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The Pender Harbour Wooden Boat Show at the
Madeira Park government wharf on Saturday,
Aug. 9. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Water, water everywhere, nor any drop for free



Brian Lee

Once again, we're the
guinea pig.

The canary in the coal mine.

The hillbilly hills, Area 51 boon-
docks where the SCRDC can refine
their new volumetric water billing
system before it gets released to the
important end of the Coast.

That's all right — the same strat-
egy worked great with the dock plan.

Just release the beta version in
Pender Harbour and let us suffer the
rough edges until it's made tolerable.

After receiving the first "mock
utility bill" in July, covering two quar-
ters (Jan. to June), I can already tell
I'll be paying more for my water.

But, I'm OK with that — I de-
serve it.

In the summer, 70 per cent of our
water is consumed by 25 per cent of
the customers.

I suspect I am one of them.

I purchased a home that included
a fancy garden that looked fantastic
on the Realtor's website but wouldn't
survive June without heaps of water.

Luckily, it came with an in-
ground sprinkling system — the only
reliable way to fine tune how much,
and where, your precious water goes.

Despite that, maintaining the cur-
rent diversity of plant species on this
property is going to be more costly.

Unlike the rest of the Coast, Area
A has plenty of water but it's getting
increasingly expensive to deliver it.

My bill for North Pender water
was an even \$1,000 this year.

In South Pender, it was \$925.

In 2018, when I lived in South
Pender, my water bill was \$393 — a
135-per-cent increase in seven years.

Starting in 2026, Pender resi-
dents will be the first on the Coast to
pay for water based on usage.

The quarterly base charge for 46

cubic metres of water (46,000 litres)
is \$213.

That's about 500 litres per day.

But, once that threshold is
passed, we will be charged an addi-
tional \$4 per 1,000 litres.

An average person uses 270 litres
per day for essential activities like
cooking, bathing and laundry while
the average household in Area A con-
tains 1.9 above average people.

In the first quarter (January thru
March) my water usage fell well
under the base rate, so I would have
been charged \$213.

Somehow, my usage tripled in
the second quarter (April thru June)
and my charges rose to \$445.

My mock bill for half the year
sits at \$658 and doesn't include the
hottest quarter of July to October.

So, it seems that if you're like
me, and have a stupid, back-breaking,
water-sucking garden, then you will
soon pay at least 30 per cent more to
the SCRDC water trolls.

But, if you are an average water
user (in 2024, 45 per cent of meters in
Pender Harbour did not exceed the 46
m³ threshold in any of the four quar-
ters), you might pay 15 per cent less.

The SCRDC's intention is sound
— volumetric billing will conserve
water — but it won't conserve SCRDC
staff time.

From a Dec. 12 staff report:

"It is estimated that 17 staff
members and over 2,800 staff hours
will be required to facilitate the transi-
tion to volumetric billing.

"The implementation of mock
billing will require additional funding
to facilitate administrative expenses."

For those who don't speak
SCRDC, that's staff telling the board
that this will be another costly project
that will be costly to roll out.

It's why our utility rates, and our
taxes, never go down.

PENDER HARBOUR WILDLIFE SOCIETY PRESENTS RAY KOSTASCHUK: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society is pleased to host Ray Kostaschuk for a presentation titled “From Bedrock to biodiversity: How geology shapes ecosystem health and wildlife habitat in Pender Harbour.” Kostaschuk is a geoscientist and adjunct professor in the School of Environmental Science at Simon Fraser University with over 50 years of experience in earth science research and teaching. In this engaging talk, he will explore how the region’s geological history has influenced local landscapes, waterways and the diversity of wildlife habitats we see today.

Over millions of years, tectonic uplift exposed deep-seated granitic rocks, while ice age glaciers carved fjords like Jervis Inlet, scoured valleys and left behind wetlands, outwash plains and erratic boulders. These processes set the physical and chemical stage for our modern ecosystems. In short, geology isn’t just the backdrop for life in Pender Harbour — it’s the foundation. From the granite cliffs to the salmon-bearing streams, the Coast Plutonic Complex continues to shape where wildlife lives, what they eat and how our ecosystems function. The next time you watch salmon run or elk graze, remember — they’re standing on a story hundreds of millions of years in the making.

All are welcome on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Secondary School to explore the fascinating connections between geology and life in Pender Harbour.

FRESHWATER JELLYFISH IN HOTEL LAKE, TWO YEARS OF OBSERVATIONS: Sunday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m.

Come out to the Sarah Wray Hall on Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. for a presentation by Dana Halay, UBC PhD student, with an introduction from UBC professor Evgeny Pakhomov. They will provide an update on the invasive peach blossom jellyfish (*Craspedacusta sowerbii*) and how researchers have teamed up with local citizen science volunteers to uncover how they are able to thrive as an invasive species and how this information can be used for freshwater conservation.

A particular goal of this study is to document how jellyfish interact with freshwater zooplankton, which is the main food for fish. Besides affecting fish, overconsumption of zooplankton may increase the level of algae in the lake and thus water clarity.

Halay and Pakhomov will share findings after two years monitoring the Hotel Lake ecosystem and propose next steps in the project. Everyone is welcome but seating is limited.

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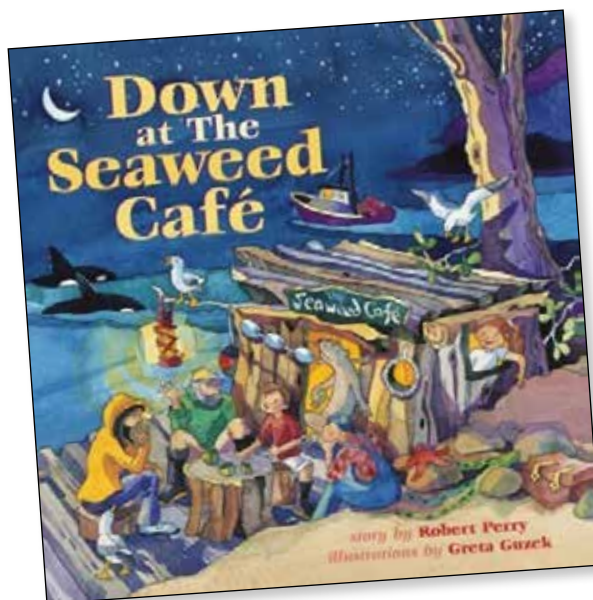
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Mock water bills arrive for South and North Pender Harbour customers

Pender Harbour residents were the first to receive “mock” water bills in July detailing how charges will appear when the SCRД moves to volumetric billing sometime next year.

Mock water bills were mailed to residents in the North and South Pender water service areas in late July.

The mock bills are part of the Sunshine Coast Regional District’s effort to “help residents understand water usage and what future charges will look like under the new volumetric billing system coming in 2026.”

Since 2013, the SCRД has been installing water meters at all properties within SCRД water service areas.

In the next year, the SCRД will complete water meter installations in

the Sechelt area, completing the universal water metering project.

The next step is the introduction of volumetric billing.

The new user fee is made up of a “base charge” and a “volumetric rate.”

The base charge is a flat rate that covers a portion of the costs of operating the water system and includes a quarterly consumption allowance of 46 cubic metres of water (about 500 litres per day).

There will be one base charge per water meter.

Base charge amounts are related to the size of the water meter servicing the property.


The volumetric rate is a consumption-based charge applied to

water use that exceeds the quarterly allowance of 46 cubic metres, that is included in the base charge.

If you use more than 46 cubic metres of water over a three-month period (46,000 litres) you’ll pay a charge based on how much water you used over that amount.

According to an SCRД timeline for the project, volumetric billing is expected to be fully implemented in South and North Pender Harbour water service areas sometime in 2026.

At that time, the SCRД expects to expand the mock billing system throughout the regional water system with volumetric billing being implemented in the rest of the SCRД service areas sometime in 2027.



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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

MOCK UTILITY BILL

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FOR SERVICE AT: PROPERTY ADDRESS

METER ID: 1234567899

METER SIZE: 3/4"

July 21, 2025

CUSTOMER CLASS: RESIDENTIAL

The purpose of this mock bill is to provide an example of what your property's metered water user fee could have been in the first half of 2025, using the Sunshine Coast Regional District upcoming method of quarterly volumetric billing. This is NOT A BILL and is for informational purposes only.

Q1 (January - March) Mock Bill Calculation

Charge	(m³)	Amount (\$)
Base charge (up to 46 m³)	46	213
Volumetric Rate (over 46 m³ at \$4/m³)	9	36
Total for First Quarter (Q1)	55 m³	\$249

Q2 (April - June) Mock Bill Calculation

Charge	(m³)	Amount (\$)
Base charge (up to 46 m³)	46	213
Volumetric Rate (over 46 m³ at \$4/m³)	68	272
Total for Second Quarter (Q2)	114 m³	\$485

MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION (m³)

1 m³ = 1,000 Litres

Continuity amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

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1

This is information showing the contact person, address, meter number (MIU) and size, and the classification related to this property.

2

These tables represent how the metered user fee will be calculated utilizing the new volumetric rate structure. The tables use the actual water data from your property in the first 2 quarters of 2025.

The Base Charge is a fixed charge for all water used from zero to 46 cubic meters (m³) per quarter.

The Volumetric Rate of \$4.00 is used as an example to calculate consumption charges. Actual rates will be adopted by the SCRД Board at the end of 2025.

3

This is a graph that represents the water used at the property per quarter, measured in cubic meters (m³).

Your graph will likely look a bit different than this example, as it is based on your properties water use.

4

Water meters can detect ‘continuous flow,’ which means water is flowing 24 hours a day, for more than 15 days. If you have this notices on your mock bill, the property may have a leak.

Your mock bill may not have this notice.

This graphic from the Sunshine Coast Regional District shows how to determine what a property’s quarterly water charges will be when volumetric billing goes into effect in North and South Pender Harbour sometime next year.

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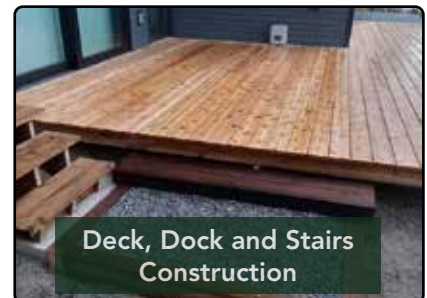
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Pender Harbour Health Centre ups security after receiving threats

Don't be alarmed by the appearance of a security guard next time you enter the Pender Harbour Health Centre — it's a temporary precaution.

A security guard has been on-duty from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., five days a week, since early August after an individual made threats to staff.

"We have received some threats against our staff and we've also had intimidating behaviour towards our staff exhibited to the point that some of them didn't even want to come to work," said Diane Hopkinson, chair of the Pender Harbour Health Centre Society board.

Hopkinson wouldn't expand on the nature of the threats "because it's going to court" but confirmed the matter is being investigated by the RCMP.

Hopkinson told the *Harbour Spiel* that she isn't aware of any charges that have been laid as a result.

She said she hopes security will be necessary for "no more than a couple of months, but as long as we feel there's a threat."

Hopkinson said the added security is costing approximately \$2,250 per week and is a significant drain on the health centre's budget.

The threat has also had some ef-

fect on operations.

A Pender Harbour Health Centre open house planned for Aug. 22 was abruptly cancelled on Aug. 14 after the board issued the following statement:

"The Pender Harbour Health Centre board of directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming open house... due to some recent threats and harassment of staff."

Hopkinson said that she doesn't expect that there is any danger to the public accessing the health centre and said the security posted in the building is "essentially for our staff."

LaFarge becomes Amrize in June 23 corporate spin off

One of the Sunshine Coast's largest employers, LaFarge Canada, recently changed its name.

LaFarge Canada's Facebook page states, "Lafarge Canada is now Amrize, the partner of choice for professional builders with advanced branded solutions from foundation to rooftop."

In 2015, Lafarge SA merged with Holcim, a Swiss multinational company specializing in building materials like cement, aggregates, ready-mix concrete and other construction products, to form LafargeHolcim.

In 2021, the company was re-



Amrize

LaFarge and its local Earles Creek operation underwent a change of name on June 23 after being spun off from its parent company.

named as the Holcim Group.

On May 14, shareholders approved the spinoff of the company's North American business with 99.75% voting in favour at Holcim's annual general meeting.

As of June 23, Amrize Ltd. is the

name of LaFarge's North American operations as an independent, publicly traded company (New York Stock Exchange ticker symbol "AMRZ").

Amrize's operational headquarters is in Chicago, with its registered office based in Zug, Switzerland.



Brian Lee

Formerly LaFarge Earles Creek, now Amrize Earles Creek's gravel operation across the Skookumchuck from Egmont. Photo taken Aug. 3.

HARBOUR SPIEL

trivia

Where is it?

Strait of Georgia edition



1

- ☐ a. Nelson Island
- ☐ b. Texada Island
- ☐ c. Lasqueti Island
- ☐ d. Jedediah Island



2

- ☐ a. Chapman Falls
- ☐ b. Chatterbox Falls
- ☐ c. Freil Falls
- ☐ d. James Bruce Falls



3

- ☐ a. Sliammon
- ☐ b. Harwood Island
- ☐ c. Savary Island
- ☐ d. Thormanby Island



4

- ☐ a. Malibu Rapids
- ☐ b. Bull Pass
- ☐ c. Telescope Pass (Blind Bay)
- ☐ d. Tzoonie Narrows



5

- ☐ a. Nanaimo
- ☐ b. Sechelt
- ☐ c. Gibsons
- ☐ d. Vananda



6

- ☐ a. Hardy Island
- ☐ b. Texada Island
- ☐ c. Sargeant's Bay
- ☐ d. Salmon Inlet

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Light wind tests skill at 36th Malaspina regatta Aug. 9

submitted

The sun was out and it was blistering hot for the 36th annual Malaspina Regatta — but the wind failed to fill in until near the end of the race.

This year it was decided to move the date of the regatta to the second weekend in August from its usual July long weekend date.

Though this may change for next year, it had the regatta occurring on the same weekend as the Wooden Boat Festival and the Rotary Club Show and Shine making it a very busy Pender Harbour Days weekend.

The first leg of the race had a light breeze from the south (despite a strong wind warning for a northwesterly) propelling the fleet out of Lee Bay to Hospital Reef at a somewhat tolerable clip.

Rounding the Hospital Reef mark first was Peter Jones on *Fourth Quarter* who led from start to finish.

Most of the fleet hoisted asymmetrical sails or spinnakers after rounding the first mark, however, there was barely enough wind to fill them.

As the leaders rounded the second mark at Akland Rock, the wind filled in briefly allowing the first half dozen boats to separate from the rest.

All boats finished the race this year which was a marked improvement from last year where only one boat finished.

With 24 boats registered and 21 participating, the results are as follows:

- Line honours went to *Fourth Quarter*, skippered by Peter Jones;
- First overall on corrected time went to *Artemis*, skippered by Ron Badley;
- Division 1 winner was *Raven*



Tijana McAllister

The start of the 36th Malaspina Regatta on one of the very few days this summer without consistent gusts of wind.

Lunatic, skippered by Brad Lowell;

- Division 2 winner was *Bumpercar*, skippered by Colin Jackson;

- Division 3 winner was *Wildside*, skippered by Wayne Stremmel and Lorraine Wareham, and

- Division 4 winner was *Artemis*, skippered by Ron Badley.

The race was followed by a fantastic roast beef buffet at the Royal Canadian Legion served to 80 hungry sailors.

The Garden Bay Sailing Club race committee would like to thank RCMSAR Station 61 for setting and collecting the buoys and Bill and Lyn Charlton for acting as race co-ordinator and committee boat.

The GBSC donated \$700 to the food bank from donations at the banquet.



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Managing our assets and our gap



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

Most SCRD work involves “infrastructure assets,” which are physical items needed to provide a service,

like water and septic systems, fire hydrants, pools, private roads, foot bridges, buildings and vehicles.

“Asset management” involves planning and tracking the funding, servicing, repairing, upgrading and replacing of our infrastructure assets.

Because, historically, we didn’t spend enough on asset management, we created an “infrastructure gap,” the difference between the money we need to replace aging infrastructures and the reserves we built to do it.

Scarce resources and property taxation are our biggest challenges and, this year, although we have better funded projects, we lack the qualified staff to manage them.

Today we have increased public demands for service and new senior government legislation dictating safety standards (upgrading McNeill Lake dam and increasing water purification), more infrastructure for housing creation and climate change mitigation (more raw water sources, backups, and increased flow).

Property taxes have become increasingly politically charged as we must shoulder ever increasing tax bills in an environment of economic uncertainty caused by events beyond our control like the COVID-19 pandemic and now tariffs from the U.S., which

affect supply chains and cause costs to balloon in a number of other ways.

All these factors increased our infrastructure gap, but we’re fighting back with good asset management, which will be evidenced by infrastructure replacement prior to it becoming an expensive emergency and upgraded as part of a plan allowing acceptable spending and service levels.

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At least 750 litres per day, per connection, is our target supply volume for treated water during summer’s droughts and heavier consumer demand.

Our target is being met in Area A service areas because of existing infrastructure and our access to lakes, and we have projects to ensure long-



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole
September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
September 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee
September 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Board Meeting
September 18 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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term viability, including McNeill and Harris Lake upgrades.

Hopefully our leak detection program and volumetric billing will encourage “problem users” to conserve while we continue to meet our conservation objectives during Stage 1 and 2 restrictions.

We can’t meet this target on the Chapman water system, but we have options to reach it with proposed water supply expansion projects, which still need approvals, permits and then infrastructure construction.

We also have a 350-litres-per-day target to meet emergency demands from fires, earthquakes, storms, pollution and equipment failures.

We don’t yet meet that objective, but the first step is underway with a feasibility study and connection design.

FRAN PEN WATER WOES

In 2021 we replaced watermain on Mark Way, Chris Way and Bargain Harbour Road to upgrade 50 millimetre PVC pipes which demanded significant emergency repairs and were red-flagged as an “imminent asset failure.”

By 2025, our “routine” Francis Peninsula watermain upgrade project, to ensure system reliability and improve fire protection capability, was budgeted at \$600,000 to replace approximately 580 metres of failing asbestos cement pipes.

But, in March, a watermain break forced the project, still in its design and permitting stages, to “urgent priority” status.

We awarded the excavation, embankment and compaction contract to N.B. Contracting and the pipe replacement was completed by SCRD utilities staff.

But, because it was done under emergency conditions, it cost more than planned, gutting our “routine project” budget on only 350 metres of main replacement and leaving nothing to restore the road to Ministry of Transportation and Transit requirements.

Approximately 230 metres of watermain from Beaver to Rondevue Road still needs replacement, under challenging geotechnical and archeological requirements.

In July, we increased the budget by \$91,883 for this portion of the project and we hope to hire paving services by this fall to complete the job started in March.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

In 2021, XCG Consulting Ltd. recommended a two-stage, Pender Harbour Transfer Station safety upgrade, with Phase 1 (complete) including Share Shed repairs, storage bin relocation and engineering for Phase 2.

Stage 2 includes reconstruction of a 40-yard bin drop-off area with fill, geogrid, drainage and grading, construction of a new 20-yard-bin drop-off area, building of a new commercial tipping pad and scale house with foundation and general site grading and drainage improvements.

We secured \$861,000 to complete the project, but recently were

advised that, because of a staff shortage, the completion date was delayed from Q2-2025 to Q4-2025.

WASTEWATER UPDATE

All SCRD septic systems now have solid asset management plans, some with sufficient reserves in place and others expected to reach that mark within 10 years.

We’ll still have to borrow for large projects but that simply means those who will benefit in the future will pay more to have the service continue while current users will have a “down payment” cushion.



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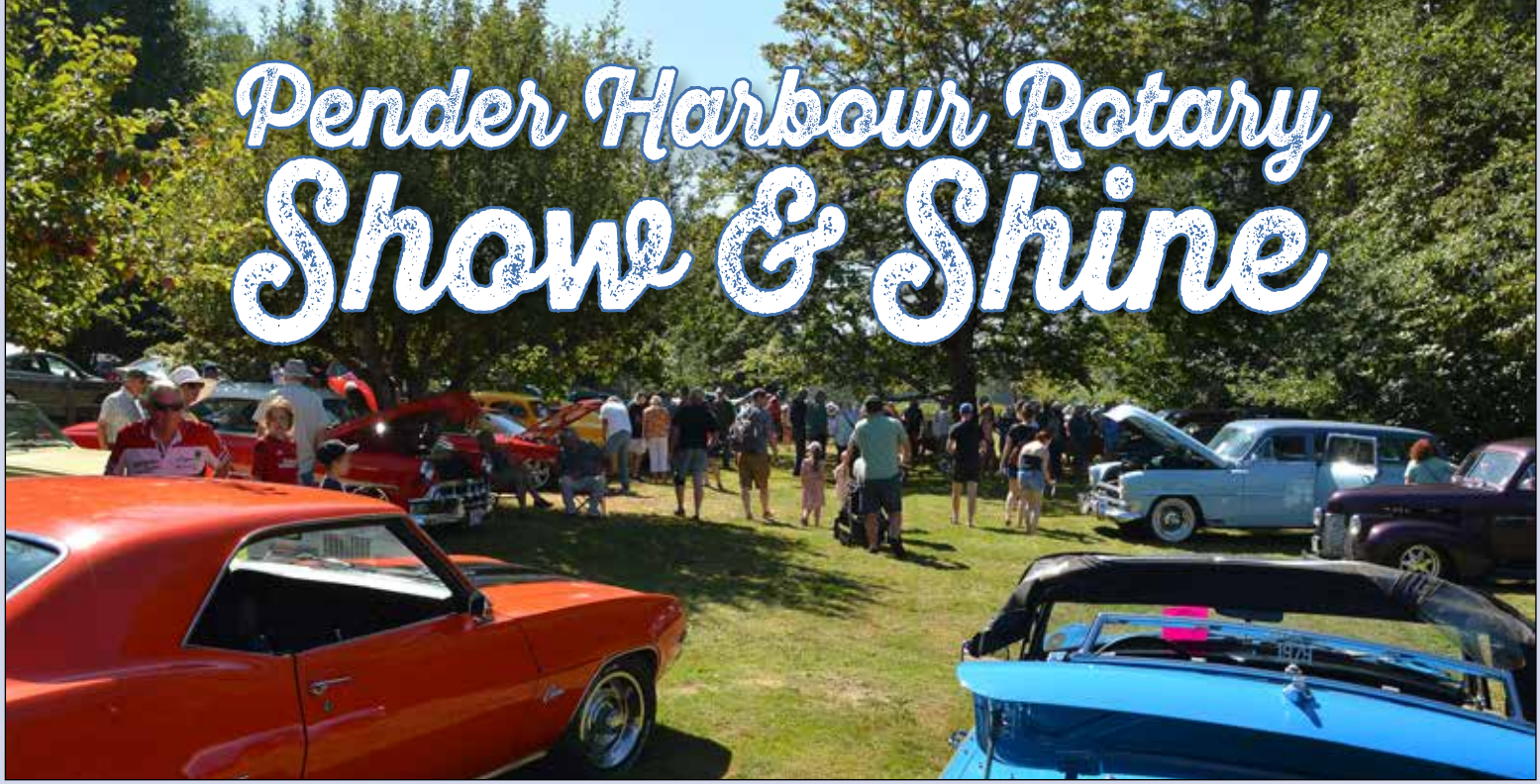
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Pender Harbour Rotary Show & Shine



Kathy Gordon's 1970 Triumph TR6



Selling 50/50 tickets were Rotary Club of Pender Harbour members (l-r): Lyn Charlton, Linda Tamm and Jenni Peters.



Luke Gordon's 1968 Ford Torino

Brian Lee photos

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's 20th annual Show and Shine in Madeira Park on Aug. 10 attracted over 70 classic cars and motorcycles to the Royal Canadian Legion and a property owned by Brent and Tracy Parker. Over 700 people's choice ballots were handed out. The 'Ron Johnston Peoples' Choice - Best of Show' award went to Brenda Borri and her 1935 Ford Cabriolet. Second was Gerry Krantz and his 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air. The event raised over \$7,000 for Rotary projects in Pender Harbour.



John McDonald's
1963 Chevy Nova



Gerry Krantz's 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air



Brenda Borri's
1935 Ford Cabriolet
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My food cycler eats better than my kid: Food cycling on the Coast

Michelle Cunningham

As a part-time resident of Geras Bay and a mom of a 7-year old, I'm always looking for easy, eco-friendly solutions that fit with Pender life.

One challenge our family kept running into was what to do with food waste when we're here on the Coast.

Though it's back up and running after a recent stoppage, the SCRD compost drop-off at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station isn't exactly convenient.

I would rather be bombing around in my little restored Boston Whaler than driving up that dusty road to drop off food waste, so, I did some research.

Food cycling is a recent alternative to composting that uses electricity to help break down food scraps in your kitchen and turn it into dirt



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Michelle Cunningham is passionate about the benefits of food cycling, especially in our area with limited food waste services.

overnight.

Food cyclers are appliances that quickly dry and grind food scraps into a nutrient-rich, low-odour byproduct.

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When we head back to the city, we just sprinkle the finished product around our garden beds or store it to use later in a little bucket.

Check out a Lomi and you may be eligible for a \$100 rebate through the SCRD's home composter rebate program.

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PENDER HARBOUR WOODEN BOAT SHOW

August 8-10

Photos: Brian Lee and Richard Moreno (boat parade)



Don McMillan owns this 50-foot retired halibut longliner built in 1971 by Roy Johnson in Queensborough.



In the first of two 'Speaker Series' events on Saturday, former resident Martin Swan retraced his father, local physician Dr. Alan Swan's, 1964 voyage from Pender Harbour to Kimsquit in his boat the *Doc Swan* (below, third from right). Using the original logbook and slides, Swan shared photos and stories of how the Coast has changed over 60 years.





Robb Alliston (r) of SeaWolf Diving provided demonstrations of commercial diving equipment, including a live underwater camera feed (inset).



Don MacPherson's Puffin is a 23-foot motor sailer designed by Bill Garden and built in 1986 by Walker Boatbuilding in Kingston Ontario. She was brought to BC by MacPherson in 2004. She is powered by a 13HP Yanmar diesel.



Winner of the 'people's choice - boat on the water' was the *Euphemia II*. *Euphemia II* is a 50-foot motor cruiser built in 1928 by the Schertzer Brothers in Lake Washington, Seattle. She is owned by Peter Harvey and Valerie Nash.



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Local health matters

PHHC signs Primary Care Network contract

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is excited to announce that we recently signed the PHHC Primary Care Network agreement with Vancouver Coastal Health in partnership with the Division of Family Practice, the Family Practice Services Committee and the Ministry of Health.

This agreement further formalizes our partnership with the Sunshine Coast Primary Care Network and provides funding for PHHC/PCN staffing resources.

This agreement provides the Pender Harbour Health Centre with funding to recruit a full-time PCN Registered Nurse, a part-time PCN Social Worker and a part-time PCN Clinical Counsellor who will all be

based at the PHHC.

These resources will be in addition to the PCN Community Pharmacist Eric who for the past year has been offering his services from the PHHC bi-weekly. Recruitment for these positions will commence in the coming months.

If you have any questions about the Sunshine Coast PCN please reach out to Sunshine Coast PCN manager Katie Clogg at kclogg@scdivision.ca.

If you would like to learn more about PCN at the PHHC, please contact nick.gaskin@penderharbourhealth.com.

Nick Gaskin
PHHC Executive Director



All are invited to the Pender Harbour Health Centre Society Annual General Meeting on Sept. 28!

If you are interested to learn more about joining the Board of Directors or would like more information on the nomination or membership process, please contact:

- PHHC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: nick.gaskin@penderharbourhealth.com
- PHHC BOARD: PHHCBoard@penderharbourhealth.com.

DATE: Sunday September 28, 2025

LOCATION: Pender Harbour Community Hall

TIME: 1pm – 3pm (doors open at 12:30pm)

North Lake residents upset over 'irresponsible' logging practices

Editor,

We are a group of many North Lake residents who are incredibly frustrated by the lack of accountability for irresponsible and dangerous forest management practices on the Sunshine Coast.

Our community is calling on the BC government, shishàlh Nation and BC Timber Sales to do the right thing by our community.

The parties have left massive burn piles which pose a threat to the homes near our lake; and this could happen to any community.

We recently wrote a letter signed by 38 residents and published in the *Coast Reporter* about the handling of burn piles in the logged area surrounding North Lake and Klein Lake.

Since then, neither the government nor the Nation has responded.

About four years ago, BC Timber sales and the shishàlh Nation developed a logging plan for the areas around North Lake and Klein Lake.

They planned to cut a significant amount of wood in a small area — 60,000 cubic metres of timber (thousands of trees) with the proceeds going to the Nation.

Despite community concerns about the impact to the watershed and wildlife habitat with such a large amount of logging in a small area over a short year period, the plan went ahead to clearcut the 21-block plan over a 1.5-year period.

To be clear, we are pragmatic and recognize that commercial enterprises are needed to support the economy of our region.

That is why we donated weeks of volunteer time to work with government and the nation to identify areas around North and Klein Lakes that



submitted

One of the hundreds of wood waste piles left behind after logging was completed more than two years ago in cutblocks above North Lake.

needed to be protected.

We worked to ensure that these commercial practices were done with respect for the environment and our community.

During the logging, we worked in partnership with BC's Ministry of Forests and the shishàlh Nation to address issues such as oil leaks from equipment, etc. and to ensure that our reports of risks were dealt with.

So, we recognize that when all parties work together, we can manage impacts and risks effectively.

Our beef is that we have very reasonable concerns about the increased risk of forest fires in our community.

We were promised by both BCTS and the Nation that the burn piles would be dealt with when logging ended.

But this commitment has not been honoured.

It is over two years after the logging was completed and the burn piles have not been dealt with.

We are told to "use it for firewood."

This is not a realistic solution.

Folks in the community have taken what's accessible without commercial machines years ago, but the volumes of wood waste we're talking about are huge.

And, in any case, it's not the responsibility of the community to clean up logging sites.

We also believe our situation should be a red flag to everyone who is passionate about the importance of environmental stewardship.

Of course, we know burning can't happen in the summer — but another year should not go by with this risk being ignored.

It is our community that will pay dearly if there is a wildfire resulting from the burn piles.

We already had one forest fire from these burn piles during the Easter weekend.

We are asking once again, after many frustrating attempts, that the government and the Nation complete what was promised to us.

Rick Craig,
plus 28 other local residents.

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P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE

The P. H. Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, Sept. 12.

The musicians this month are Rebecca and Jeremy, and Brenda Bennett and Jay Knutson. Jay Knutson is a singer/songwriter, producer and a co-founder of "Spirit of the West" and Brenda Bennett is a singer/songwriter.

Doors (Pender Harbour School of Music) open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is thrilled to present Nadia Vassev, once again, on Sept. 29 at the Pender Harbour School of Music from 1 to 3 p.m.

Vassev is a mother, gardener, baker, homesteader and a lifelong learner and has been a full-time Pender Harbour resident since 2016. When she is not baking sourdough, she is gardening or learning about gardening. Vassev will be speaking on the topic of "saving seeds and more fall tasks." Membership fees are \$20 for a calendar year or \$5 drop-in, which include coffee/tea and goodies.

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The choir starts back up at the P. H. School of Music on Tuesday, Sept. 9 with regular rehearsals to follow each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Email choir director Kenneth Johnson at knjmusic@yahoo.ca or call/text (778) 227-8430

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The Pender Harbour Women's Connection is pleased to announce the opening of their 2025/26 season on Tuesday, Sept. 23 with a "A Cup of Friendship" theme. Whether you are a longtime resident looking forward to renewing friendships or are a recent resident to the Coast and looking forward to meeting new friends, the Women's Connection is for you. September is the month of reflection and renewal, so come along with comments and suggestions as that is a valuable part of our planning for the upcoming season. Come for our speakers and events and stay for the confections, conviviality and conversation.

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Sept. 11 – Discussion on a topic of any choosing.

Sept. 18 – Road trip to Egmont Thrift Store and lunch at the BackEddy Pub.

Sept. 25 – Free Lunch for all who attend the presentation by Jacqui Jones-Cox on the Sunshine Coast Healthcare Auxiliary and the services they make possible.

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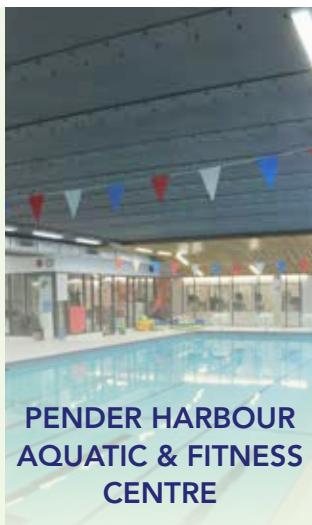
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Friday, August 15, 2025

Pender Harbour Health Centre Board Statement

The Pender Harbour Health Centre Board of Directors are aware of a community member who has been making disparaging, defamatory and serious allegations related to the conduct of our Executive Director. This community member in recent weeks has also been engaging in behaviour which impacts on the safety and security of the Health Centre and our staff.

The Pender Harbour Board of Directors would like to inform and reassure the community that the allegations made against our Executive Director have been fully investigated by an independent third party and have been found to have no merit. The Board of Directors stand behind and supports our Executive Director, his conduct and his operations of the Pender Harbour Health Centre.

The Board of Directors and Health Centre leadership take our staff and patient safety very seriously. Safety measures at the Health Centre include private security onsite at the Health Centre from Monday to Friday and the installation of security cameras inside and outside of the Health Centre.

The Board of Directors ask that any community member who has heard any concerning comments in the community about the Pender Harbour Health Centre, our Executive Director or our staff come forward and provide this information directly to the Board of Directors at: PHHCBoard@penderharbourhealth.com.

Pender Harbour Health Centre Board of Directors

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Wilma Alice Thompson

AUGUST 28, 1931 — JULY 31, 2025



Wilma Thompson died peacefully on July 31 at the age of 93.

She leaves behind a legacy of generosity, music and community spirit.

Thompson moved to Pender Harbour in 1955 and from that moment on, she was a force — as a registered nurse, a community leader and a source of calm, strength and warmth

to all who knew her.

Alongside her beloved late husband Bill, she helped start Pender Harbour's cherished Christmas carol ships tradition, bringing light and music to the Harbour each holiday season.

The sight of Bill's yellow bi-plane, N3N, soaring above became a beloved symbol of local spirit and joy — and an unofficial mascot of the Harbour, just like the couple themselves.

Thompson was an avid member of the local pipe band, gardened with joy and was happiest with dogs by her side and whales on the horizon.

If you ever stopped by the Thompson house in Pender Harbour — and chances are, you did — you probably didn't knock.

No one did.

The door was always open, the coffee was always on and Thompson was always there with a kind word, a listening ear and often a dog or two underfoot.

She is survived by her children Mike, Pat, Garry, Len and Wendy; her grandchildren Shannon, Sierra, Kate, Tracy, Dani, Holly, and Jenifer and countless people who called her friend.

She is predeceased by her husband Bill, her partner in every adventure.

Thompson taught those around her to care deeply, love freely and live fully.

If you'd like to honour her memory, look out at the sea, let your dog up on the couch or say hello to a neighbour — and don't bother knocking.

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

harbour seals



Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Disapproval.

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

A bay full of Harbour Seals of Approval to **everyone who attended and donated at the "dock project" in Gunboat Bay** July 19.

After tipping the band, \$855 was left over from donations with \$500 to the P. H. Community Hall Raise the Roof campaign and the remainder going to Lyn Charlton's Spreading Kindness project.

Ken Mellquist

A broken down truck full of Harbour Seals of Approval to **Glenn, of the IGA**, who kindly gave me a ride

September 2025

home and **my neighbour Brad** who gave me a ride back.

The right tool helped me drive myself home and their help is an example of how they and many others create the community of Pender Harbour.

Alex Pernat

A concert full of Harbour Seals to **Ken and JoAnne Mellquist** for their annual Blues concert in Gunboat Bay.

Part of the donations from that event were given to "Spreading

Kindness" which assists families and youth locally in need. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Lyn Charlton
Garden Bay

Huge Seals of thanks to **Am-brose Mees** for saving the day when my trees caught fire. You saved my home and I'm grateful. And to the **P. H. Volunteer Fire Department** for putting it out so quickly.

You rock!

Andrea Clerx

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES SEPTEMBER

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

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

- 1:51 PM +L
- 3:10 PM +L
- 7:29 AM -L, 3:44 PM +XL
- 8:32 AM -L, 4:31 PM +XL
- 9:34 AM -XL, 5:09 PM +XL
- 10:24 AM -XL, 5:39 PM +XL
- 11:08 AM -XL, 6:00 PM +XL
- 11:50 AM -XL, 6:15 PM +XL
- 12:30 PM -L, 6:30 PM +XL
- 1:28 PM -L, 6:51 PM +XL
- 8:18 AM +XL, 2:16 PM -M
- 9:19 AM +XL, 3:23 PM -M
- 10:28 AM +XL, 4:26 PM -S
- 11:44 AM +XL, 5:36 PM -S
- 12:56 PM +XL
- 2:11 PM +XL
- 8:17 AM -L, 3:12 PM +XL
- 8:54 AM -XL, 4:03 PM +XL
- 9:51 AM -XL, 4:44 PM +XL
- 10:38 AM -L, 5:15 PM +XL
- 11:20 AM -L, 5:46 PM +XL
- 11:58 AM -L, 5:57 PM +L
- 12:38 PM -L, 5:59 PM +L
- 1:21 PM -M, 6:20 PM +L
- 8:05 AM +L, 2:15 PM -M
- 8:54 AM +XL, 3:00 PM -S
- 9:45 AM +XL, 3:50 PM -S
- 9:58 AM +L, 4:46 PM -S
- 10:53 AM +L, 5:47 PM -S
- 1:11 PM +L

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.

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MUSIC BIZ

2.5 billion

The number of CDs sold worldwide in 2000 when the global music industry was worth \$37 billion (U.S.).

-84%

The amount CD sales had fallen by 2013 in the U.S. from its 2000 high.

\$20.4 billion (U.S.)

Worldwide music streaming revenues in 2024, accounting for 69% of the industry's earnings.

100,000

The number of songs uploaded to streaming services every day.

37,500

The number of professional musicians in Canada.

19,000

The number of music concerts in Canada in 2023.

\$150 million

An estimate of how much Taylor Swift's six shows pumped into Toronto last year.

\$11 billion

The amount live music contributed to Canada's GDP in 2023, supporting more than 100,000 jobs.

\$10 billion (U.S.)

The record amount Spotify paid out in royalties in 2024.

>1%

The percentage of artists who made more than \$6,000 from Spotify in 2024.

~ Walrus Magazine

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

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

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

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

SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGY



VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

Virgos value knowledge highly and their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance. Virgos have high standards for themselves, and their goal is to be perfect in everything they do. This month, the passage of Venus into the Virgoan's sign portends the reparation of long written off relationships. Everyone knows it was your fault but September will deliver empathy to your cause and a willingness to forget about that night you chugged a bottle of Goldschlager. Keno will pay off big (go with sixes).



LIBRA: September 22 – October 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Neptune and Uranus will meet and assert a powerful influence over your opinions and ability to discern the truth. Don't be paranoid but consider all decisions to be under the spell of these planetary behemoths. Just remember that it's all a hoax, Obama led a coup against the U.S. government and Trudeau was a key figure in Hillary Clinton's pedophile ring.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Aug. 16

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

1. **The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition** by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing)
2. **The Cost of a Hostage: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Wishaw (TouchWood Editions)
3. **Swimming Holes and Beaches of SW BC** by Alex McKeen & George Harwood Smith (Greystone Books)
4. **Emerson the Elephant Seal** by Ginger Ngo (Harbour Publishing)
5. **Calm Harbour, Turbulent Seas, A History of Ucluelet** by Shirley Martin (Harbour Publishing)
6. **Vancouver Island: The Art of the Landscape** by Kelly Hutchison, Dave Hutchison (Two Trees Art Publishing)
7. **Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love** by Shelley Adams, Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings)
8. **The Animal People Choose a Leader** by Richard Wagamese, illus. by Bridget George (Douglas & McIntyre)
9. **Best of BC Road Trips** by Sam Burkhart (OP Media Group)
10. **Native Plants of BC's Coastal Dry Belt** by Hans Roemer & Mary Sanseverino (Harbour Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 1: **Heather Brown.**
- Sept. 2: **Brad Higgins.**
- Sept. 3: **Jeff Higgs.**
- Sept. 4: **Robin Heiliger.**
- Sept. 5: **John Dafoe** and **Maxwel Hohn.**
- Sept. 6: **Michael Parrott.**
- Sept. 7: **Ed Pazur.**
- Sept. 10: **Ernie Paiement, Emily Gamble, Kiri MacGreggor** and **Pam Roosen.**
- Sept. 11: **Barb Barbour, Sharon Rosel, Doris Wilkinson, Desiree De La Canal** and **Ashley Georgison.**
- Sept. 12: **Tanisha Chandler** and **Daniel Hardwick.**
- Sept. 16: **Theresa Baldwin** and **Steven Edwardson.**
- Sept. 17: **Gord Barnett.**
- Sept. 18: **Charly Mclean** and **Gary Saunders.**
- Sept. 19: **Patti Gaudet, Doug Reid, Dennis Gamble, Aldo Cogrossi, Jesse Little** and **Lauryn Young.**
- Sept. 21: **Black Bill Gilkes, Christy King** and **Joey Fletcher.**
- Sept. 23: **Helmut Haas.**
- Sept. 24: **Susan Knock, Marnie Davis** and **Matt Richards.**
- Sept. 27: **Dale Duncan.**
- Sept. 30: **Shelby Campbell, Irene Forsyth** and **Scott Minch.**

Local RCMSAR hold training exercise with S. C. Search and Rescue

submitted

On July 20, the Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Station 61 (Pender Harbour) conducted a joint training exercise designed to strengthen interagency co-ordination and test the volunteers' critical skills.

The training exercise simulated real-world emergency scenarios requiring both land-based and marine search and rescue capabilities.

Participants practiced coordinated response protocols, communication procedures and the seamless integration of resources that can make the difference between life and death in actual emergency situations.

"This joint exercise represents the collaborative spirit that defines search and rescue operations on the Sunshine Coast," said Sue Duxbury, manager with Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue.

"When someone is in distress, whether on land or water, our ability to work together effectively and efficiently is paramount.

"Training exercises like this ensure we're prepared to respond as



RCMSAR61

The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Station 61's response boat the *Iona C* has been in service since May 2007. She is named after Iona Campagnolo, a former Member of Parliament and Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia from 2001 to 2007, who was instrumental in getting the Coast Guard Auxiliary started in Canada. Campagnolo attended her launch. She died in April of 2024.

a unified team when our community needs us most."

Both organizations are staffed entirely by volunteers who undergo extensive training and are available 24/7 to respond to emergency calls.

SCSAR specializes in land-

based search and rescue operations, including wilderness searches, technical rescues, and medical evacuations in challenging terrain.

RCM-SAR Station 61 provides critical marine search and rescue services, responding to vessel break-



RCMSAR61

Marine-land rescues in our area rarely involve easy terrain.

downs, medical emergencies at sea, and water-based search operations along the coast.

The Sunshine Coast's geography presents unique challenges, with its combination of rugged wilderness terrain, extensive coastline, and numerous waterways.

The environment demands close co-ordination between land and marine rescue capabilities, making joint training exercises essential for maintaining high standards of emergency response.

"Our volunteers sacrifice their time, energy, and often put themselves at risk to help others," said Jim McKnight, station chief with RCM-SAR Station 61.

"Exercises like this not only keep our skills sharp but also strengthen the bonds between our organizations.

"When minutes count in a real emergency, having trained together makes all the difference."

Both organizations rely on community support through fundraising, donations, and volunteer recruitment to maintain their equipment and training programs.

The specialized rescue equipment, boats, and vehicles required for their operations represent significant ongoing investments that are made possible through the generosity of local residents and businesses.

S. C. SEARCH AND RESCUE

Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to saving lives through professional search and rescue services.

The team responds to emergency calls 24/7, providing wilderness search, technical rescue and medical evacuation services throughout the Sunshine Coast region.



RCMSAR61

Some of the most difficult, and hazardous, types of rescues involve transitioning rescuers from marine craft to land. As seen here, that often involves difficult and slippery terrain, which is further complicated by the nature of the rescue itself.

ROYAL CANADIAN MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE, UNIT 61

RCM SAR 61 is a volunteer marine rescue organization serving the waters around Pender Harbour and the surrounding coastal areas.

The station operates under the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and provides essential marine search and rescue services to mariners in distress.

For more information about the training exercise or to learn about volunteer opportunities with either organization, contact:

- Sunshine Coast Search and Rescue (1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC, V7Z 0A8) at info@sunshine-coastsar.ca, or

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SEPTEMBER

Mon. Sept. 1.....Labour Day

Wed. Sept. 3.....First day of school

Wed. Sept. 3.....P. H. Women's Connection "A cup of friendship" theme - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 4.....Harbourside Friendships (Powell River road trip) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 5.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 7....."Freshwater jellyfish in Hotel Lake" presentation - Sarah Wray Hall, 2 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 7.....Live music (Mad Cow) - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 8.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Tue. Sept. 9.....P. H. Choir fires back up for the season - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 11.....Harbourside Friendships (topical discussions) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 11.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 11.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 12.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 12.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 14.....Live music with Sofa Kings - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.

Tue. Sept. 16.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Ray Kostachuk - PHSS, 7 p.m.

Thu. Sept. 18.....SCRD electoral services committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 18.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Egmont road trip) - P. H. Community Hall, 11 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 18.....SCRD special board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 19.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 21.....P. H. Music Society presents Adi Braun - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 21.....Live music with Spindrift - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 22.....First day of Fall

Mon. Sept. 22.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Tue. Sept. 23.....P. H. Women's Connection "A Cup of Friendship" - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.

Thu. Sept. 25.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Jacqui Jones-Cox) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 26.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 28.....Pender Harbour Health Centre Society AGM - P. H. Community Hall, 1 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 28.....Live music with Blue Western - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 29.....P. H. Garden Club presents Nadia Vassev - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

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

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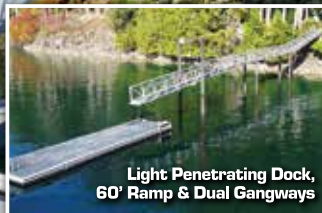


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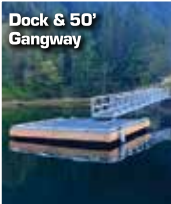
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