heater. Choose heating units that are not dependent on an electric motor, electric fan, or some other electric device to function. It is important to adequately vent the stove or heater with the type of chimney flue specified for it.

- Before considering the use of an emergency generator during a power outage, check with furnace, appliance and lighting fixture dealers or manufacturers regarding power requirements and proper operating



Brian Lee

It's that time of year again when drivers are regularly forced to dodge hazards like this on their morning drive to work.

procedures.

- Make sure your home has a working carbon monoxide detector. If it is hard-wired to the house's electrical supply, ensure it has a battery-powered back-up.

- Protect sensitive electrical appliances such as TVs, computer, and DVD players with a surge-protecting powerbar.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Consider how you may be affected in a power outage, including:

- Your evacuation route.

- Planning a backup power supply for essential medical equipment.

- Keeping a flashlight and a cell phone handy to signal for help.

- Establishing a help network to assist and check on you during an emergency.

- Enrolling in a medical alert program that will signal for help if you are immobilized.

DURING A POWER OUTAGE

- Check whether the power outage is limited to your home. If your neighbours' power is still on, check your own circuit breaker panel or fuse box. If the problem is not a breaker or a fuse, check the service wires leading to the house. If they are obviously damaged or on the ground, stay at least 10 metres back and notify your electric supply authority. Keep the number along with other emergency numbers near your telephone.

- If your neighbours' power is also out, notify your electric supply



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- Turn off all tools, appliances and electronic equipment, and turn the thermostat(s) for the home heating system down to minimum to prevent damage from a power surge when power is restored.

- Turn off all lights, except one inside and one outside, so that both you and Hydro crews outside know that power has been restored.

- Don't open your freezer or fridge unless it is absolutely necessary. A full freezer will keep food frozen for 24 to 36 hours if the door remains closed.

- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or home generators indoors. They give off carbon monoxide. Because you can't smell or see it, carbon monoxide can cause health problems and is life-threatening.

- Use proper candle holders. Never leave lit candles unattended and keep out of reach of children. Extinguish candles before going to bed.

- Listen to your battery-powered or wind-up radio for information and advice from authorities.

USE OF HOME GENERATORS

Home generators are handy for backup electricity in case of an outage but must only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

A backup generator may only be connected to your home's electrical system through an approved transfer panel and switch that has been installed by a qualified electrician.

Never plug a generator into a wall outlet as serious injury can result when the current produced by the home generator is fed back into the electrical lines, and transformed to a higher voltage.



PREPARING AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water and should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

BASIC EMERGENCY KIT

- **Water** — at least two litres of water per person per day.
- **Food that won't spoil**, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace the food and water once a year).
- **Manual can opener.**
- **Wind-up or battery-powered flashlight** (and extra batteries) in waterproof container(s).
- **Wind-up or battery-powered radio** (and extra batteries).
- **First aid kit.**
- **Special items** such as prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities
- **Extra keys** to your car and house.
- **Cash** in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travellers' cheques are also useful) and change for payphones.
- A copy of your **emergency plan** and **contact information.**
- You may want to ensure you **have a land line** and corded phone in your home as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.

This can endanger the lives of utility employees working to restore the power.

AFTER THE POWER RETURNS

- Switch on the main electric switch (but first, check to ensure appliances, electric heaters, TVs, microwaves computers, etc. were unplugged to prevent damage from a power surge).

- Give the electrical system a chance to stabilize before reconnecting tools and appliances. Turn the heating-system thermostats up first, followed in a couple of minutes by reconnection of the fridge and freezer. Wait 10 to 15 minutes before reconnecting all other tools and appliances.

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SAGITTARIUS: NOV. 23 – DEC. 21

Sagittarians love excitement and adventure. They are easily bored but often trendsetters. They are bold and impulsive, natural explorers who thrive on change and mental stimulation. Personal health and diet remains a top priority. Or it should, but Sagittarian's mental weakness assures failure in this regard. Your efforts will be further tested by a solar eclipse on Dec. 4 that happens in your own sign and your first house. Try to maintain the appearance that you are OK as your life, literally, crumbles around you.



CAPRICORN: DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

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. This month, distractions bring extreme anxiety. Stay away from loud social events. Spend this time on reflection. Your car will suffer a hit and run on Dec. 17. A financial windfall arrives by Dec. 23. Venus will continue to move around your ascendant. We all know that means that more shake is on its way, so, blow it.

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MODERN WORK



28%

Percentage of British Columbians who shifted to remote work during the pandemic who said they worked longer hours working remotely.

1/2

British Columbians who worked from home during the pandemic who would consider switching jobs to be able to continue remote work.

76.8%

Percentage of British Columbians who shifted to remote work during the pandemic who want to keep working at least half of their hours from home.

85.5%

Percentage of British Columbians who shifted to remote work during the pandemic who said they were at least as or more productive working remotely.

10x

More women (10x more than men) have experienced long-term job loss in Canada since the start of the pandemic.

60%

Percentage of BC's workforce that is at a "medium to high likelihood" of having their job impacted by automation in the next 20 years.

~ BC Business (Stats Can, Research Co., Leger Marketing, Ipsos, RBC, BC Federation of Labour, Stanford University, Scientific American)

DECEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high temperature in December is 6.6 C and our average daily low is 3.3 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 5 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 135 mm and an average monthly snowfall of 10 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).

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES

DECEMBER

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

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

1. 1:11 PM +L
2. 9:23 AM -M, 1:55 PM +L
3. 10:19 AM -M, 2:40 PM +L
4. 11:09 AM -M, 3:26 PM +L
5. 11:57 AM -M
6. 12:45 PM -M
7. 1:47 PM -M
8. 8:26 AM +XL, 2:46 PM -M
9. 9:12 AM +XL
10. 9:56 AM +XL
11. 10:39 AM +XL
12. 11:20 AM +XL
13. 11:57 AM +L
14. 12:33 PM +L
15. 1:08 PM +M
16. 9:24 AM -S, 1:43 PM +M
17. 10:07 AM -S, 2:18 PM +M
18. 10:45 AM -S, 3:02 PM +S
19. 11:22 AM -S, 3:36 PM +S
20. 11:59 AM -S
21. 12:47 PM -M
22. 1:30 PM -M
23. 2:16 PM -M
24. 8:29 AM +XL, 3:05 PM -M
25. 9:00 AM +XL
26. 9:34 AM +XL
27. 10:10 AM +XL
28. 10:50 AM +L
29. 11:30 AM +L
30. 12:27 PM +L
31. 9:10 AM -S, 1:26 PM +M

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

pendar harbour tides ~ december 2021

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



December	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Wed 01	10.5	12.0	12.7	12.7	12.0	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.2	10.0	11.3	12.9	14.3	15.1	15.0	13.9	11.8	9.3	6.8	4.8	3.6	3.5	4.5	6.4
Thu 02	8.7	11.0	12.9	13.9	13.9	13.1	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.1	10.9	12.2	13.7	14.8	15.2	14.6	12.8	10.3	7.4	4.7	2.8	1.9	2.3	3.8
Fri 03	6.2	9.0	11.7	13.8	14.9	14.9	14.1	12.9	11.6	10.9	10.9	11.7	13.0	14.3	15.1	15.1	13.9	11.6	8.7	5.6	3.0	1.2	0.7	1.5
Sat 04	3.5	6.3	9.5	12.4	14.7	15.8	15.7	14.8	13.4	12.2	11.5	11.5	12.3	13.5	14.6	15.1	14.7	13.0	10.4	7.3	4.2	1.7	0.3	0.1
Sun 05	1.3	3.6	6.7	10.1	13.1	15.3	16.3	16.1	15.1	13.8	12.5	11.8	11.9	12.7	13.8	14.6	14.9	14.1	12.2	9.4	6.3	3.4	1.1	0.0
Mon 06	0.1	1.6	4.2	7.4	10.8	13.7	15.7	16.5	16.2	15.2	13.8	12.6	12.0	12.1	12.8	13.7	14.4	14.4	13.4	11.4	8.6	5.7	3.1	1.2
Tue 07	0.4	0.8	2.4	5.1	8.2	11.4	14.2	15.9	16.5	16.1	15.0	13.7	12.5	11.9	12.0	12.5	13.3	13.8	13.7	12.7	10.7	8.2	5.6	3.4
Wed 08	1.8	1.3	1.9	3.6	6.2	9.2	12.1	14.5	16.0	16.4	15.8	14.8	13.4	12.3	11.6	11.6	12.0	12.6	13.0	12.9	12.0	10.3	8.1	6.0
Thu 09	4.1	2.9	2.6	3.3	5.1	7.5	10.2	12.8	14.8	16.0	16.1	15.5	14.4	13.0	11.8	11.0	10.9	11.1	11.6	12.0	12.1	11.4	10.1	8.4
Fri 10	6.7	5.2	4.3	4.2	5.0	6.6	8.8	11.2	13.4	15.1	15.9	15.9	15.1	13.9	12.5	11.2	10.2	9.9	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.3	11.1	10.3
Sat 11	9.1	7.7	6.6	5.9	5.9	6.6	8.1	10.0	12.1	13.9	15.2	15.8	15.5	14.6	13.2	11.6	10.2	9.1	8.7	8.8	9.4	10.2	10.8	10.9
Sun 12	10.6	9.9	9.0	8.1	7.5	7.5	8.2	9.5	11.1	12.9	14.4	15.3	15.5	14.9	13.7	12.1	10.4	8.8	7.8	7.4	7.7	8.5	9.5	10.5
Mon 13	11.2	11.3	11.0	10.3	9.5	9.0	8.9	9.4	10.6	12.0	13.4	14.6	15.2	15.0	14.1	12.6	10.7	8.8	7.3	6.3	6.2	6.8	7.9	9.2
Tue 14	10.6	11.7	12.2	12.1	11.5	10.8	10.2	10.0	10.5	11.4	12.6	13.8	14.6	14.8	14.3	13.0	11.1	9.0	7.1	5.7	5.1	5.3	6.3	7.7
Wed 15	9.5	11.2	12.5	13.1	13.1	12.5	11.8	11.1	10.9	11.2	12.0	13.0	13.9	14.4	14.3	13.3	11.6	9.5	7.3	5.6	4.4	4.2	4.8	6.2
Thu 16	8.1	10.2	12.1	13.4	14.0	13.9	13.2	12.4	11.7	11.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	13.9	14.1	13.5	12.0	10.0	7.8	5.7	4.2	3.5	3.7	4.8
Fri 17	6.6	8.9	11.2	13.1	14.3	14.7	14.4	13.6	12.6	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.7	13.3	13.7	13.5	12.5	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.4	3.2	2.9	3.6
Sat 18	5.2	7.4	9.9	12.2	14.0	15.0	15.1	14.5	13.6	12.6	11.9	11.8	12.2	12.8	13.3	13.4	12.8	11.4	9.3	7.1	5.0	3.4	2.6	2.8
Sun 19	4.0	6.0	8.5	11.0	13.3	14.8	15.4	15.2	14.4	13.3	12.4	11.8	11.9	12.3	12.8	13.2	13.0	12.0	10.3	8.1	5.9	4.1	2.8	2.5
Mon 20	3.1	4.7	7.0	9.6	12.1	14.1	15.3	15.5	15.0	14.0	12.9	12.1	11.7	11.9	12.3	12.8	13.0	12.4	11.1	9.2	7.1	5.0	3.5	2.6
Tue 21	2.7	3.8	5.7	8.2	10.8	13.2	14.9	15.6	15.4	14.7	13.6	12.5	11.7	11.6	11.8	12.3	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.3	8.3	6.3	4.5	3.2
Wed 22	2.8	3.2	4.7	6.8	9.4	11.9	14.0	15.3	15.6	15.2	14.3	13.1	12.1	11.4	11.4	11.7	12.2	12.4	12.2	11.2	9.6	7.7	5.8	4.3
Thu 23	3.4	3.2	4.1	5.8	8.1	10.6	13.0	14.7	15.6	15.6	14.9	13.8	12.6	11.6	11.1	11.1	11.5	11.9	12.0	11.6	10.6	9.0	7.3	5.7
Fri 24	4.5	3.9	4.1	5.2	7.1	9.4	11.8	13.8	15.2	15.7	15.4	14.5	13.3	12.0	11.0	10.6	10.6	11.0	11.4	11.6	11.2	10.3	8.9	7.4
Sat 25	6.0	5.1	4.7	5.2	6.5	8.4	10.7	12.8	14.5	15.5	15.6	15.0	13.9	12.5	11.2	10.2	9.8	9.9	10.3	10.8	11.1	11.0	10.3	9.2
Sun 26	7.9	6.8	6.0	5.9	6.5	7.9	9.8	11.9	13.7	15.1	15.6	15.4	14.5	13.1	11.5	10.0	9.0	8.7	8.9	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.9	10.6
Mon 27	9.8	8.8	7.9	7.4	7.3	8.0	9.3	11.1	12.9	14.4	15.3	15.5	14.9	13.6	11.9	10.1	8.5	7.5	7.3	7.7	8.5	9.6	10.6	11.2
Tue 28	11.2	10.8	10.1	9.3	8.8	8.7	9.4	10.6	12.1	13.7	14.9	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.5	10.4	8.4	6.7	5.8	5.7	6.4	7.6	9.1	10.6
Wed 29	11.7	12.2	12.0	11.5	10.8	10.2	10.1	10.6	11.6	12.9	14.2	15.1	15.4	14.8	13.3	11.1	8.7	6.5	4.8	4.0	4.2	5.2	6.8	8.8
Thu 30	10.8	12.4	13.3	13.3	12.9	12.1	11.4	11.2	11.5	12.3	13.5	14.6	15.3	15.2	14.2	12.2	9.7	7.0	4.6	3.0	2.4	2.8	4.3	6.4
Fri 31	8.9	11.3	13.3	14.4	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.3	11.9	12.1	12.8	13.9	14.9	15.3	14.9	13.4	11.1	8.2	5.3	2.9	1.5	1.1	1.9	3.8

Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)



Note your seal of approval or **disapproval**.

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

Poppy Fields full of sincere Seals and appreciation to **those who donated to the poppy campaign, volunteers who gave their time and our local businesses** for their support and to **Duane at Sechelt Sign and Printing** for his generous donation. Also, to all the **dedicated volunteers, participants and attendees** who helped make Remembrance Day a memorable, heartfelt occasion.

Lyn and Bill Charlton
Royal Canadian Legion no. 112

A barn full of Seals to **Elite Fire Protection** for providing and installing two fire extinguishers at the Bargain Barn. Also major kudos to the members of the **Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department** for their orientation on the use and storage of fire extinguishers.

Karen Wells/Bargain Barn

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **David at Sunshine Bins** for providing the absolute best customer service and bringing us a garbage bin all the way out in Earls Cove.

Megan Gros

Oceans full of Harbour Seals to **Dilys and Steve** for all their hard work and effort in organizing the Pender Harbour Christmas Faire, congratulations on a job well done.

With sincere thanks and appreciation.

Lyn and Bill Charlton

Many heartfelt Harbour Seals of Approval for the overwhelming support and thoughtfulness of **Pender Harbourites** during our most difficult time of loss.

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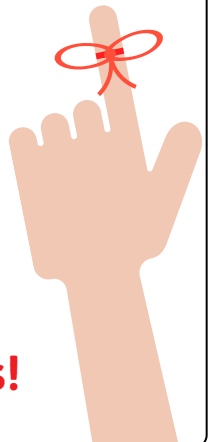
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DON'T FORGET!

The January Harbour Spiel goes to print early due to Christmas.

Advertising & submissions must arrive no later than **Dec. 10.**

**Merry
Christmas!**



Brian Lee

The global population of Harbour seals is estimated to be approximately 350,000 to 500,000. A local survey last month found the majority of those to be living near Pender Harbour — like these fatties sunbathing at a haulout near Quarry Bay.



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First-class health care for the people of the Pender Harbour area.

Obesity: An epidemic

*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
Centre nursing staff*

The number of Canadians who are overweight or obese has increased dramatically over the past 25 years.

About 40 to 60 per cent of adults have a weight problem.

In fact, obesity is a leading cause of preventable illness and death in North America.

People who are obese are at a much higher risk for serious medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, diabetes, gallbladder or liver disease and certain types of cancers.

Aside from the medical complications, obesity is also linked to psychosocial problems such as low self-esteem, guilt, emotional stress, trauma, discrimination, difficulty finding employment and reduced quality of life.

Obesity occurs when your body consumes more calories than it burns.

Significant contributing factors are overeating and lack of exercise but we must also recognize that obesity is a complex medical problem that involves genetic, environmental, behavioural and social factors.

All of these play a role in determining a person's weight.

DIAGNOSIS OF OBESITY

The diagnosis of obesity is usually based on a physical examination and a patient history.

The body mass index and waist circumference measurement are two tools used by health professionals to help assess your risk of developing problems associated with being over or underweight.

The BMI is a ratio of weight-to-height.



It is not a direct measure of body fat but an indicator of health risks associated with weight issues.

The WC measurement is also just used as an indicator of health risks associated with abdominal obesity.

We now know that excess fat around the waist and upper body is associated with greater risk than fat located more in the hip and thigh areas.

TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Treating and preventing obesity is possible but one must understand that losing weight and keeping it off is challenging because it requires lifestyle and behavioural changes.

Some tips:

- Eat a healthy, balanced diet;
- Control portions;
- Learn to read food labels;

- Avoid fad or crash diets;
- Set realistic goals;
- Build physical activity into your daily routine, and
- Seek a counsellor to help you understand reasons for overeating and to cope with triggers.

If you are concerned about your weight, consult your doctor or another health care provider for a more complete assessment of your weight and health risk.

Discuss what your BMI and WC measurements mean for you as an individual.

And, remember that making changes in one's life takes time and tremendous effort.

So have patience, set attainable goals and believe in yourself — you're worth it.

*Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society
Outreach Healthy Meal Program*



We will be closed from Dec. 13 - Jan. 10.
Emergency service available.

Call Linda — 604.883.2819, Wendy — 604.883.2514 or Anky — 604.883.0033



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View programs and drop-in activities here:

www.scrd.ca/pender-harbour-aquatic-fitness-centre

*No drop-in fitness classes Dec. 23 – 31.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday: 7:30am to 1pm

Monday to Thursday: 5 to 8:30pm

Saturday: CLOSED

Sunday: 1 to 4pm

*Open Dec. 31, 7:30am–1pm. The facility will be closed Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Mask wearing is required in all indoor public spaces for everyone 5 years and older.

Proof of vaccination is required to use the weight room.

Please check: www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart

PASSES

Do you plan to drop in frequently? A pass is convenient and can be cost effective.

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POLAR EXPRESS CHAMPIONS!

We are looking to present six more "Champion Signs" this year. We encourage everyone to be on the lookout for awesome light displays. If they do not have a "Champion Sign" yet, send an email with their address to: marlenecymbalist@gmail.com

Judging takes place after Dec. 17!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am to 12pm

We will be meeting inside the hall and following self-distancing rules. No lunch will be served at this time. We do encourage all to bring your own packed lunch to enjoy as a group following the program.

****All participants entering the community hall (recreation centre) must show proof of vaccination per updated BC regulations.**

Dec. 2 – TBA

Dec. 9 – Internet Safety Presentation by Manjit Kang

CHRISTMAS MUSIC & TAKE OUT TURKEY DINNER: Monday, Dec. 13, 2-3pm

Come enjoy Christmas music and songs with Nancy Pincombe and Ken Johnson and take away a turkey dinner to go made by the "Healthy Meals Crew."

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Dec 3, 6, 10, 13, 17 & 20

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



"Spreading Kindness" Community Fundraiser sponsored by Lyn Charlton with support from Pender Harbour Rotary

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

Toys, gift cards, food & clothing will be purchased on your behalf and distributed to those in need by Pender Harbour Lions Club, Egmont Lions Club, Egmont Community Club & PH Food Bank.

DONATIONS FOR YEAR-ROUND SUPPORT

Donations go to support PH Community School's *Youth & Family Support Program* with essential supplies, grocery cards & to address the specific needs of youth and families throughout the year ahead.

DONATE today: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1875/donate>

Or mail cheque payable to PH Rotary, Box 40, Garden Bay BC, VoN 1S0
or eTransfer to phrotarydonation@gmail.com

A monetary contribution is the best method of donating since it's Covid-friendly & purchases can be targeted specifically to those areas where the need is greatest. Let "Our Caring Community Spirit" shine through again this year. Thank you!



Harbour Spiel, Dec. 2011: The mysterious disappearance of Jim



By Ray Phillips

This story originally appeared in the Dec. 2011 issue of the Harbour Spiel.

Jim Collins was born in Kent, England in 1900.

He and older brother and sister, Alex and Doris, came to Canada when Jim was very young.

They settled in the Vancouver area, where Jim went to school.

Afterwards he started working in the woods as a whistlepunk (signal-man) at a railway camp in Cumsheewa Inlet, on the Queen Charlotte Islands, until his late teens.

In the summers he worked as a boat puller on a gillnet boat in Rivers Inlet.

It was a company-owned sailboat with two sets of oars, a sail and no motor.

These boats were about 28 feet long with three compartments.

The net was 1,200 feet long with shot leadline and tarred cedar corks to float it and it was thrown over the roller by one man while the other rowed the boat.

Both men pulled the net into the stern section and piled the lines on each side with the web in the middle.

The fish were stored in the centre section and the men cooked and slept under a tarp in the bow.

To start the five-day fishing week, a motorized fishpacker towed a long string of these boats out to the grounds.

They were able to release the boats from the line without stopping the tow when they reached their favourite spot.

The packer would arrive every

day to pick up their fish and every week the net had to be soaked in a bluestone tank to kill the bacteria so the linen web and cotton lines wouldn't rot.

Jim said it was a tough way to make a buck but he fell in love with it.

Soon he was able to save enough to have an old Japanese boat builder build the *Tarzan* for him.

A few years later, in 1931, he married Olive Cook and they moved onto the boat.

She fished the whole Coast with him but didn't like living on the boat year-round.

When looking for a place to settle down, they found Pender Harbour.

There was a Union Steamship boat that landed at least weekly, schools, stores and a hospital.

They paid \$5,300 (a lot of money in those days) for their home and, after a few miscarriages, Olive delivered a healthy baby girl — Doris.

Olive and the child would still go fishing with Jim where they would tether her to the mast so she could play on deck on the good days.

But Olive caught her once as she was heading for the generator's Vee belt and it scared her so bad that she refused to go fishing anymore.

So, Olive and Doris tended the house and garden while Jim fished alone.

Jim decided to raise the sides of the boat to give it a bigger fish hold and put on a larger cabin and wheel-house as well.

He managed to get the original builder to do the work and the boat looked quite different after.

Jim Collins was never a highliner.

His boat was too small to make long trips so he mostly day-fished and

delivered to a troll camp every night.

He was like a goose, travelling north in the spring to his favourite camps like Spider Island, St. Johns Harbour, Bull Harbour and Winter Harbour.

In the fall, he'd come home.

When he was younger, he fished the big bank at Ucluelet.

One year while fishing there he ran into an old friend.

Ed Palister was a real highliner and he talked Jim into tying up his boat and going out with him on his famous *Pal 2*.

They finished the season and Jim learned some new tricks to catch fish.

Palister was always experimenting with new fishing gear designs and when he retired, he started producing gear in a small factory in Sooke and sold it to his many troller friends.

Jim told of the time he was lost at sea for a couple of weeks.

There were no electronic aids like sounders and radar then — only a magnetic compass, a watch and a sounding lead to check the depth.

He was travelling from Spider Island on the central coast to Bull Harbour (on Hope Island, just off the northern tip of Vancouver Island) when he ran into thick fog.

He continued until he had run his time out and listened for the light-house foghorn but couldn't hear it.

So he ran awhile and when he still couldn't hear it, he shut off the motor and drifted to save fuel, waiting for the fog to clear.

When it did he was so far out to sea that he couldn't see land.

He decided he would save his gas so he would be able to stay off the beach if needed and just waited.

Collins and his troller *Tarzan*

While floating out at sea, a big storm came up and threatened to capsize the boat.

He was getting thrown around a lot until he wedged himself in front of the engine between the lockers.

There he hung on.

He had plenty of canned goods and a few fish to eat.

In about 10 days, he finally made out some mountains and fired up his engine to run towards them.

After a few hours, he recognized the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and ran in to Neah Bay, on the American side.

It turned out he had gone way out to sea and was carried southeast for almost the full length of Vancouver Island.

He sent a letter home from Neah Bay and went back fishing.

No one even knew he was missing.

In 1957 I married Doris and, after a few years of logging, I wound up making my living as a fisherman — gillnetting and halibut and some weekend trolling.

From time to time I would run into Jim at a troll camp.

He was having some trouble with varicose veins (a common troller complaint) due to the long hours standing in the cockpit.

Jim was only fishing the morning bite and would come in early to chew the fat with his old buddies who were more or less doing the same.

Olive was working full-time at St. Mary's Hospital in Garden Bay so they could get by.

Jim made a few bucks but I doubt he did much more than break even.

Around 1971, he started to suffer



Ray Phillips collection

This painting of the *Tarzan* in 1931 was given to Jim and Olive Collins as a wedding gift from a friend whose name is illegibly scribbled on the back. It was painted on wood and shows the *Tarzan* before her later renovations.

from blackouts and vertigo.

He started to drive Olive nuts by not sleeping and wandering around the house at all hours.

He began to think someone was after him and Olive thought that if he could just relax — and sleep — that it would help.

He was finally diagnosed with plugged arteries in the neck, starving his brain for blood.

The doctor put him on a diet and medication and forbade him to go fishing alone for that season.

But, as I said, he was pulled like the geese on their annual migration and he was fit to be tied.

I was fishing San Juan (southwest Vancouver Island) and was soon leaving for the fall to go chum fishing in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

To give Olive a break I offered to take him along.

Now, I tell this story to show how well this man knew the coast — to counter those who would say that he was later lost because he didn't know where he was.

We left in the late afternoon and Jim had been sleeping for a few hours.

When it was well after dark, he came up to the wheelhouse and from the dim outlines of the shore, he pinpointed our exact position.

It really impressed me.

In 1974, as he returned to normal, he planned to go fishing again.

Before he could, he needed to replace his old gurdies (small brass winches with stainless wire on them, used to pull up the lead weights).

He ordered them from Smiths in Victoria and was told to come on the following Monday to have them installed.

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Merry Christmas
from the Harbour Spiel.

The mysterious disappearance of Jim Collins (cont.)

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He headed out with plenty of time to spare but had trouble with his generator so he stopped in Sidney.

He charged up his batteries at the marina and phoned home before he left the following afternoon for Victoria, two hours away.

That was the last anyone heard from him.

Olive expected a call that he was coming home, so she phoned Smiths and found he had not showed up.

She contacted the RCMP in Sydney to report him missing and caught the next bus for Victoria.

Not long after, Doris and I arrived in Victoria and we took Olive to the Saanich police station.

The head man explained to us they had searched every tie-up place for boats in the Victoria area and the sea route he would have taken.

They had even flown the route with a helicopter at night in the off chance that he had made it to shore and had a fire going as it was cold.

Not one of these searches turned up a bit of debris or even an oil slick.

They put out an all-points bulletin describing the boat with the name *Tarzan* in big letters on the bow and searched every float in the Lower Mainland.

A report came in from two off-duty policemen who were fishing near Spanish Banks that, on the day after he had departed, they observed a small grey troller with the name *Tarzan* plainly visible on the bow, heading into False Creek.

Possibly the last it was ever seen.

As soon as I could, I scoured all the major tie up places, even the Fraser River up to Pitt River, in the hope that the police had missed it but nothing turned up.

The boat didn't leak, so unless it sunk we would have found it.

One of the cops in Sydney told how smugglers were using small fish boats to get drugs into Vancouver because the drug enforcement cops were making it tough for them.

For a long time after Jim disappeared, we hoped he had suffered am-

nesia or had lost his way and one day he would come to himself and call us.

Maybe the cop was right.

Maybe he was hijacked and the boat was scuttled in deep water.

Either way, eventually we had to face the fact that he wasn't coming back — and we would likely never learn why.



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DECEMBER

COVID-19 has made planning difficult. Check with organizers for updates regarding scheduling for events.

Thurs. Dec. 2.....P. H. Seniors Initiative Harbourside Friendships, P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Dec. 5.....Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 Sunday brunch, Madeira Park Legion, 11 to 1 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 5.....Live music (Sofa Kings) - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 9.....SCRD infrastructure services committee meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Dec. 9.....P. H. Seniors Initiative Harbourside Friendships, P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Dec. 9.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 10.....Live music (Patricia Burnett) - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112

Sun. Dec. 12.....Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 Sunday brunch, Madeira Park Legion, 11 to 1 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 12.....Live Music (Peter Van Trio) - Royal Canadian Legion no. 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 13.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 13.....Special SCRD corporate and admin. meeting (budget rnd. 1) - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 13.....P. H. Seniors Initiative "Christmas music & takeout turkey" - P. H. Community Hall, 2 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 14.....Special SCRD corporate and admin. meeting (budget rnd. 1) - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Wed. Dec. 15.....Special SCRD corporate and admin. meeting (budget rnd. 1) - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Dec. 16.....SCRD planning and development committee meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Sat. Dec. 18.....Turkey ham and basket draw Royal Canadian Legion No. 112

Sat. Dec. 18.....57th annual Christmas Boat Parade - meet off Madeira Park wharf, 6 pm

Sun. Dec. 19.....Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 Sunday brunch, Madeira Park Legion, 11 to 1 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 19.....Live Music (Steve Hinton Band) - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 25.....Christmas

Mon. Dec. 27.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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



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