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CAMPBELL RIVER YACHT CLUB

NEWSLETTER –
4TH QUARTER, 2025

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Commodore's Message

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions toward the Christmas Party. We had a really good turnout with I believe 26 people there. The food was incredible and I believe that most people enjoyed the games and music.

Your new executive will be meeting early in the New Year to start planning a program for 2026. The membership has indicated a desire to continue along with the same program that has been successful over the past number of years. Most general meetings will be social meetings with food and hopefully some educational or entertainment segment. I am hoping that in addition to our annual May 24 excursion, we can have one or two club cruises.

I would encourage everyone to renew their membership if you have not already done so. If you do e transfers, that is one easy way to renew your membership. If you know anyone that might be interested in joining the club, please invite them to come out to a club event as a guest and then they can decide if they want to join from there.

Wishing you all a great 2026,

Wade Major, CRYC 2026 Commodore
"Katana"

Editor's Notes

Best of the Season to One and All and All the Best for the upcoming 2026 year. I trust that everyone has winterized their boats in advance of the colder weather and impending storms. I was able to do this in mid-December, after I returned from a 5 day December cruise north to Green Point Rapids. This trip was a combination of checking out my recent boat repairs and a visit to friends. I haven't done a lot of late season or winter cruising and I was surprised by a few things that I'm not usually faced with during the summer weather. The much shorter daylight period, the common occurrence of fog, and stormy weather coupled with extreme high tides trigger a large amount of floating debris: all of these factors contribute to the need to stay vigilant and plan the trip in detail. I didn't have any big storms to contend with, rather a lack of wind contributed to heavy fog on some days. On the way home I encountered an engine failure around Separation Head, close to Deepwater Bay. It turned out that even though my fuel gauge was showing more than half a tank, the tank was empty of fuel. I usually carry 10 litres of fuel in a jerry can but in advance of the repair job in August I had unloaded a lot of stuff out of the boat: the jerry can was still sitting in my workshop! Even though I had the head sail out, there was not enough wind to even steer the boat. After a radio discussion with a passing tug captain who was inquiring about my condition, he relayed my predicament to the Victoria Coast Guard, who called me back and informed me that the "*Cape Lazo*", the volunteer Search and Rescue boat out of Comox was in the vicinity. It was my good luck that the "*Cape Lazo*" was scheduled for a haul-out and inspection at the Ocean Pacific Boatyard and they had made the transit from Comox early enough to come up to Seymour Narrows to view the rapids at maximum flood, prior to their haul-out. When the Coast Guard call was made, they were less than 15 minutes away from my location. They made fast to my port side and towed me in to the Brown's Bay Marina and the whole operation took less than 45 minutes. I can't say enough about the skill and professionalism of this Search and Rescue unit, all of which is manned up strictly on a volunteer basis. The next day was another day of no wind and after refueling, it was an easy transit through Seymour Narrows on the flood tide, back to my home marina at Discovery Harbour.

The end of this year marks a watershed for me: after a few months short of ten years as the editor of the CRYC newsletter, I am turning over this responsibility to fellow CRYC member Ken Johnstone. As the outgoing editor, I want to thank past Commodores and all the members that contributed (and continue to contribute) to the newsletter. A big thank you goes out to Dan Swain, who is the contributor of many news items and other pertinent info gleaned from the meeting minutes of the Council of British Columbia Yacht Clubs that he circulates and forwards on.

Steve Gardner
"*Dance Lightly*"

Plate 1. A December evening fog settling in at Small Harbour, north end of Quadra Island.

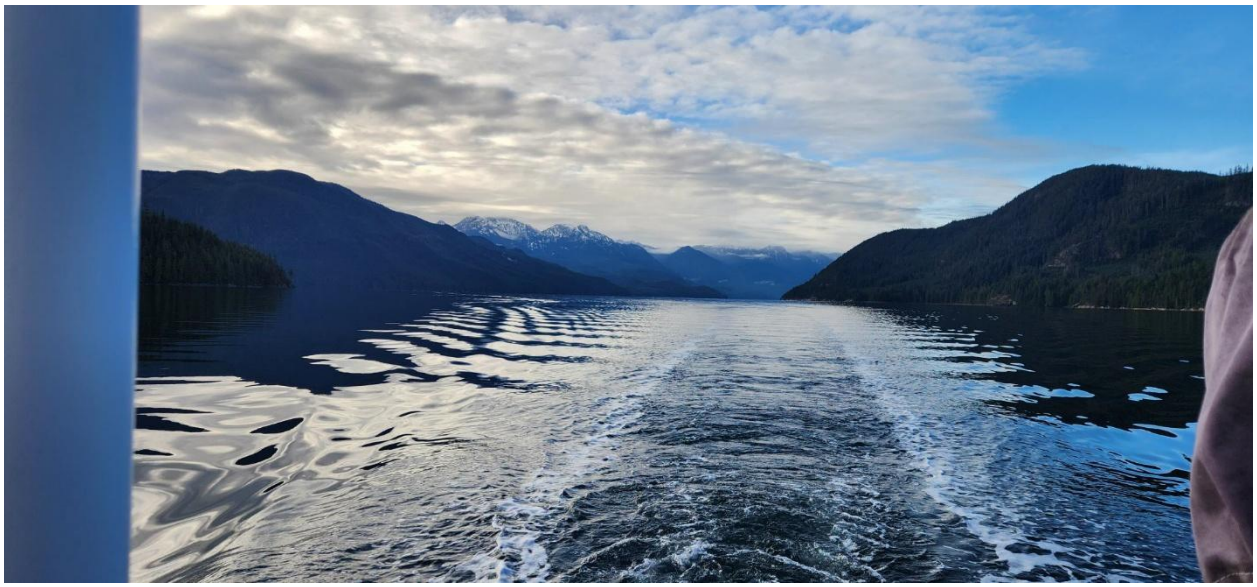

Plate 2. A calm December afternoon in Mayne Passage, West Thurlow Island.

Plate 3. The "Cape Lazo", with volunteers on board, after safely escorting me into Browns Bay.

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.**

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

For those who might be interested, here is a note on an upcoming seminar sponsored by the Bluewater Cruising Association:

Recent Events:

Wednesday, Nov. 19 Annual General Meeting at F & W Clubhouse:

There was a good turnout of 19 members for the AGM, except for Commodore Doug who was ill and couldn't make the meeting. Following the business meeting, the usual great food was shared by all in attendance. The AGM voting was ably coordinated by David Dakin, the results of which are tabulated below:

Incoming CRYC Officers and Directors for the 2026 year:

Commodore: Wade Major

Vice-Commodore: Bryne Weerstra

Secretary: Marcia Smith

Treasurer: Anne Weerstra

Director: Dan Swain

Newsletter: Ken Johnstone

Plate 4. Taking nominations at the November 18 AGM.

Plate 5. CRYC members enjoying the meal following the AGM on November 18.

December 7, 2025 Christmas Party at F & W Clubhouse:

This event was well-attended, with 26 people in attendance. The food included a succulent turkey masterfully done by Maureen Major, with all the trimmings, and a wide array of side dishes contributed by CRYC members, including some excellent dessert entrees. Following the meal, musical entertainment was provided by Doug MacGregor and Don Goodeve. An interesting set of games with members participating in teams, was enjoyed by all, with attendant prizes to the winners. All in all, it was a pleasant and fun-filled evening.

Plate 6. CRYC members enjoying traditional Christmas fare at the December 7 get-together.

Plate 7. Our talented CRYC members Doug and Don providing music at the Christmas Party.

Plate 9. New 2026 CRYC Commodore Wade Major hosting the games event at the Christmas Party.

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. For the 2025 year, CRYC has donated a total of $3,094.22, which included interest from the Marine Parks Forever Foundation Account GIC and donations from members and guests. For more info on marine parks, see http://www.marineparksforever.ca/

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www.marineparksforever.ca

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 are some maps 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, Grace Harbour, Prideaux Haven and Laura Cove, as well as the Teakerne Arm Marine Park on West Redonda Island. As a result, a program of increasing the number of stern tie points, plus 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**

Desolation Sound
MARINE PROVINCIAL PARK
Pryce Channel
WALSH COVE MARINE PARK
West Redonda Island
East Redonda Island
Homfray Channel
Pendrell Sound
Waddington Channel
Ellis Lake
Cassel L.
TEAKERNE ARM MARINE PARK
Lewis Channel
Teakerne Arm
HÁTHAYIM (VON DONOP) MARINE PARK
ROSCOE BAY MARINE PARK
Black L.
DESOLATION SOUND MARINE PARK
Prideaux Haven
Refuge Lagoon
Refuge Cove
Tenedos Bay
Unwin Lake
Curme Is.
Mink Island
Martin Is.
Cortes Island
Desolation Sound
Kinghorn Island
Gifford Peninsula
Malaspina Inlet
Grace Harbour
Lancelot Inlet
MALASPINA PROVINCIAL PARK
Malaspina Peninsula
Okeover Inlet
Twin Islands
Baker Passage
COPELAND ISLANDS MARINE PARK
MALASPINA PROVINCIAL PARK
Thulin Passage
OKEOVER ARM PROVINCIAL PARK
Lund
Hernando Island
Legend
Hiking
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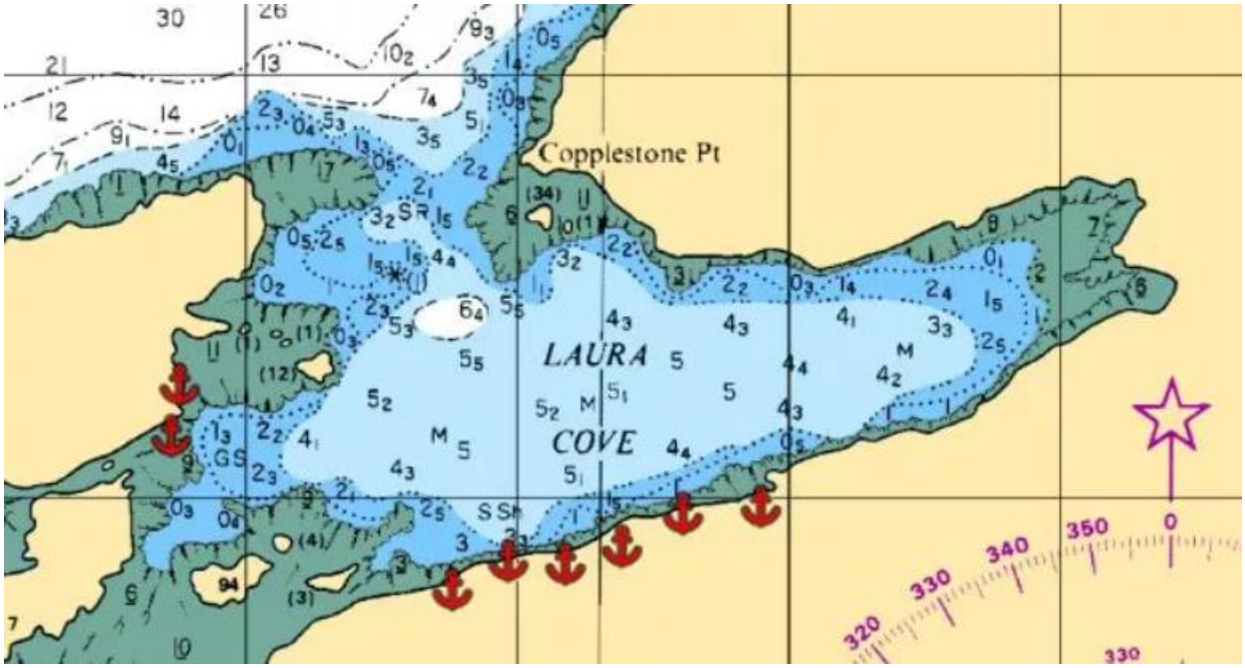
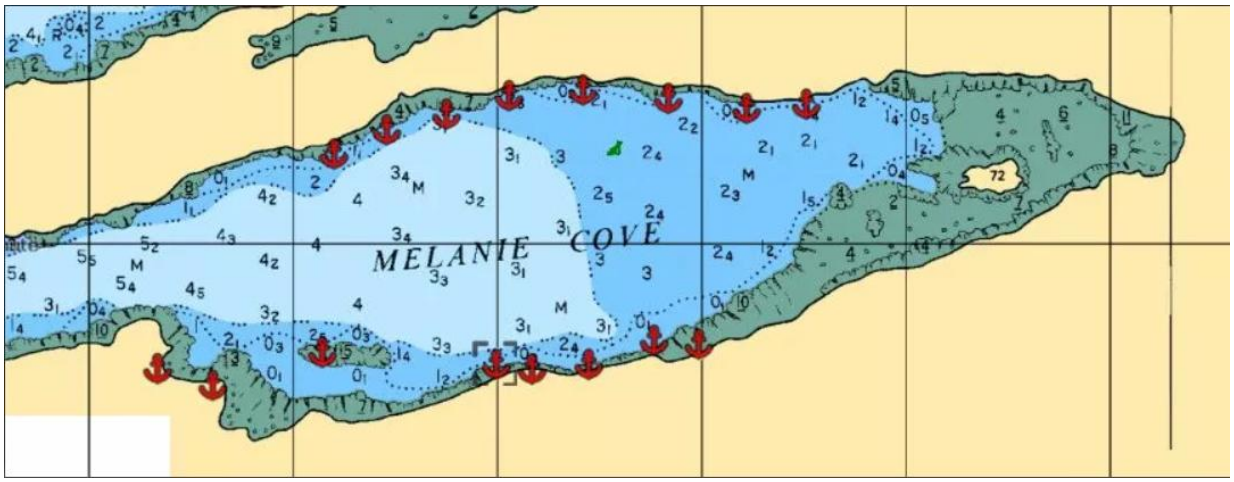
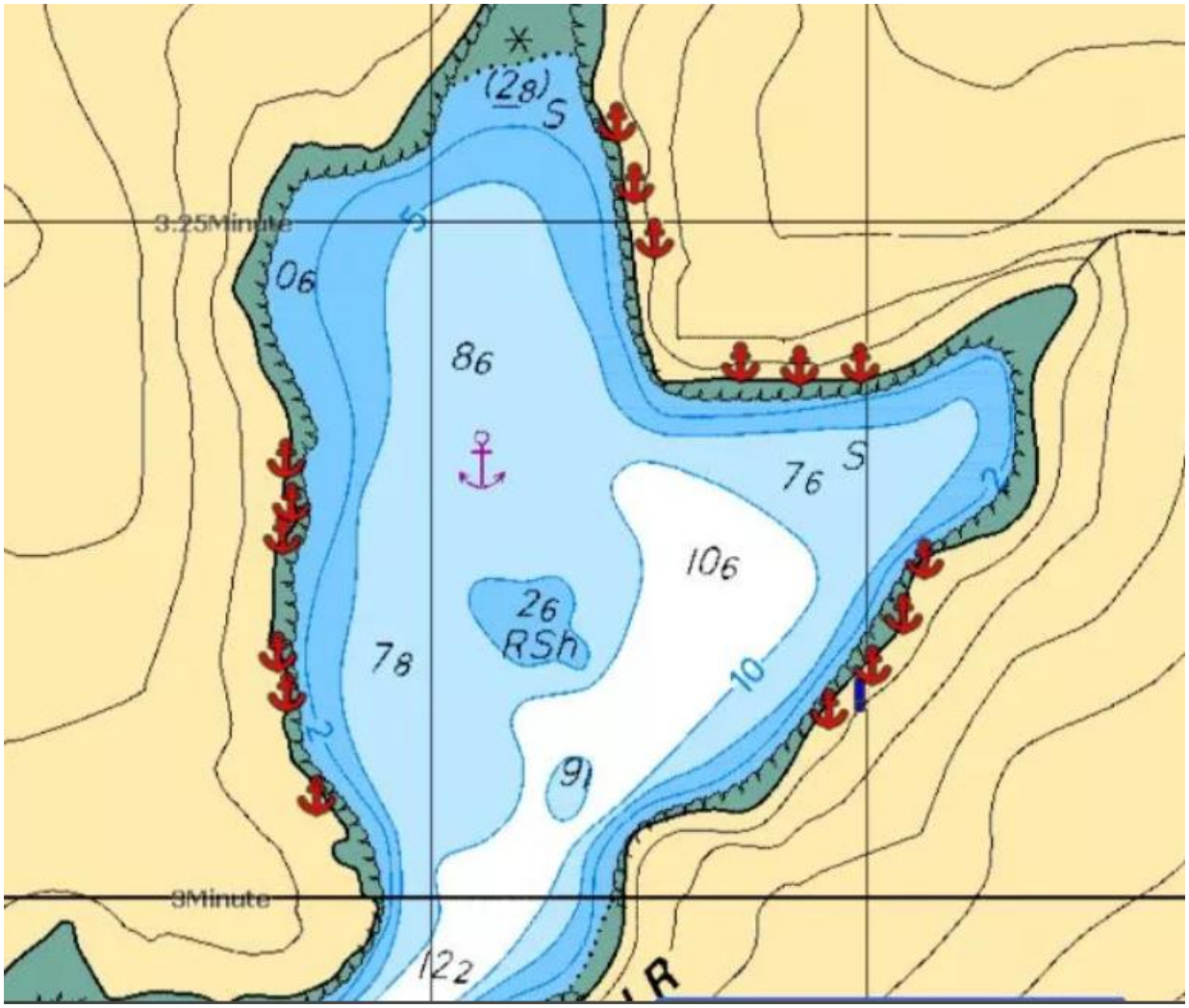


Laura Cove Stern Tie Points



Melanie Cove Stern Tie Points



Grace Harbour Stern Tie Points

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.

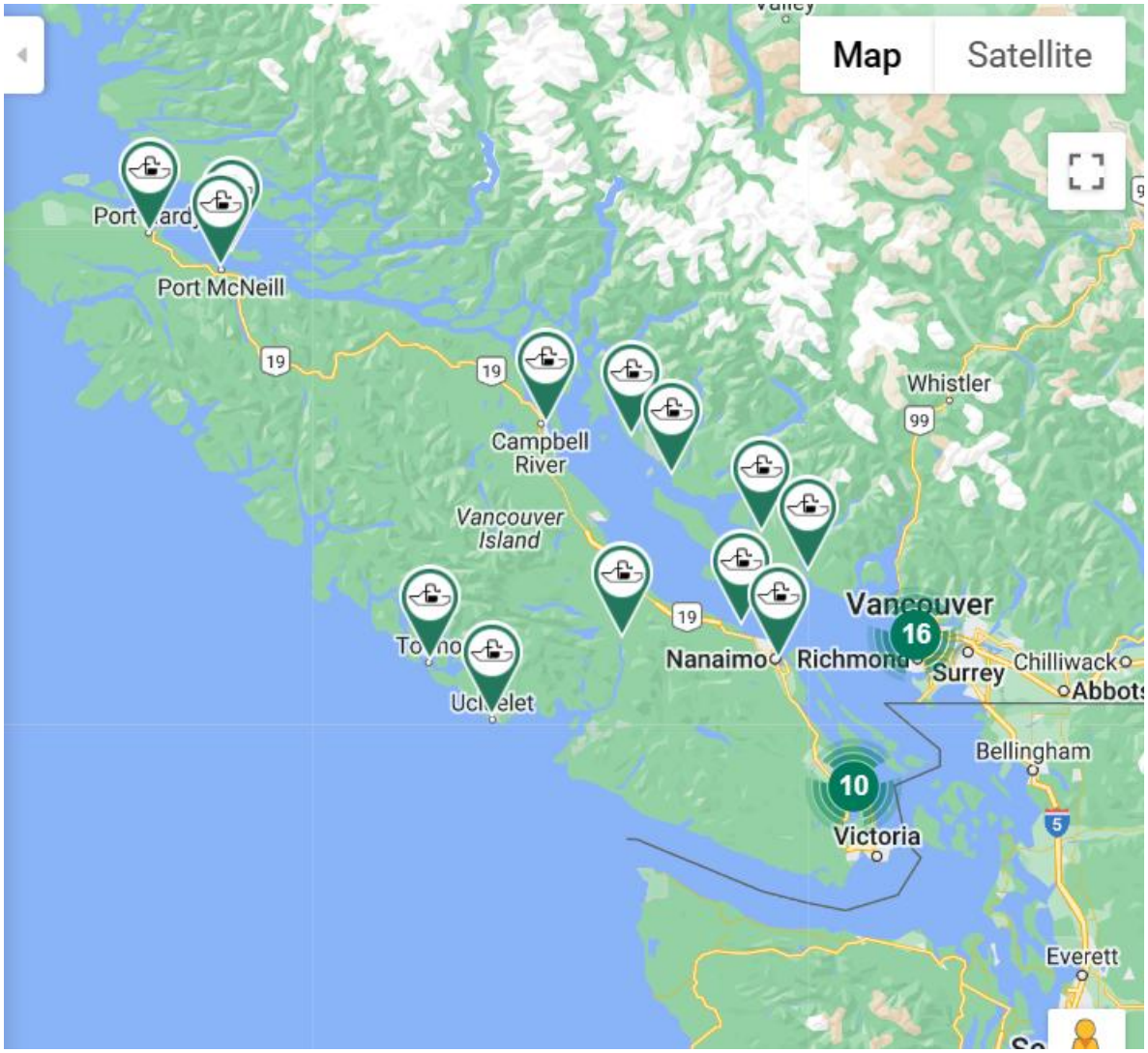
Link to DOT website: https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/getting-started-safe-boating-/choosing-lifejackets-personal-flotation-devices-pfds

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

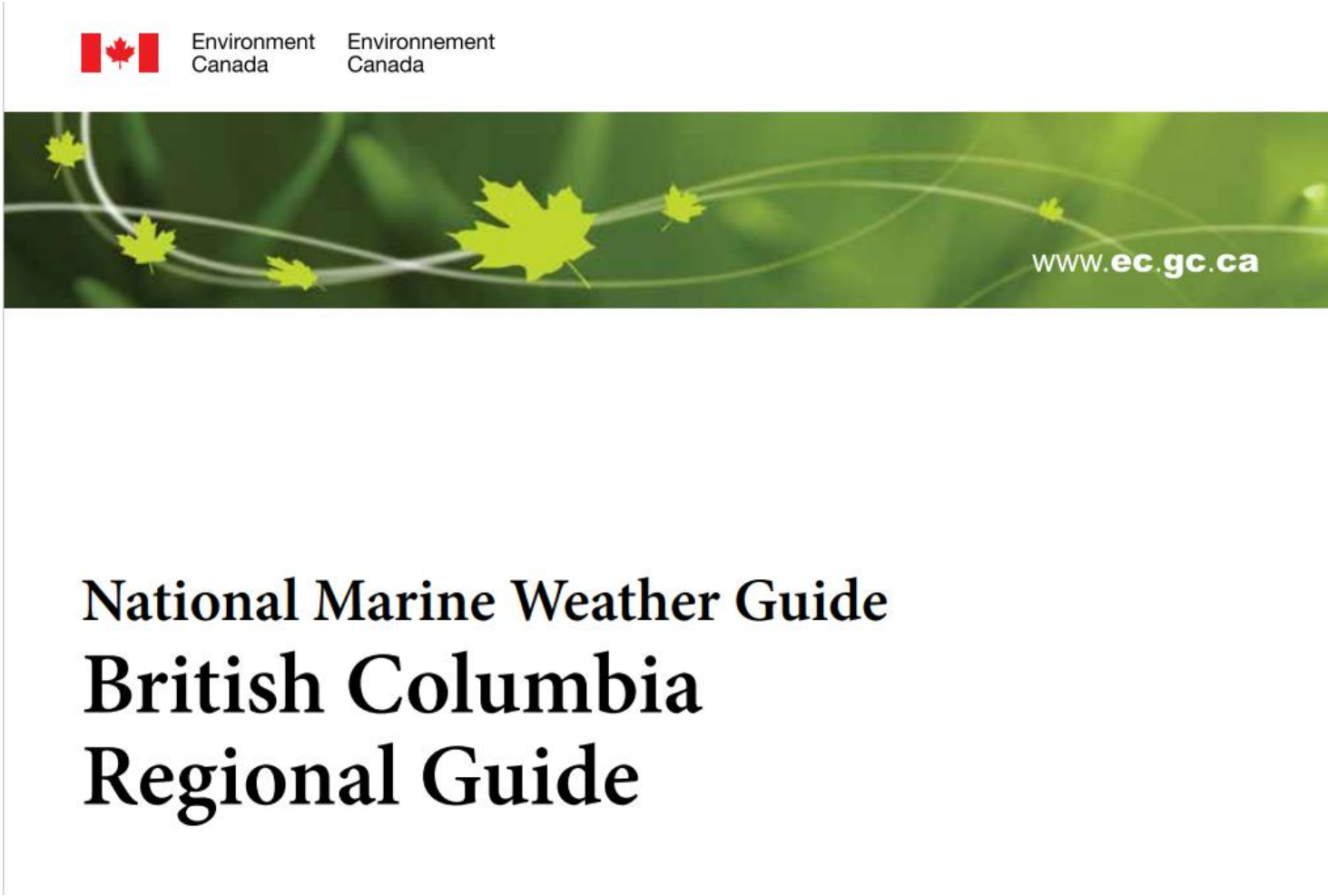
Another item to note involves the testing of the CO2 cylinders employed by most of the inflatable life jackets that are so popular today. The cylinders should be checked annually to ensure that they have not been subjected to inadvertent decompression. Replacement kits are available at most marine retail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

An additional important point outlined by Wade Major 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.

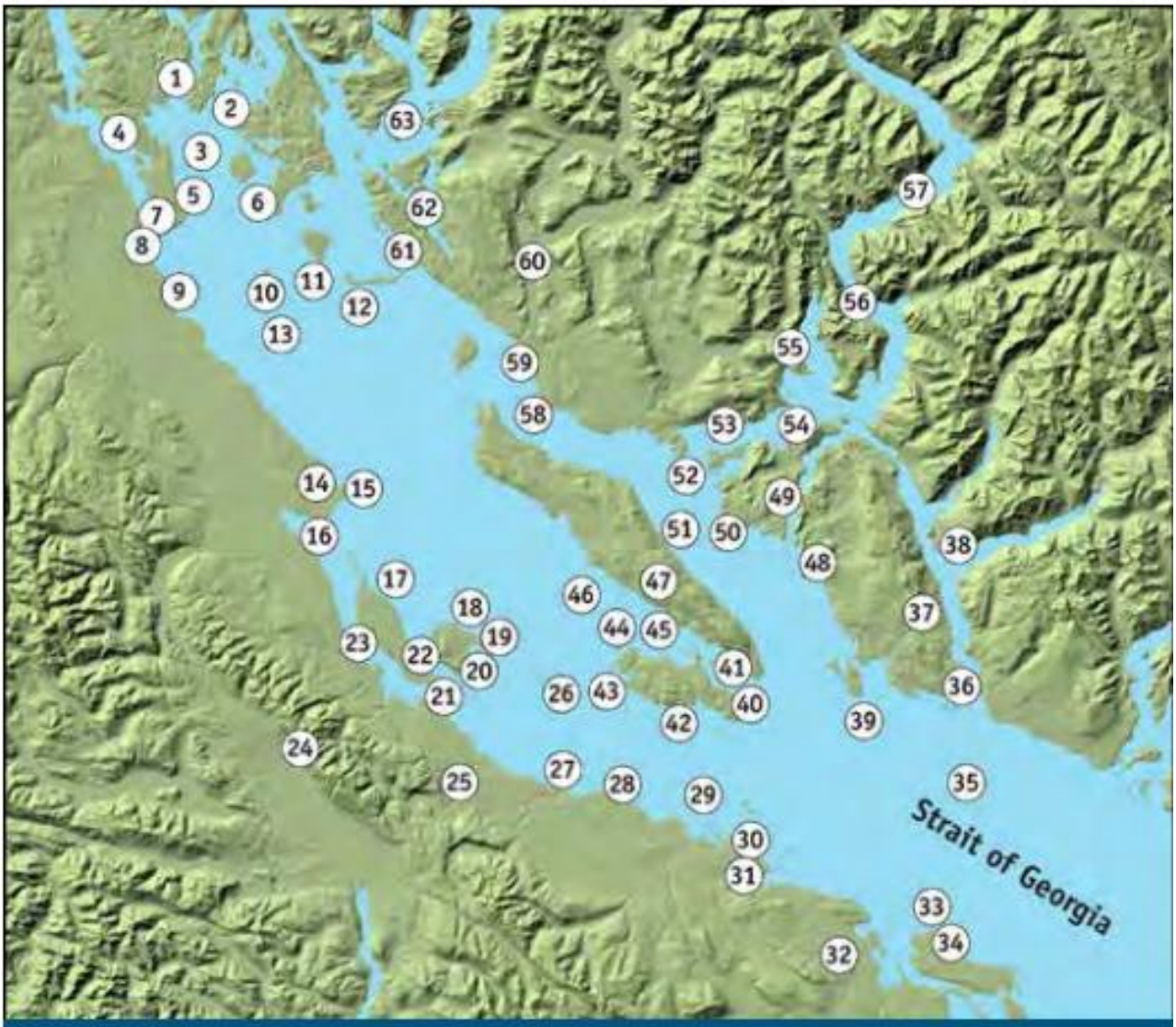


The Council of BC Yacht Clubs has provided a map showing the locations of marine pump-out stations along our part of the coast.

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



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



Strait of Georgia

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

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 2026 are pegged at $150.00 which includes a $10 donation to Marine Parks Forever. 2026 dues are payable starting November 1, 2025. 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.

Please notify Wade Major 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:

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Wade Major or Anne Weerstra are responsible for the collection of membership dues. If there are any questions related to membership, please contact Wade at (250)203-3515.

CRYC Annual Donations: In addition to our Annual Donation to Marine Parks Forever, the Club was able to donate $700.00 in 2025 to the local Campbell River Food Bank, (a very worthy recipient).