

***CRYC***

***CAMPBELL RIVER YACHT CLUB***



*Dedicated to bringing ENJOYMENT to all aspects of boating.*

***NEWSLETTER –  
2ND QUARTER, 2025***

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## **Commodore's Message**

Summer has arrived in full force with sunny and dry forecast for excellent boating weather. Drop your tools and installation projects and get out on the water to enjoy the season.

Many of our members have already set sail for coastal inlets and marine parks and to take in the marine life interactions and the salmon population is looking like a return to big numbers.

We welcome our new members and look forward to seeing them at our events and rendezvous. It is going to be a great summer. Our next get-together at the Club House will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing all fair winds and following seas.

Regards to all,

**Doug McGregor**  
**Commodore**  
***"Kismet III"***

## *Editor's Notes*

I hope everyone had a good start to the summer boating season. The weather has certainly been changeable and our proposed rendezvous at Refuge Cove in late April was cancelled. However, the Gorge Harbour Rendezvous on the May long weekend was a success despite the grey days and changeable weather.

My latest escapade was to head north of Campbell River to West Thurlow Island for a week and again the weather was problematic the whole time, with low cloud, fog and lots of rain. However, some good crab fishing made for some emblematic meals. On the way home I stopped off at Small Inlet for an overnight due to fog around Chatham Point and Okisollo Channel. The weather cleared overnight and the sun finally came out the next day so I headed south, arriving at Seymour Narrows about a half hour before the ebb slack. I nosed out thinking I could push the ebb but to no avail, so hid in a tiny nook on Maude Island, using the time to raise the mainsail. On the second attempt I coasted easily through the narrows and picked up the start of the flood tide around Race Point under full sail with a nice southeasterly breeze. Unfortunately on my first tack at the Quadra side, I was just trimming the head sail when I heard a loud bang. A large deadhead hit the front of the boat and was dragged under it, tangling up at the stern when it encountered the rudder. I dragged it for at least 5 boat lengths before it finally came loose. The result was a damaged rudder post and possible damages to the keel and the steering mechanism. I expect that when the boat is drydocked, repairs will take some time. This is the first time in 20+ years of boating that I have hit anything that big. The moral of the story is keep a sharp eye out for floating and semi-floating hazards, especially when navigating through tide rips and fast currents.

**Steve Gardner, Editor**  
***"Dance Lightly"***





Plate 1. Low cloud and fog, West Thurlow Island.



Plate 2. Three keepers out of five, not a bad haul.

# **NOTES OF INTEREST**

## **Calendar Items:**

- **Men's and Ladies Lunch: TBA via email. A warm thank you to Dean and Oda Willows for their long-standing contribution to overseeing and organizing these lunch activities.**
- **September 17 at the Club House: Members will receive an email closer to the event outlining the activities and menu.**

**Note: All planned social events will be confirmed by email, with more details. Un-planned social events, such as cruising hook-ups, are encouraged.**

## **THE RACING SCENE**

**The Van-Isle 360 race passed through Campbell River in the afternoon of June 1. A brisk northwesterly dogged the boats on the entire leg from Comox during that day. Some of the boats decided to drop out at Campbell River, as the forecast was for continued headwinds all the way up to Cape Scott. Some of the lighter racers are not designed for this type of sailing.**





**Plate 3. This racing boat is completely open at the stern and not built to withstand days of beating into the wind. It was a DNF in the VanIsle 360.**

## Katana 2025 Racing

At our last barbeque at the Clubhouse on June 18, Wade Major gave the attendees a great recap of the racing events that he and his crew participated in on his boat *"Katana"* during the past few weeks. The races he participated in included the Swiftsure Juan de Fuca PHRF, a Nanaimo race, and the Lasqueti Island 'Race around the Rocks' race. In all three, *"Katana"* performed near the top of its class, including a 4<sup>th</sup> in its Division in the Swiftsure 70 NM Juan de Fuca Race for Monohulls, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish in the Nanaimo race. The winds were strong during most race weekends, which favours the heavier boats such as *"Katana"*, a C&C 34.



Plate 4. *"Katana"* on a nice heel after the winds filled in during the Juan de Fuca race for monohulls.





**Plate 5. Wade Major and crew aboard “Katana” during the Swiftsure weekend.**





Plate 6. Wade Major and crew displaying 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2025 trophy at Nanaimo.

## Recent Events:

**April 16:** Lasagna night is always popular and the food was well-received by all who attended. Following the meal, there was an in-depth discussion on solar charging and lithium battery installation.

**May 16, 17 and 18:** The traditional boating season kick-off at the Gorge Harbour Marina on Cortez Island was a great success despite the cool, cloudy weather. Some boats arrived on Thursday, with more boats coming on Friday and Saturday. In all, 12 members and guests attended the festivities. The Club donated the traditional prime rib roast which was cooked to perfection by Wade Major, who also hosted the dinner on his boat *"Katana"*, with delicious side dishes contributed by the attendees. The rain showers disappeared on Sunday and maintenance was performed. Sunday afternoon turned beautiful and sunny for the trip back to Campbell River.



**Plate 7.** CRYC members enjoying a rainy afternoon aboard *"Katana"* at Gorge Harbour.





**Plate 8. Hoisting a new headsail on “*Massapequa*” at Gorge Harbour.**





Plate 9. Shooting the breeze on the dock at Gorge Harbour.



Plate 10. Wade Major atop the mast of “Dance Lightly”.





**Plate 11. “*Massapequa*” under head sail alone passing Willoughby Shoals, returning from Gorge Harbour weekend.**

**Saturday, June 7: CRYC manned a table at the Campbell River Heritage Marine Center during the Heritage Center's first annual Craft and Marine sale. The table showcased the Yacht Club as a local small club (the only non-profit status club in B. C.). The turnout at the craft sale was very good and it will likely turn into an annual event according to Marine Center executive. Introductions were made to quite a few people interested in the club activities, resulting in the invitations to 4 prospective new members (see Member News Section).**



**Plate 12. Commodore Doug McGregor and Treasurer Dan Swain manning the table at the Maritime Heritage Center, June 7, 2025.**

**June 18 bbq: The Wednesday night June 18 bbq at the Fish and Wildlife Clubhouse received an excellent turnout with 25 members and guests attending. The bbq featured past Commodore Wade Major providing attendees with a recap of his recent racing activities aboard "*Katana*", and followed with Commodore Doug McGregor providing renditions of nautical songs by guitar and voice.**





**Plate 13. CRYC members socializing around the barbeques at the Fish and Wildlife Clubhouse.**



**Plate 14. CRYC members enjoying the meal together at the June 18 barbeque.**



## Announcements



We Support BC Marine Parks Forever <http://www.marineparksforever.ca/>

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Marine Parks Forever Website has some great tips and informative articles on stern tie methods (I highly recommend visiting this site). There is also some great information on tree damage (in particular arbutus trees) that can occur from stern tie rope abrasion. It's recommended that boaters not use live trees as stern tie points whenever possible, and when it is necessary, use a towel or rag around the tree and do not free spool the stern tie rope around the tree when retrieving, thus preventing excessive bark damage.

### Marine Parks Forever –

The Campbell River Yacht Club donates each year to the B. C. Marine Parks Forever Society. Our membership donates \$10.00 each to Marine Parks Forever, as a surcharge on the Annual Dues. CRYC issues tax refundable receipts for these individual donations. Thanks to your generosity we can continue to support this worthwhile BC charity. This year, CRYC has a Marine Parks Forever Foundation account with a sizeable GIC in excess of \$21,000, the interest of which will go directly to Marine Parks in this fiscal year. For more info, see <http://www.marineparksforever.ca/>



### B.C. Marine Parks Forever Society

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The B. C. Marine Parks Forever Society received feedback regarding the recent improvements to the Stern Tie Program (in particular Desolation Sound and Teakerne Arm Marine Parks). Attached is a map of the Desolation Sound Area (courtesy B. C. Parks and Recreation Website: not to be used for navigation). Recent stern tie improvements include both the Desolation Sound anchorages at Tenedos Bay and at Grace Harbour, as well as the Teakerne Arm Marine Park on West Redonda Island. As a result, a program of installing yellow tags on all stern tie anchor points was completed this year, in order to make the anchor points more visible to boaters. For more information on the stern tie program and other improvements, please visit <http://www.marineparksforever.ca> or <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/info>







A general note regarding Transport Canada Pleasure Boat Regulations (*according to the BCCYC there is some serious consideration being given by the regulators to require that lifejackets be worn at all times*):

- You are required by law to have a lifejacket or PFD (Personal Flotation Device) on board for each person on a watercraft. This includes human-powered craft.
- A lifejacket is your best defense against cold-water shock. Research shows that unexpected immersion in cold water is a serious risk to life if a boater is not wearing a flotation device. This is true despite the boater's experience, closeness to shore, and even swimming ability.
- A sudden fall into cold water can seriously affect breathing, nerves, and muscle strength. A lifejacket gives you some thermal protection as well as keeping you buoyant.
- As Leo Lambert pointed out at our recent demonstration, attempting to swim reduces the chances of survival, because the clothes you wear (and the lifejacket) retain a layer of warming water from your body heat. Thrashing around in the water allows this warm water layer to escape. Use the life jacket to provide buoyancy and retain body heat.

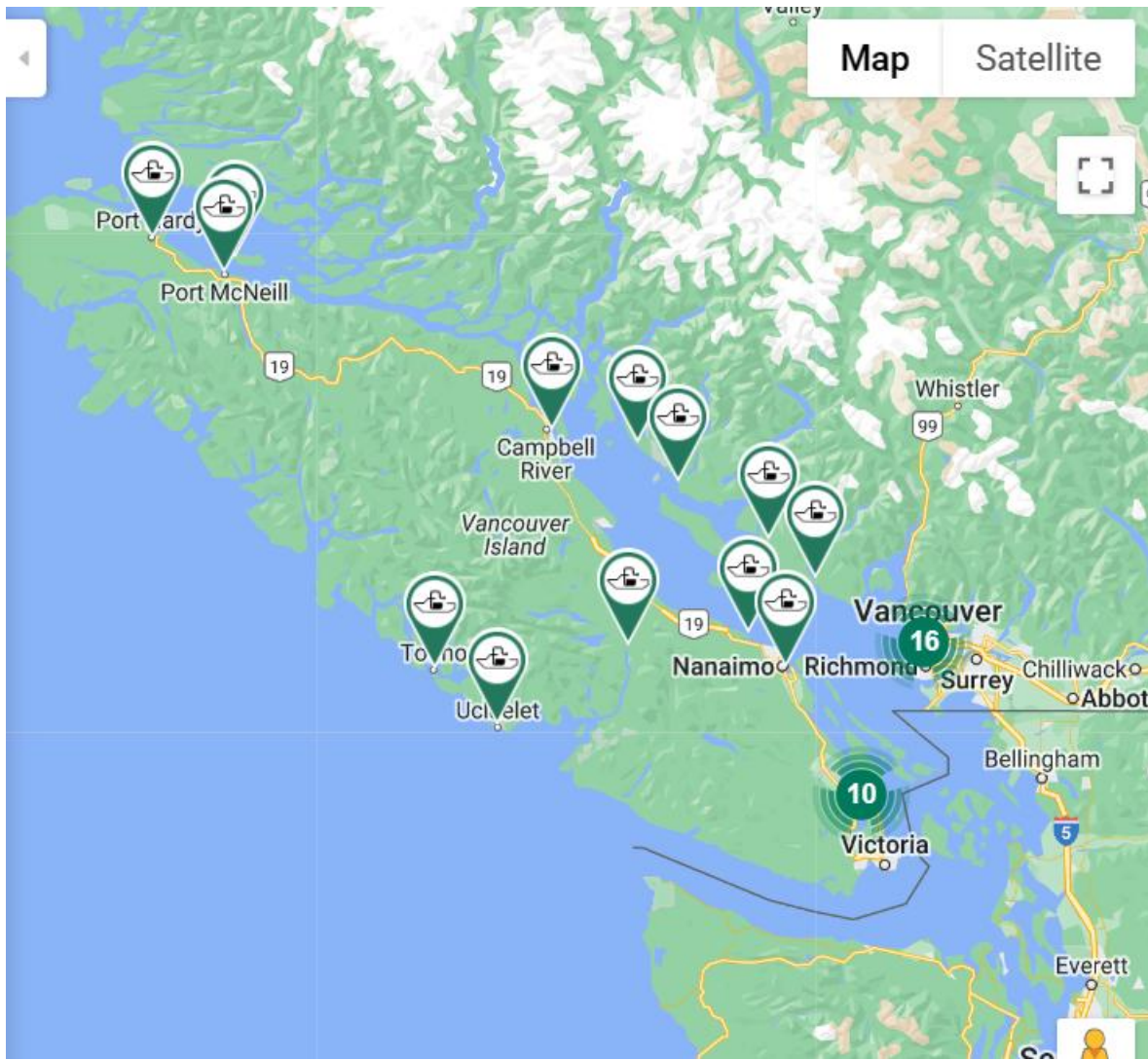
Link to DOT website: <https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/getting-started-safe-boating-/choosing-lifejackets-personal-flotation-devices-pfds>

**In case of emergency... Channel 16 on the VHF Radio for the Canadian Coast Guard.** The Canadian Coast Guard website lists the following contact numbers for BC: Toll free (within region) 1-800-567-5111; Phone 1-250-413-8933, Cellular #727

[http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/SAR\\_Rescue\\_Centre\\_Contact\\_Information](http://www.ccg-gcc.gc.ca/eng/CCG/SAR_Rescue_Centre_Contact_Information)

Another item to note involves the testing of the CO2 cylinders employed by most of the inflatable life jackets that are so popular today. The cylinders should be checked annually to ensure that they have not been subjected to inadvertent decompression. Replacement kits are available at most marine retail outlets.

An additional important point outlined by Wade Major at our recent meeting is the recommendation to add crotch straps to the inflatable life jacket, which are prone to slipping over a person's head when they are inflated in the water. Crotch straps are a requirement for ocean racing.



**The Council of BC Yacht Clubs has provided a map showing the locations of marine pump-out stations along our part of the coast.**



**For those of you interested in studying regional weather patterns, Environment Canada produced a very detailed study on regional B.C. coastal weather patterns. Its available from the Environment Canada website:**



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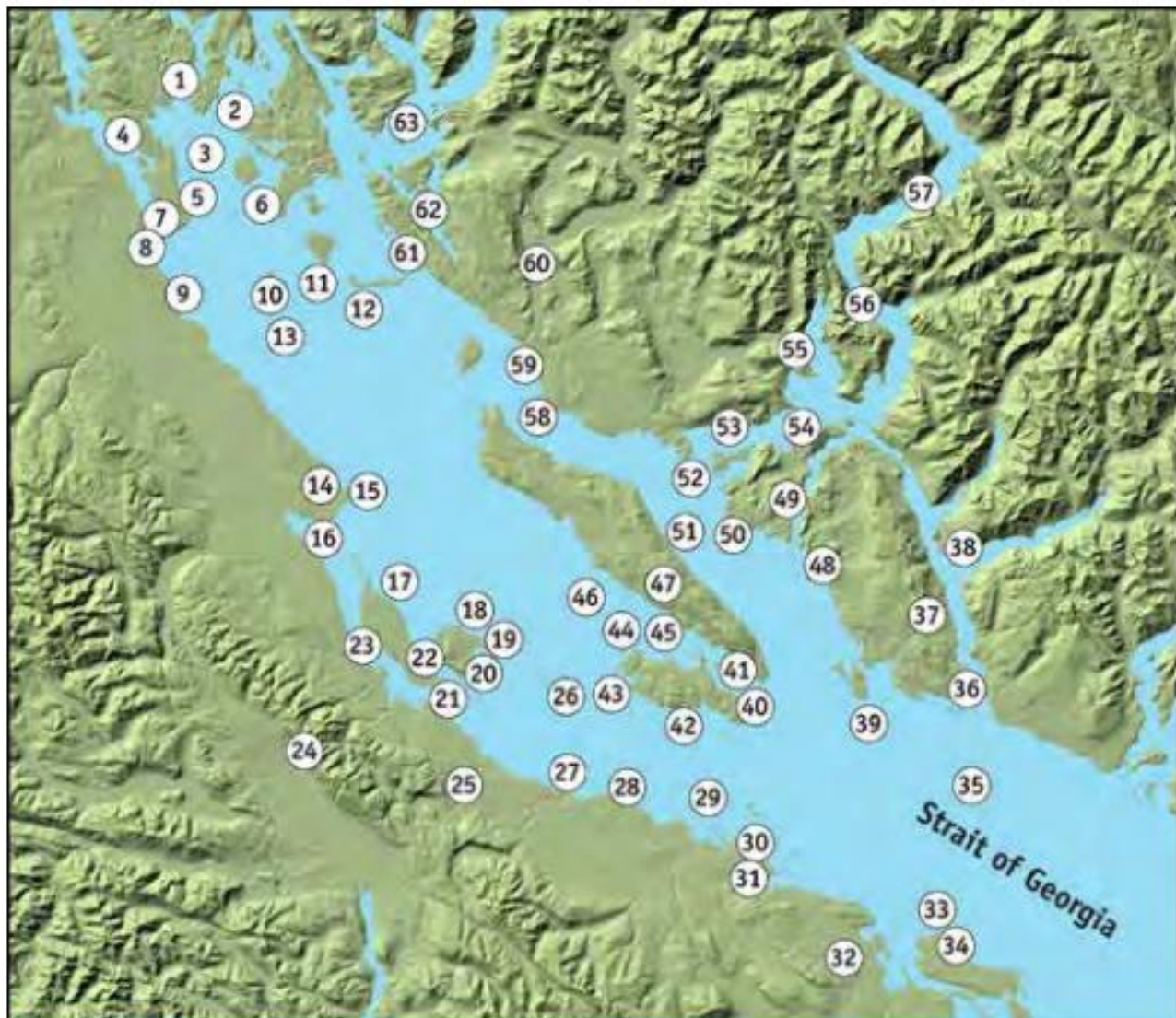
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[www.ec.gc.ca](http://www.ec.gc.ca)

## **National Marine Weather Guide British Columbia Regional Guide**

**I found a really good reference map on the Georgia Strait area, reproduced on the following page:**



## Strait of Georgia

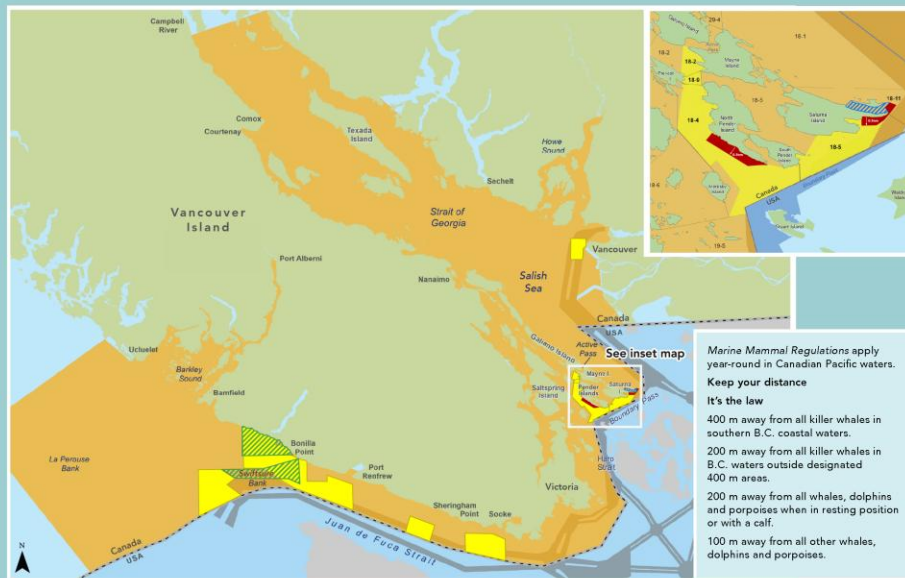
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| 3. Sutil Channel     | 24. Beaufort Range  | 45. Sabine Channel        |
| 4. Discovery Passage | 25. Home Lake       | 46. Texada I.             |
| 5. Quadra I.         | 26. Sisters I.      | 47. Mt. Davies            |
| 6. Cortes I.         | 27. Qualicum Beach  | 48. Pender Harbour        |
| 7. Cape Mudge        | 28. French Creek    | 49. Agenemnon Channel     |
| 8. Campbell River    | 29. Ballenas I.     | 50. Nelson I.             |
| 9. Oyster Bay        | 30. Schooner Cover  | 51. Malaspina St.         |
| 10. Mitlenatch I.    | 31. Nanoose Bay     | 52. Hardy I.              |
| 11. Hernando I.      | 32. Nanaimo         | 53. Saltery Bay           |
| 12. Savary I.        | 33. Entrance I.     | 54. Jervis Inlet          |
| 13. Sentry Shoal     | 34. Gariola I       | 55. Hotham Sound          |
| 14. Comox Airport    | 35. Halibut Bank    | 56. Prince of Wales Reach |
| 15. Comox Bluff      | 36. Sechelt         | 57. Princess Royal Reach  |
| 16. Comox Harbour    | 37. Sechelt Inlet   | 58. Grief Pt.             |
| 17. Denman I.        | 38. Salmon Inlet    | 59. Powell River          |
| 18. Hornby I.        | 39. Merry.          | 60. Powell Lake           |
| 19. Helliwell Pk     | 40. Bull Passage    | 61. Lund                  |
| 20. Tribune Bay      | 41. Jedediah I.     | 62. Okeover Inlet         |
| 21. Chrome I.        | 42. Lasqueti I.     | 63. Desolation Sound      |



The Government of Canada has provided new information on boating around killer whales, and whales and dolphins in general. While the information is centered primarily on killer whales, it also describes the regulations aimed at whales in general. While boaters around the Campbell River area occasionally sight killer whales, it is more common to meet up with humpback whales, which commonly frequent the waters around Quadra and Cortes Islands during the summer season. The distance requirement for humpback whales is a minimum of 100 m. Sometimes for sailors, this requirement is quite problematic.

## Boating around killer whales – 2025

Map of south coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia



Report any violations or incidents, involving marine mammals (such as injuries, entanglements or dead animals) that you observe to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's 24/7 Observe, Record, Report line:

1-800-465-4336  
DFQ.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

**Stay 400 m away from killer whales and do not position a vessel in the path of killer whales** in all southern B.C. coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet.

In effect until May 31, 2026.

Vessels with a purple authorized vessel flag are allowed to be closer to non-Southern Resident killer whales. **Do not follow them.**

To stay up to date on the 2025 measures, visit:



Be Whale Wise:



**Voluntary Speed Reduction Zone from June 1 to November 30.**  
Vessels are encouraged to slow down to 10 knots in this area when safe to do so.

**Two mandatory Speed Restricted Zones from June 1 to November 30.**

Vessels must not go more than 10 knots in these areas, with some exceptions.

For a list of exceptions, please visit the 2025 [management measures webpage](#) or via the QR code above.

**Do not enter Vessel Restricted Zones from June 1 to November 30. No boating. No fishing.**

Human-powered vessels (kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards etc.) may use a 20 m transit corridor along the shoreline.

For a list of exceptions, please visit the 2025 [management measures webpage](#) or via the QR code above.

**No recreational or commercial salmon fishing in area-based fishery closures:**

- Swiftsure Bank – in effect July 15 to October 31.
- Juan de Fuca Strait – in effect August 1 to October 31.
- Gulf Islands – in effect following the first confirmed presence of Southern Resident killer whales until November 30. Monitoring for confirmed presence of Southern Resident killer whales begins May 1.
- Mouth of the Fraser River – in effect from August 1 to September 30.

**Be Whale Wise**

- Stop fishing (do not haul gear) when within 1,000 m of killer whales.
- Reduce speed to less than 7 knots when within 1,000 m of the nearest marine mammal.
- When safe to do so, turn off fish finders and echo sounders.
- If you are too close, place engine in neutral idle and allow animals to pass.

Shipping lanes



## **CRYC BURGEE'S AVAILABLE NOW.**

**The CRYC Executive has on hand a new supply of CRYC burgees: For existing members, and new members, these are available at a cost of \$25.00 each. Please contact Dan Swain at 250-203-9100 to place your order.**

## **Membership News...**

The club currently has a total of 18 paid-up Memberships, 2 Life Memberships, and 2 Honorary Memberships. The Club dues for 2025 are pegged at \$150.00 which includes a \$10 donation to Marine Parks Forever. 2025 dues are payable starting November 1, 2024. If new members join during the calendar year, the membership fee is pro-rated to account for only the remaining calendar-year period. All current members are urged to look for any possible new member recruitments. A hearty welcome to our newest members Don Goodeve and Ofri Livneh, who recently joined and attended our latest barbeque at the Clubhouse. Don and Ofri have a C&C 38 which is moored at Discovery Harbour Marina. And also a hearty welcome to Malcolm and Jackie Holt, who recently joined the club and also attended our latest barbeque at the Clubhouse. Malcolm and Jackie recently completed a 9 year long round the world sailing journey of more than 25,000 nautical miles and are now calling Campbell River their home.

*Please notify Doug McGregor if you have a change of address, e-mail or telephone so the club can keep our Membership List up to date.*

The mailing address for the Club is:

Campbell River Yacht Club,  
2641 Campbell River Road, Campbell River, B. C., V9W-4P1

**Doug McGregor or Dan Swain are responsible for the collection of membership dues. If there are any questions related to membership, please contact Doug at (250)926-2541.**

**CRYC Annual Donations: In addition to our Annual Donation to Marine Parks Forever, the Club was able to donate \$405.00 in 2024 to the local Campbell River Food Bank, (a very worthy recipient).**

**Our past Commodore and current Treasurer Dan Swain has almost completed all the refit on his newest acquisition “Damaca”, a Catalina 28. We missed Dan and Marg at the Gorge Harbour weekend due to boat projects that were unfinished.... I’m hoping to do a feature on Dan’s new boat in an upcoming issue of the news letter.**

**Smooth sailing and all the Best for the Summer Boating Season in 2025!**