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GISS rowing team members practise on St. Mary Lake ahead of national championships in St. Catharines, Ont. from June 1-3. In the boat behind Haley Cadenhead (front) are Celia Segura, Maya Neufeld Boucher and Malaya Hart-Weller.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# GISS rowing team heads to nationals

Thirteen members represent Salt Spring at Ontario competition

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islands Secondary School students will be rowing in national championships in St. Catharines, Ont. next weekend.

The team has been practising all year in St. Mary Lake and competing in regional regattas around Vancouver Island. Their most recent event was at Shawnigan Lake from May 11-13.

“That was kind of the deciding factor for the crews that we would take. Every single crew that we entered at Shawnigan made the finals,” coach Stacy Mitchell said.

“It was the first time that we’ve ever had that.”

Thirteen Salt Springers will be attending the June 1-3 regatta, which is open to all high school teams in Canada. Mitchell said that about 3,000 athletes attend each year.

Salt Spring is sending two four-member crews, two doubles and one single. GISS has gone to the national competition before, but never with a squad this big. The team has grown since previous years and Mitchell decided to bring some novice rowers this year to build their interest in the sport.

“It’s hard at our high school because we have such a small pool of kids, but it is a really good counter sport for all of the other sports that they do,” she said.

The rowing season runs through the spring, but the team trains all year round. They use indoor rowing machines in the off season, building their speed and endurance. Rowing is also a good cross training sport for other things like swimming and soccer. Salt Spring has only sculling crews, where the competitors all use two oars, but Mitchell wants to bring on a rowing (one oar) crew and coxswain if she can.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# LTC to pursue waterfront rights

PARC questions Trust’s action

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has decided on a proactive course of action when it comes to the Ganges harbourwalk, voting at their May 10 meeting to apply for a statutory right-of-way over three properties.

The LTC hopes its application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development will

facilitate the eventual construction of an extended harbourwalk along the shoreline adjacent to three lots used by Ganges Marina. The portion would otherwise become part of the Ganges Marina tenure area, whose foreshore lease expired last year and is currently up for renewal.

As an additional measure, LTC members voted to ask the ministry to exclude the area proposed for boardwalk extension when it considers the marina’s tenure application

and instead reserve that area for public use.

“My advice to you is that you be as bold as possible and we can actually take both these options,” planner Jason Youmans told the trustees.

As part of their application, the LTC is asking the ministry to retain liability related to the existing boardwalk infrastructure — something the LTC is legally unable to do.

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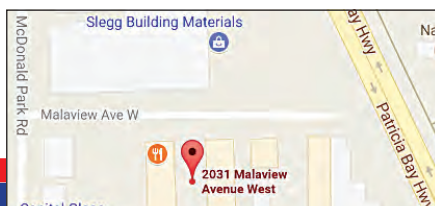
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The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **Crown Land File # 1414545**

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Saturday parking shuttle to launch

Commission also investigates taking on small craft harbour operations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parking congestion in Ganges on Saturdays could be eased this summer through use of a new parking shuttle service.

Salt Spring's community economic development and transportation commissions are working to initiate the service with help from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the nonprofit Transition Salt Spring society. The shuttle would bring people who park outside the downtown core to the Saturday market area, potentially making use of the school bus that PARC leases for its Camp Colossal day camp program.

Transportation commission chair Robin Williams attended Thursday's CEDC meeting to speak about the program, and thanked CEDC chair Francine Carlin and the commission for getting the project rolling with a report they put out in 2017.

"It's always been an idea that we should do something about Saturday parking," Williams said. "We kind of got tagged with it because we run the bus service, but the regular bus service is just not suitable, because of the complex funding arrangement between BC Transit and the CRD."

Looking at how to execute the idea, Williams said they needed to find some-

one who could apply for a CRD grant-in-aid. CEDC members voted Thursday to support Transition Salt Spring in doing so.

The amount being requested has not been disclosed, but Williams said there will hopefully be enough to hire a coordinator. The aim is to get the service running in time for the Tour des Iles festival from June 22 to 24 using a school district bus, but if not they intend to run Saturdays from June 30 to Sept. 1.

A second resolution that came out of the commission chairs' collaboration, which was also approved at Thursday's CEDC meeting, involves the management of small craft harbours as a CRD service. The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island currently operates eight docks on contract to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, but that contract expires in March 2019.

A majority of CEDC members voted to support a feasibility study on whether it would be advisable or not for the CRD to take over island harbour management. Carlin said the commission is interested because well-managed marinas benefit the overall island economy.

"Our marinas should be inviting ports of call on B.C.'s marine highway. Unfortunately, they are not," Carlin said. "Over the past few years, unfavourable reviews by visitors have been steadily increasing. We are missing opportunities to compete for full-time commerce and visitation."

"It's a window of opportunity to see

whether a new management structure would be beneficial to the community or not," added vice-chair Laura Patrick.

Commissioner Janice Harkley said she was not comfortable implying criticism against the current operations and ultimately voted against the motion.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the CEDC voted to send a letter of support for workforce and affordable housing to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and a letter asking the Ganges Sewer Commission to prioritize affordable housing applications, following a delegation by Salt Spring Housing Council chair Kisae Petersen. Petersen explained there is unprecedented funding available for affordable housing projects but funders won't direct that money to Salt Spring without seeing any chance of success. Funding promised for the Croftonbrook expansion is in jeopardy unless an ambitious approval timeline can be met that would allow construction to begin in September.

Commissioners also approved \$5,000 toward a "reducing red tape" project aimed at educating business owners around all the steps they may have to take with the Islands Trust and the CRD to facilitate a commercial project before they begin. The project may take the form of a video or other medium and will be posted to the commission's website at [opportunitiesaltspring.ca](http://opportunitiesaltspring.ca).

The CEDC meets next in September, and hopes to have a draft strategic plan in place to plot its next steps.

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

# POD team meeting arranged

Planning group seeks discussion with volunteers

Members of the neighbourhood POD program are invited to attend a team meeting on Saturday, May 26, running from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Legion's Meaden Hall.

The POD planning group has designed the meeting to have a discussion with participants about their experiences.

"At past emergency program events — and often during snack breaks and coffee chats — different POD volunteers have quietly shared

their POD experiences," organizers with the Salt Spring Emergency Program explain. "Some talked about challenges while others disclosed times of welcome fulfilment. Since the agendas for past team sessions have been full of information that the emergency program has had to share with PODs, we decided, for the May 26 conference, we're turning the tables! We want to hear from you — the volunteers. Let's take time to remember why our POD program is such a contributor to the safety and well-being of Salt Spring Island."

There is no fee to attend but registration is required through email to [ssiepc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssiepc@crd.bc.ca).

# Notice to the Public

## Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, May 25, 2018

2:15 pm to 4:45 pm

Harbour House Hotel

Meetings are open to the public.

For more information, please contact:

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Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee  
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Friday, May 25

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## TECHNOLOGY

# New Salt Springer shares insider knowledge of AI

Fears and assumptions  
overblown, talk suggests

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's amazing talent pool has expanded once again with the addition of new resident Lucy Suchman, an anthropologist of science and technology who specializes in human-computer interactions.

Those who attended the Salt Spring Forum session with Suchman on May 12 will be feeling somewhat relieved to have this expert in our midst — relieved, that is, if they were apt to worry about artificial intelligence (AI) overtaking human control of the world.

Suchman advanced her academic career studying power relationships within corporations and did fieldwork for her doctorate at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center, before going to work for them full time. After 22 years she returned to academia as a professor at Lancaster University in the U.K.

"As an anthropologist, I look at this project of creating human-like machines, by what image of the human informs this project," Suchman said. "What do we think we are? And what does this project tell us about humans?"

The May 12 event, moderated by George Sipos, asked just how

much we should believe the hype about AI — whether enthusiastic or doomsday. A key question for some working in the field is when and if "the Singularity" will take place and artificial intelligence overtake human capabilities.

"The worrywarts' fears, grounded in how intelligence and power seek their own increase, are icily specific. Once an AI surpasses us, there's no reason to believe it will feel grateful to us for inventing it — particularly if we haven't figured out how to imbue it with empathy," as Tad Friend writes in the New Yorker, in just one of the articles the Forum suggested members read up on before attending the event.

Luckily for us, Suchman states the Singularity just isn't going to happen. However, she warns there are human ideas and assumptions that we should be questioning, and probably upending.

Technologically, Suchman explained, artificial intelligence is just another word for computing software. Huge advancements have been made in three key areas in recent years: really fast processing, the extent of global networks and the ability for huge data storage have led to an upswing in research and funding.

As a result, computers have become very good at solving complex problems. They can beat the

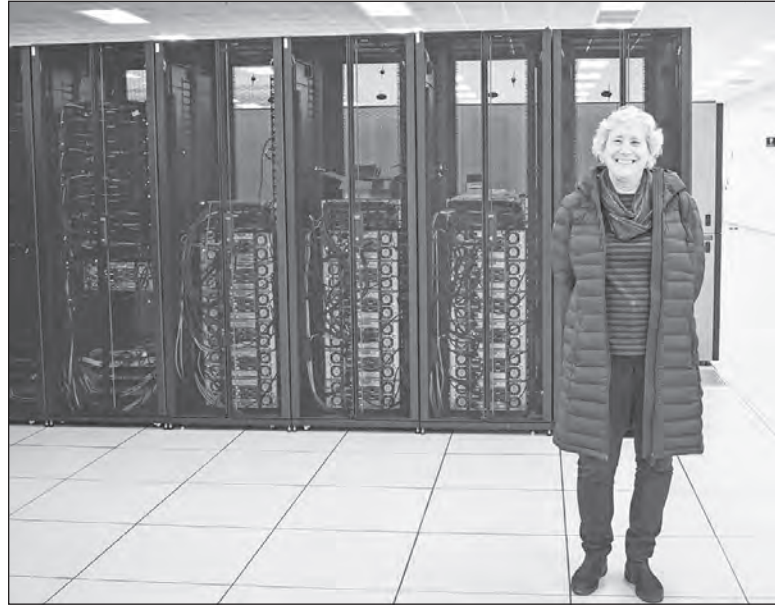


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Recent Forum guest Lucy Suchman with a small section of the Blue Waters supercomputer at the University of Illinois.

world champions of games such as chess and Go. But they can't perceive the world or make their way through it accurately unless their environment is extremely controlled, and while they can sense patterns and intuit connections, they can't deviate much beyond a set script.

Suchman said it's worthwhile investigating what our human values are and then applying that knowledge to the rhetoric. Areas

that have been recently promoted as being both better served by automation and inevitably headed that way are seniors' care and driverless vehicles. But if people value the ability to have meaningful work, for example, they could act to afford protection for human caregiving.

"There seems to be a trend of thinking if there's a problem, let's automate it. But why not be creative and think of other solutions

instead?"

"Nothing is inevitable," Suchman observed, noting some people stand to make a lot of money from their claims, which may be unfounded. "These are political and economic investments from people who stand to benefit from it."

Another seeming inevitability is the increasing automation of warfare, and that could have grave implications if left unquestioned. Suchman is involved with a Human Rights Watch campaign opposing the automation of the identification of legitimate targets and the initiation of force. The international NGO believes both types of decisions must be made by a human, and 26 countries have signed on in agreement so far. Canada and the U.S., notably, have not.

Suchman is also working with groups promoting corporate ethics, such as at Google, where 3,100 employees recently made a public call for the company to pull out of its contract with the U.S. military.

"Computation is really amazing, but it's not the Rosetta Stone for everything about us, so it's really amazing it's come to have the place it has in our perception... The only thing we can do is keep asking questions, applying skepticism, trusting our intuition and resisting the fire hose of media and representations about the 'magical powers' of technology," Suchman concluded.

## BC FERRIES

# Input wanted for Swartz Bay terminal upgrade

Online survey begins soon

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries has begun the process of upgrading the Swartz Bay ferry terminal with a public consultation period starting on May 24.

The goal of the project is to keep the terminal up to date with modern travelling habits and to make sure it can handle more and more passengers. Although construction is not likely to begin until 2021, BC Ferries is asking for feedback

about what people would like to see in the terminal in the future.

"This is the very very beginning and the very first step," said Tessa Humphries, communications manager for BC Ferries. "We just want to make sure that we get out there and we talk to our customers and the communities to hear what they have to say."

People will have a chance to give feedback either at the terminal or online. Pop-up events will occur on May 24, 25 and June 2. The online survey launches on May 24. BC Ferries will also be meet-

ing with the ferry advisory committees from Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands to ensure those communities' needs are brought to the table.

This is the first of three phases of public engagement. BC Ferries expects the final plan for the terminal to be ready later this year.

A similar process is currently going on with the Horseshoe Bay terminal in Nanaimo. Other smaller terminals are being looked at as well, including Fulford later this year and Long Harbour which is planned for 2021.

The Swartz Bay terminal is one of the busiest on the coast, with over 7 million passengers travelling through it each year. The last master plan for the terminal was developed in 2004 and while some improvements have been done since then, further upgrades are needed, Humphries said.

"The Swartz Bay terminal has a few areas that are nearing the end of their life," Humphries said. "We want to make sure we're planning for that."

The survey will be available at [www.bcferries.com/swbvision](http://www.bcferries.com/swbvision).

## FOR THE RECORD

A story in the May 9 paper incorrectly identified a Cairns Place marijuana growing facility on Salt Spring Island with BC Bud Depot. The two ventures are no longer associated.

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**GOVERNANCE**

# Next alliance gathering on Monday

Water, housing and more on May 28 agenda

Monday night's Salt Spring Community Alliance meeting will put the spotlight on water, housing and governance issues.

It takes place at Lions Hall from 7 to 9 p.m., with doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments available.

Speakers include Donald Gunn, a well-known Salt Spring designer, who will speak about water availability as it relates to housing and



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on Rainbow Road.

Rhonan Heitzmann, chair of the Alliance Housing Working Group, will share a vision of how Salt Spring can house more people with less

overall population. Gunn is the designer for three of Salt Spring's major affordable housing projects, including Dragonfly Commons and the Norton Road project. He was also the designer of Murakami Gardens

impact on the environment by introducing more technical innovations, lifestyle adaptation and creative planning.

Members of the Alliance Governance Working Group have also been invited to talk about their favourite governance model in terms of its benefit to island water and housing concerns. Governance models will include the local community commission, non-profit societies and joint initiatives.

All islanders are welcome to attend and join in the conversation on May 28.

**Land Act:**

## Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that, **George Alexander Vallance & Shirley Dianne Vallance from Saltspring Island BC** has applied to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNR), for a **Specific Permission for Private Moorage – Private Residential Moorage** situated on Provincial Crown land located at **Lot 28 of Lot 1, North Saltspring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 17161**

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# Assessments due soon

**HARBOURWALK**

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The measure is requested until a detailed plan to advance boardwalk construction and operation is developed. Ganges Marina has assumed the liability for the past 30 years.

Ganges Marina representatives could not be reached as of press time, but manager Steve Azyan said in March the owners were disappointed in the LTC's proposal to interfere with the tenure renewal application and the potential loss of their riparian rights as a result.

Youmans noted in his staff report that the ministry could find it problematic to deny the waterfront landowners any access rights.

"However, staff will encourage FLNRORD to frame the issue not as one where the three adjacent properties owned by Ganges Marina will suffer a loss or infringement of their riparian rights, but rather that a waterfront boardwalk is reasonable trade-off for the approximately 3.5 hectares (9 acres) of publicly-owned water surface the marina operators wish to use for their commercial operation," the report concludes.

Islands Trust's director of local planning services David Marlor was present at the meeting and said staff would work with Trust lawyers to draft the application and address any legal questions.

While the actual planning and construction of the harbourwalk project falls to the Capital Regional District and its Parks and Recreation Commission, the CRD informed FLNRORD in February that it had no immediate plans to submit a statutory right-of-way application and would not do so until a fully designed and funded project was ready to go.

The potential for conflict with the upland owners previously led the CRD to recommend the LTC back off its investigation of the foreshore lease, and instead return to a project of creating new commercial zoning in return for the boardwalk access amenity.

PARC commissioners meeting

**"I don't think the steering committee is being given as much opportunity as it should to weigh in on these things."**

BRIAN WEBSTER  
PARC Commissioner

shortly after the LTC's decision on May 14 expressed surprise at the direction. Brian Webster said the Ganges Harbourwalk Steering Committee, which operates under PARC, had not kept the commission informed, but noted the group has met only once since its inaugural meeting in June 2017.

"I don't think the steering committee is being given as much opportunity as it should to weigh in on these things," Webster said, and added, "I just see what's happening right now as potentially problematic in having one agency go ahead and apply for statutory right-of-way, which ultimately needs to be owned by CRD, because the Local Trust Committee isn't even permitted to have liability for anything."

Webster continued to say that if there is a difference of opinion between the two agencies' staff, they should take the matter to the steering committee to get direction "and maybe some resolution of project issues."

Parks and recreation manager Dan Ovington said staff from both organizations had discussed the issue beforehand and he thought they had come to an understanding of the CRD's position. He promised to bring it up at the next interagency meeting, scheduled for Tuesday.

Ovington also suggested the steering committee has just a small part to play in the harbourwalk project's completion, stating its sole role was to launch and review the preliminary assessments.

The environmental, geotechnical, structural and archeological reports are expected to be ready in June.

TRANSPORTATION

# Trevena looks at coastal connections

Roads, transit and ferries in discussion

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C. Transportation Minister Claire Trevena discussed a number of issues in her file as they relate to islanders during a visit to Salt Spring last week.

While the visit was timed to celebrate the success of Salt Spring Transit, Trevena was willing to talk about some of the most pressing concerns for islanders, including road conditions and ferry service.

Trevena has been NDP MLA for the North Island constituency since 2005 and spent many years as transportation and BC Ferries critic for the opposition. Now part of the reigning government's cabinet, she acknowledges things aren't so easy to fix as it might seem from the outside. Scrapping the Coastal Ferry Act is not currently being considered, for example, but some changes for the system are potentially in the works.

As a resident of Quadra Island, Trevena is well acquainted on a personal level with the problems of ferry travel.

"I think there's a lot we can do to serve ferry-reliant communities that won't take away from service but will be part of a new and more responsive service," Trevena said.

She expects to receive a review of the ferry system, sent to a consultant last December, sometime in the next month. Ferry advisory committees have stated concerns that consultation was not included in the first stage of the review, but Trevena said she feels that coastal residents have already made their position clear.

"I think people have been consulted to death about what's wrong with BC Ferries," Trevena said. "It would be really insulting to go back to people and say 'And now what do you think?' because I don't think people's views have changed. People want a ferry system that's affordable and works in their interest, so you're



PHOTO BY DAL BRICKENDON

Transportation Minister Claire Trevena with Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Robin Williams at the moon snail bus shelter in north Ganges.

not dealing with long overloads, or the schedule works to suit the community it's serving — that's what people want, and I've heard that loud and clear."

Trevena suggested one of the steps for improving service in the future will be to look at how new vessels meet the demand for transit and active transportation, rather than the current design as floating parking lots based on transport-vehicles.

"This is something I want to work with the ferry company on, is if we have the right mode," she said.

Passenger traffic has rebounded in recent years due to a better economy, the introduction of fare caps and the NDP government's decision to revive the seniors' discount and roll back fares. Capacity and overloads are now the primary concern of ferry advisory committees. Trevena agreed that routing, schedules and capacity are all issues to be examined more closely.

Shutting down one of Salt Spring's three terminals does not appear to be a priority of the current government, however.

"In some respects, people say, 'Do you really need three terminals?' And the

other respect is . . . sometimes there is a necessity. There has historically been three terminals here. There's the question of which one do you lose and there fore which service do you lose," Trevena said.

"As soon as you start taking something away, it's going to have an impact. And I want ferry-reliant communities to be positively impacted under our government. I think there's been enough negative impacts without starting to say 'We're going to take this away, we're going to take that away.' I think we could think about how we could do things differently, and that's a conversation I'd like to have later after we get through our operational review."

In terms of non-marine transportation concerns, Trevena said roads in all the island communities that historically voted NDP were seriously neglected by the Liberal government, which holds its voter base in the Interior.

"It's a matter of looking at priorities, and we're very conscious of those areas that for 16 years haven't been funded and have been lacking in service under the previous government," she said. "We'll be trying to ensure everywhere in the province gets an equitable share, while being conscious there are areas like the islands that have been massively underfunded. I have to say I hear from every Gulf Island and every other island the roads need repair, the roads are being neglected, the roads are falling apart."

A key personal interest for Trevena is exploring how to bring more active transportation options to rural communities, as well as integrating transit and new technologies such as autonomous cars. She is a bicycle/ferry commuter who cycles from Quadra Island to her Campbell River office.

"This is one of the really exciting things about the work of this ministry at this moment — it is a time of change. There's so many different things happening that can change the way we do transport," Trevena said.

## Sponsorship welcomed

ROWING

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"We used to stop, but as they start to get better they want to keep going," she said.

Mitchell has been trying to grow the sport on Salt Spring Island. Already in the past few years she has seen a lot of improvement in the rowers. Mitchell's efforts seem to be working, as each year more and more people are joining the team. This year, the roster jumped from 12 scullers to 26. According to Mitchell, many of them are capable of competing on the Canadian national team, which is based in Victoria.

"All of them can make it," she said. "Going to the national level is about how much you really like the sport and how much you're willing to train . . . it is truly about how hard you want to go through the pain."

The community has been very supportive of the rowing team; many organizations have helped pay for some of the associated costs. Team uniforms were partially paid for by proceeds from the May Long Weekend Challenge Cup soccer tournament, the Salt Spring Island Foundation helped pay for some of the boats, and many others have helped with fundraising.

"This is a whole different adventure for these kids and it's really neat to see them have this success," Mitchell said. "It's a pretty cool thing to be on such a small island and be supported like this."

Anyone interested in helping by sponsoring the team or contributing to fundraising can contact Mitchell by email at smitchell@sd64.bc.ca.

### Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

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**EDITORIAL**

## Bravo for bus idea

**O**ne thing all Salt Spring Islanders can agree on is that parking in Ganges on summer Saturdays is a nightmare.

Visitors attracted by the famous Saturday market flood the village with their vehicles while they shop, stroll and eat not only at the market but throughout the Ganges area.

All village parking lots fill up quickly and remain that way for most of the day, with every other inch of pavement or road shoulder also covered by cars and trucks. The mayhem often creates dangerous situations for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Islanders like to complain about parking every day of the week in the summer, but Saturday is in a league of its own when it comes to vehicular congestion.

That's why a fresh initiative of three of Salt Spring's local Capital Regional District advisory commissions and the non-profit Transition Salt Spring is an idea whose time has truly come. The proposal is to use a school bus the Parks and Recreation Commission leases for its summertime Camp Colossal program for a shuttle service. It would see people park vehicles in the lots at Gulf Islands Secondary School and Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre and then jump on the bus to get to the centre of Ganges.

Coincidentally, the decision shared at the Community Economic Development Commission to collaborate on a shuttle bus took place less than a week after the 10th anniversary celebration for Salt Spring Island Transit. The fact Salt Spring's buses are so well used suggests both locals and visitors are transit savvy and should be willing to embrace an alternate kind of service for Saturdays.

Implementing an effective publicity plan and visible signage will be key to ensuring drivers know they can park up Rainbow Road and ride into town.

Maintaining the enthusiasm and cooperation of all involved parties is also important — something that doesn't always occur on Salt Spring or elsewhere.

We hope no unforeseen bureaucratic roadblocks arise to prevent a great idea from getting the traction it needs to succeed.



**VIEWPOINT** by VIVIENNE CHALLANDES

## Art merges with politics, economics

These are some thoughts I put together about art. They are speculative and a little philosophical. Perhaps a little ambitious. Why not?

There is a symbiotic relationship between art and politics. Political statements are always implied in art. This is because the arts, collectively, form a part of the culture that in turn informs the arts. It is also true that this culture is essentially the social fabric that maintains itself within a political structure. There is interplay and an interdependence of the two.

Art, in one form or another is the vehicle of this dance, and sets the stage for it. Historically, art precedes human socialization, because art, like "society," is abstract; the idea first and then the thing. Whatever the formal expression — music, dance, painting, or poetry — it comes from the imagination and is self-reflective. I find art philosophical. It's part of the whole business of the what am I, where am I, what am I going to do, groping for some meaning, purpose, or delight that kind of starts civilization.

Then there is economics. The economic nature of our political world can't help but influence all aspects of our society. Art in advertising is a good example. There is also advertising in art, and advertising masquerading as art. (Make a movie set in space, with a bunch of warm fuzzy alien creatures. Then make replicas and put them in stores. People, usually kids, adopt the mythology of the movie and re-enact it, perpetuating it.)

Those little plastic "action figures" that usually don't move are everywhere. Art sells. Obviously. And our landfills have a lot of Teletubbies and light saber-like things in them. Art, good or bad, right or wrong, plays hugely in our everyday lives.

Art drives much industrial activity, and because of the profits it generates there is a tendency to want to repeat the forms and activities that are successful. Art becomes imitative of its successes. Then art begins to be dull: few surprises, lots of familiarity with repeated forms until they become trite. Eventually, the objects of art saturate their context and are ignored.

The dance, the interplay among ourselves and the world we live and act in stops. Art loses its vitality, its spirit and action. It no longer serves to lessen isolation.

Really good art jumps under your skin, and in a fun way takes you over, like the visit to a house with a great host, even though sometimes it is a funeral we go to. I think art ceases to be interesting when it fails to explore and enact new possibilities. Eventually we all become a little less sensitive to each other and our environment.

Consider a couple of ideas. What happens to us if nature becomes entirely abstract and many natural things disappear? (The oceans have been depleted of 90 per cent of the larger fish.) How to portray this, start a conversation, look at the implications? Two, NASA launched rockets to Mars, at a cost of \$800 million or so. They are looking for life and water. Earth has both, quickly disappearing. How am I going to communicate this information?

Art is a conversation of possibilities and discovery that includes everyone.

*The writer is a Salt Spring artist with work currently showing in the lobby area of Island Savings.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should the CRD consider managing local docks?**  Yes  No

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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should Walker's Hook Road stay car-free?**

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NO	YES

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I hear from every Gulf Island . . . the roads need repair, the roads are being neglected, the roads are falling apart."

BC TRANSPORTATION MINISTER CLAIRE TREVENA

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What is one way that BC Ferries can improve?



**JUDITH COCKRILL**

*I'm happy with them. Especially since they brought back the seniors' discount. It's a great service.*



**ROY MARLATT**

*It seems like it's pretty good. I'm glad the island has three ferries.*



**TAMAR GRIGGS**

*Lower the rates for the smaller routes.*



**KIEREN BEATTIE**

*If they increase the lifeboat capacity, then more people would be allowed on board.*



**ROGER COOPER**

*The ferry from Vesuvius takes too much time tied up at the dock. It would help with commercial traffic and overloaded sailings if it didn't.*

## Letters to the editor

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### Pave main road instead

I heartily agree with last week's letter by Gary and Radha Bello about Walker's Hook Road.

Instead of being a disaster, it has turned out to be a boon. The road is now so peaceful. You can hear all the different birds, instead of hearing cars, and smell all the wonderful smells that spring provides, instead of gas fumes. I see all kinds of walkers, some with babies, dogs and bike riders. There are lots of conversations and room to walk without worrying about what car is coming. I've even heard of horses out on the road and that is a risk with cars racing by without giving the horse

lots of room.

I know it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, to fix Walker's Hook Road. I would much rather see my tax dollars go to repaving the highway from Ganges to Fulford. This road is used all the time by most islanders. The road was last paved in 1986.

In the past few years, I've watched it crumble. Some water and sewer connections that were repaved weren't paved to the height of the road. There are tons of areas where there are several pot holes, resulting in an area that is very bumpy. There are few visible lines on the road. Certainly, it would be a huge improvement to have it repaved.

**KISHORI HUTCHINGS,**  
MAIN STREET

### Slow down on Cusheon Lake Road

Cusheon Lake Road, from Stewart to Fulford-Ganges Road, is an accident waiting to happen.

It's a sweet little curvy narrow country lane, really, with lots of bumpy potholes, houses, driveways and parking right at the verge. It is picturesque, full of lovely trees and birdsong and little hills and dales.

Since the paving of Stewart Road, it has become a speedway, I suppose because people think that taking Stewart to Cusheon Lake to Fulford-Ganges is faster than taking Fulford-Ganges straight up from

Fulford. Or perhaps because there are more people living on Stewart or on lower Beddis, on to which Cusheon Lake Road opens further down past Stewart.

Whatever the reason, the road is now somewhat of a raceway, with drivers dodging the potholes and each other on the narrow bits, and those who live there posting sign after sign asking drivers to slow down. It gets repetitive. No one pays attention, they just barge through.

I live just off Cusheon Lake Road on Lautman, where the entrance to that road is uneven and has dips at the edge of the pavement that threaten my wheel alignment. So I must venture into the middle lane to take my chances with traffic coming

quickly from curves to left and right. It's a disaster waiting to happen.

What are the options for safety?

Signs are ignored. Traffic calmers might work, but they would slow down the emergency vehicles. Widening the road would be invasive if not impossible and cleaning up the potholes would just encourage people to go faster.

It's scary right now . . . and tourists are a-comin' in . . . most of them from Fulford.

Any ideas?

**NEVA HOHN,**  
LAUTMAN DRIVE

### Class act

There was another wedding happening on May 19, much closer to home.

Our neighbour's daughter

was married at their home. Naturally we expected traffic and the joyous noise that comes with such a happy occasion.

Last week, a lovely young lady came to our door with a beautiful card and a jar of homemade jam. "Emily and Joe" wanted us to be aware of the increase in activity and presented the jam as a small token of thanks. What a class act! With all the work associated with such an endeavour they took the time to think about the neighbours.

Our best wishes to the couple. Undoubtedly you'll do just fine in life.

**MAUREEN O'BRIEN,**  
ELIZABETH DRIVE

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# STVR enforcement: Fixing the wrong problem

BY IAN DE BIE

I would like to comment on the approach that the Islands Trust is taking against short term vacation rentals on Salt Spring Island, with the stated goal of protecting the island's rental stock.

I could hear a collective sigh of relief from islanders who think this is a good thing. But it isn't a good thing, and I will tell you why.

To begin with, let's look at what accommodation is listed on Airbnb for Salt Spring Island. I selected two midweek days two weeks out, which resulted in 258 listings — wow! Only 135 of them turned out to be on Salt Spring, however.

The breakdown was as follows: under "Entire Space" there were 10 sub-listings: Cabin (29), Apartment (16), Guest Suite (15), Guest House (9), B&Bs (8), Boat/Bus/Yurt (8), House (7), Tiny Homes (2), Loft (2), Cottage (2). Then, under Private Room (37) and Shared Room (3).

If you eliminate the shared rooms, private rooms, boat/bus/yurt, B&Bs and guest suites, none of which would be considered as rental stock, we are left with 67 listings that might be suitable for rentals. Not 140.

Now let's look at the rental market on Salt Spring. According to the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment report (December 2015) sponsored by Island Women Against Violence/Salt Spring Foundation/

Salt Spring Housing Council Society, roughly 850 people rent at any point in time. This equates to roughly 425 full-time rental units, which is only half the number of rental units per capita compared to the rest of the province — definitely a major shortfall! Furthermore, Salt Spring renters earn much less than the annual salary of other renters in the rest of B.C. — a double whammy here!

Renting out accommodation, though, is not an attractive option for owners these days. In B.C., it has become particularly risky. There are lots of legal protections for the renter and not many for the owners.

For example, owners can only collect a half-month's rent as a damage deposit. Evicting tenants (for non-payment, or damage, or whatever) can be a long and expensive process, and if your place does get trashed — you pay! And full-year/short-term leases are no longer allowed. It's all month to month now.

Airbnb, on the other hand, collects the money up front, and pays you directly at the end of your guest's visit. They pay for any damage that is done to your unit, so there is zero financial risk rather than significant financial risk. Perhaps this is why people are choosing Airbnb over the rental option?

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This would be an easy idea to test. Share the financial risk on rentals. Get 10 people to put in \$5,000 each. Structure it as an impact investment to set up a fund of \$50,000. Then, if tenants don't pay, or there are legal issues, or if the unit gets trashed, cover these costs out of the fund. Top up the fund when required. This would probably be the least expensive way to add rental units quickly because it addresses the financial risk. And, after all, if the rental stock is considered to be Salt Spring Island's rental stock, then it follows that we self-insure it.

A much bigger problem, however, is the uncertain water supply on Salt Spring. The North Salt Spring Waterworks District moratorium in place continues to prevent moving forward with viable solutions for rental housing and affordable housing too.

For instance, If the moratorium were to be lifted, an interesting solution would be to set up a community for tiny homes, which have the smallest footprint of all. I envision maybe 15 tiny home-sites joined by a boardwalk in the woods, a modern shared bath-house, garden space and extra storage space. Grey water from the taps in their homes and from showers and baths in the bathhouse could go directly to their gardens.

It would probably cost about \$750,000 all in (just a guess), so five individuals contributing \$150,000 each (which many people could do) again, structured as an impact investment, could make this a reality. But even if we wanted to, we couldn't do it right now because of the water, or lack thereof.

Is the water issue solvable? You bet. This is 2018, after all, and we're well on our way to Mars. Water on Salt Spring is easy in comparison.

But we need to focus on solutions: solutions on water, solutions on rental housing, solutions on affordable housing, and more. The funny thing about solutions is that if you look for them you're also more likely to find them. And a solution that creates a new problem does not count as a solution.

One last note: Other jurisdictions that are facing similar rental problems have limited Airbnbs to local resident operators only. That keeps the money in the community and generates money for residents and businesses alike (on an island where it's not that easy to make money). Out-of-towners need not apply! Perhaps this would be a more practical starting point in moving forward?

So are we trying to fix the wrong problem? It sure looks like it to me.

*The writer is an independent scientist living on Salt Spring.*

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### Allies must act

A few weeks ago, a dear friend of mine — an islander, a mother, a local business owner, and a black woman — was in a café in Ganges. A tiny one. Sitting nearby, an older woman was having a discussion with a friend that focused around the following question: why was she, a white woman, not allowed to use the n-word, when black people use it to refer to each other all the time?

The conversation circled around and around, wherein the woman proceeded to use the (unabbreviated) n-word, a number of times.

It's uncertain if the woman knew my friend was in the café at the time, but either way, it's fair to make the suggestion that she felt safe enough to liberally use one of the most historically and emotionally loaded words in the English language in a shared space. And she was safe. No one in the café said a thing, except my friend when she spoke up on her own behalf before leaving. She asked the woman to stop using the word because it was making her uncomfortable, to which the woman replied: what word?

I saw my friend a few days later. She was shaken and upset, and what stood out most was just how isolated she felt in her own community. She spoke of the looks of silent apology; looks from people who were clearly uncomfortable, but not willing to speak up. I've been that uncomfortable yet silent person and it was painful to look in the eyes of someone I love and see the impact of choosing to stay out of the ring.

The gift of discomfort (mine, not hers) is that it sharpens the senses. It asks for

growth, re-evaluation, for edge-pushing, and for change. I wasn't in the café that day and neither were most of you, but it's likely that at some point we will find ourselves in the company of someone (intentionally or not) using racist language or actions. Perhaps these lessons from my friend will help shape a more just experience for someone else:

- If you're not clear as to why, as a white person, it's not okay to use the n-word, please follow through with a brief internet search and educate yourself. It is not the responsibility of people of colour to teach us about racism and why it's wrong.

- It's not enough to care. If we, as the white majority, don't follow through with action, then we are both denying and contributing to the problem of oppression.

- When we are the majority, it is our responsibility to use our privilege to support visible minorities. This may mean using our voices or demonstrating support through our physical presence.

The conversation around privilege is vitally important in our community. Showing our support for minorities both privately and publicly is essential. And striving to be an ally is worthy of our time, energy and care. Let this be what my friend overhears the next time she sits down for tea.

**MEGHAN RATHWELL,**  
 SALT SPRING

### So what goes on at a fire board meeting?

Had you attended the May 14 open meeting of the Salt Spring fire board, you would have seen a dedicated group of neighbours volunteering their time and effort and doing all they can to deal with the wide range of issues now confronting your fire protection district.

You would have learned, for example, about all the calls, some 86 in total this past March and April, to which Salt Spring Fire Rescue had responded. You would also have heard about both the district's wide range of recent public fire protection initiatives and, as well, about the continuous commitment to staff training, including, believe it or not, how to serve as emergency midwives!

As you might have expected, budgetary issues were also discussed at some length. Efforts were made to put money aside to reduce the amount that will have to be requested from taxpayers so that our long-needed "no-frills" new fire hall can finally be built — at a reasonable cost to the community. For example, the fire district has convinced the relevant regulatory body that, its rules and regulations notwithstanding, two major pieces of our equipment, as long as they continue to pass an annual service inspection, had an effective life of five more years. This alone saved Salt Spring taxpayers many thousands of dollars.

Also worth noting was the current fire board's commitment to involving more, and especially younger, members of the community in the work of its various committees. They recognize the need to involve a truly representative cross section of community members, rather than just "the retired and restless."

After spending much of your life on boards and committees, you learn to tell "the talkers" from "the doers" and, believe me folks, these people are doers. What they want to do, above all else, is to provide Salt Spring with the fire protection it needs at a cost islanders can afford. It is also a group open to any and all of your suggestions as to how this can best be done.

**STAN SHAPIRO,**  
 FULFORD



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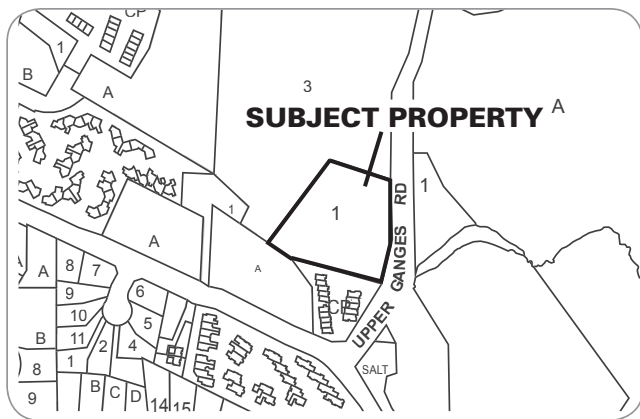
# PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 508 amends the Commercial Accommodation 1 (f) zone of the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Permit up to 55 commercial guest accommodation units
- Permit up to 3 accessory dwelling units



How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information is available at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays from May 24, 2018. Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) to answer any questions about the proposed bylaw amendment will take place at 9:30 a.m. The Public Hearing will commence immediately following the CIM.

# Ways to engage in democracy

A foundational principle driving my constituency and legislative work is increasing public participation in our democracy.

We are dedicated to civic engagement and strive to provide the best service and accountability we can. In this MLA report, I want to discuss the tools we have created to increase public engagement in our work and offer advice and feedback.

I take my role as representative seriously and so my first responsibility is to you, the constituents of Saanich North and the Islands. In addition to our regular work as community advocates, we have created a public engagement program that we call The Public Circle. We host regular meetings for the public that we call Community Dialogues. These give you a chance to directly interact with me as your MLA, and to engage your neighbours on a specific and timely subject. On May 17 we hosted one on the Kinder Morgan issue.

Because of the nature of our riding, with its many beautiful islands, we realize that not everyone is able to make it to Sidney to participate in our dialogues. So we host biannual town hall meetings in locations throughout the riding. Our



**Adam Olsen**

## MLA REPORT

next round of town halls is in June, and I invite you to participate.

This month I am also hosting an MLA Feedback Forum. This is a chance to give my team honest feedback about how the government is doing on a range of issues that are important to you and also to evaluate my performance after my first year in office. The event is on May 26, and I hope you will consider participating, but space is limited, so please contact us soon!

Although we place great importance on getting out in the community for face-to-face discussions, we are also aware of the importance of having an online presence. If you are unable to attend events such as town halls and community dialogue sessions, or simply prefer to communicate online, there are a number of ways for you to do so.

We send out monthly email updates, quarterly print newsletters, and

update our website and social media platforms regularly. We have an office policy of responding to every email and phone call in a timely manner to ensure the best two-way communication possible. We are just beginning to develop our presence on a tool created by a B.C. tech firm called PlaceSpeak. The platform allows for constituents to engage directly with us on various topics and participate in polls and surveys in a safe and secure environment where their privacy and personal information is completely protected.

Finally, I also host a weekly show called The Public Circle LIVE! on Facebook where I discuss the week in British Columbia politics and answer questions that have come in during the week. We have a lot of fun in our live show and I hope you will tune in if you can.

We do all this because I believe transparency is critical. For more information on all of the events or activities that our office does to encourage civic engagement, please visit our website ([www.adamolsen.ca](http://www.adamolsen.ca)), call us (250-655-5601), or drop in to ask a question directly. We are located in the Landmark building at 215-2506 Beacon Ave. in Sidney.

# SAFE BOATING WEEK May 19-25, 2018

**SAFE BOATING MESSAGES**

## Enjoy summer on the water with safety on board



### Alcohol and cannabis use causes for concern

**A**lthough boating related fatalities have trended downwards in past years, there continues to be an average of over 100 boating related deaths annually in Canadian waters, according to the Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC).

With people gearing-up to launch their boats after a long winter slumber, the goal of Safe Boating Week is to continue to bring those numbers down by ensuring that Canadians who head out in any type of boat have the appropriate knowledge to help them have a safe day on the water.

The timing of the week is perfectly aligned with the unofficial start of summer and a time when many boating fatalities occur.

The CSBC offers some sage advice for people who plan to spend time on the water this summer.

### Boating safety courses

It's the law in Canada that operators of powered recreational boats have a basic level of boating knowledge. Providers have developed courses and tests and a proof of competency "card" was issued to those who successfully completed the test.

Called the Pleasure Craft Operator's Card or



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PCOC, it is a first step towards acquiring the skills and know-how to safely operate a motorized vessel in Canadian waters.

The Salt Spring Power Squadron is offering a special PCOC course for women only on May 28 and 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Sailing Club (and the exam on June 2 at 10 a.m.)

As well, the squadron and the sailing club are putting on a Standard Marine First Aid course presented by Active Response Training on June 16-17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

People can contact Laura Dafoe for more info or to sign up for either course: 250-537-8804 or laurad@saltspring.com.

However, the Canadian Safe Boating Council reminds people that the PCOC is just a first step in boating education. This "legal minimum" doesn't even cover non-motorized craft such as sail, canoes, kayaks or even any passengers in any boats. To truly enjoy the boating experience, all boaters need boating safety education.

The CSBC wants every boater to be as safe as possible on the water. The more knowledge you have, the safer you and your family are.

### Boat sober

When it comes to the message to "boat sober," there is no gentle way to do it. Boating while impaired through alcohol, recreational drugs or prescription narcotics can have tragic results.

Canadian studies have long shown that, in nearly 40 per cent of boating deaths, alcohol was detected or suspected and 23 per cent of victims were above the legal limit.

With the impending legalization of recreational marijuana and impairment with prescription narcotics, the fear is that incident and fatality statistics could grow significantly.

The effects of sunshine and a boat's rocking motion increase the effects of alcohol and drugs which, for a boater, can turn a simple boat ride into a dangerous dunking. A big wave, a quick change in the boat's direction, or a "tippy canoe" can result in someone in the water.

Psychologists know that human nature has a way of rationalizing. "It can't possibly happen to me" is often the thought. Whether that means "I'll never be caught" or "I'll never be killed" doesn't matter.

Neither of those things will happen if boaters stick to just boating on the water. Afterward, you can have a few drinks on shore and then stay put.

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From left, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 members Mike Murphy, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Ken Squirrell and Gail Bryn-Jones head out for a training session.

## On the water with Salt Spring's Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue volunteers.



RCMSAR Station 25 members, in RHI vessel at right, train with RCMSAR Station 34 from Mill Bay.



Per Svendsen, left, and Rod Martens discuss boat handling.

## RCMSAR Station 25 Members 2018

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## MARINE EVENTS

# HASSI shares calendar of summer maritime activities

Tall ship and SV Providence among visitors this season

BY KATHY SCARFO  
FOR THE HASSI BOARD

This long weekend proved to be busy on and about the waterfront. Many sailors and would-be sailors enjoyed the opportunity to watch the Salt Spring Sailing Club's annual "round the island" race.

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI) would like you to add some dates to your busy summer schedules, as we will be hosting a number of interesting marine vessels and events.

To improve our ability to serve the community, we are very pleased to be adding Tall Ship Certification to our Transport Canada certificate. This will add to existing opportunities for unique vessels travel-

## DOCKTALK

ling through our part of the world to stop in.

On June 1, the Silver Explorer will be anchored out and their 12 zodiacs will be shuttling in to the breakwater float. As part of the Silversea Expeditions, this 354-foot vessel accommodates up to 144 passengers and 118 crew. Built for remote destinations, she will be stopping in before heading up to Seward, Alaska with stops in isolated places such as Dutch Harbour before continuing on to far-flung out-of-the-way places like Yankicha Island with a destination of Otaru, Japan. Our Salish sea home is just part of the marine wonders of this ocean route.

On June 22, 23 and 24, HASSI will be accommodating the Ganges departure point for the fourth annual

Tour des Îles. We will be providing free dock space for this popular event at the breakwater float in Ganges (in front of the Coast Guard station). Tickets are already available online at [tourdesiles.ca](http://tourdesiles.ca). This is a great chance to take one of our local water taxis and tour Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna.

Starting in June, the historic sailing vessel Providence will be stopping in Ganges as part of a new sail cargo delivery service to and from the islands. This carbon-neutral alternative cargo shipping service travels by sail or bio-diesel. With 20 tonnes capacity, this impressive vessel has served in the North Sea as a fishing vessel and a navy vessel before arriving in Victoria via the Panama Canal in 1979. She then underwent a major refit before returning to the Caribbean for cargo transport. She returned to B.C.'s coast



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Vessels from a past Westcoast Work Boat Association fall rendezvous leave Ganges Harbour. This year's event runs from Sept. 21 to 23.



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in 1988 and became a familiar sight plying our waters as a fish packer for the commercial fishing industry.

A designated heritage vessel, SV Providence was built in Denmark in 1903. At 85 feet in length and 18 feet breadth, her gaff cutter rigging should be quite visible around town and worth a wander down the dock to see. Anyone interested in her services can contact them through their website: [providence1903.com](http://providence1903.com).

Our first tall ship is due Tuesday, Aug. 28. While based in Bellingham, she will be adding Ganges to her destinations while enroute to Desolation Sound. As part of the North West Windjammer Fleet, SV Zodiac is a 160-foot-long sailing schooner. Modelled off traditional Grand Banks fishing schooners, this classic windjammer was originally built in Booth Bay, Maine as a private vessel for the Johnson & Johnson family. During the Great Depression, she served as a San Francisco Bay pilot vessel before retiring as the last American sailing pilot schooner in 1972. She has since been operated and restored by a dedicated group of shipwrights, sailors and historians in Bellingham. Her mainmast is over 12 stories (127 feet) and features four sails and can accommodate 26 overnight passengers.

Impressive historical footage of an Arctic voyage in 1925 is available for viewing on their website (in the Ship's Log section) at [schoonerzodiac.com](http://schoonerzodiac.com).



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Historic cargo sailing vessel Providence, which will stop in Ganges more than once this summer.

On this visit, she will be mooring at the breakwater float.

From Sept. 21 to 23, we are always pleased to be providing space for the annual fall season wrap-up rendezvous of the Westcoast Work Boat Association. This organization celebrates and provides an opportunity

to see both active and retired boats that have worked this coast. Make a late September dock "walk and talk" a visual treat and informative outing.

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**EXHIBITIONS**

## Bruce Rivard show pays final tribute

Sales and auction to benefit surviving family

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring artist Bruce Rivard is preparing for his final days at Lady Minto Hospital, after being diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer around six weeks ago.

Friends and family members who are dealing with that fact are also organizing one last exhibition of Rivard's work, with a legacy show and benefit set to open at Salt Spring Gallery on Friday, June 1.

Rivard's daughter Grace "Kyle" Budeweit and his friend and former roommate Tomiko Koyama have been at work sorting through Rivard's large collection at his home and studio, located just next door to the gallery. They will present around 50 pieces to be shown from June 1 to 3. The show reopens for a final day on Tuesday, June 5 and will be capped with a live auction of any unsold works, to be MCed by Dave Phillips.

Sales from the benefit show will help Budeweit, her partner and their infant daughter Quinn, who was born just a few days after Rivard went to the hospital. The family will be responsible for clearing out Rivard's home and garage along with burial fees, death tax and all the other related expenses. Anything left over will help them with their 10-year plan of buying a small cafe in Courtenay. That's where they were living before Rivard's diagnosis came in.

Though the reason for returning is not ideal, there are positives to spending these last weeks together.

"It's really nice to come home with his new granddaughter and for him to know I have a really loving partner and his family,



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Bruce Rivard's daughter Grace Budeweit, seen with partner Barry Goodwin and their new daughter Quinn, is producing her dad's legacy show and fundraiser.

who will take care of me in the next phase of my life," Budeweit said.

Rivard has been a longtime member of the community but was better known in the yard sale crowd than the gallery scene. His home studio never became the sales point he imagined it would be, but he was prolific and continued to evolve and develop his artistry and technique.

Koyama, who lived with him for seven years, said Rivard had a lot of talent but didn't have the business acumen to show or mount his work properly.

"It is his greatest wish, as he prepares to conclude his affairs on Earth, that his fam-

ily will be supported through the sale of his collected works and by the love and generosity of our community," Koyama said.

Rivard was born in Montreal and raised in Ottawa. He graduated from university with a degree in philosophy, working in the trades after moving to the west coast. He attended Emily Carr College of Art and Design from 1983-84 as part of a retraining package after being injured on the job.

Rivard had early success as the originator of a technique he called Floatation Oils, which was inspired by the method for creating marbled paper. He was also a skilled metal sculptor and invented his own method of book binding, creating handmade books both on the tiny and oversized scales — the latter with elaborate inset front pieces. Next week's show will include a variety of different pieces from his collection.

"Growing up with my dad, I've gotten to gaze upon his work since a small child," Budeweit said. "I had so much to look at — it was really great for the imagination."

Despite having several shows and commissioned works, money was never part of the picture. Rivard was a single father living on disability benefits. Much of his compulsion to collect things that might one day prove useful derived from a lifetime of struggling with poverty. His health also prevented his ability to make his studio ambitions work.

"A big part of my youth was trying to get people to listen and realize his plight," Budeweit said. "It's like having all these dreams but not having the body that lines up with the dream."

The show's closing reception and auction on June 5 runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Donations can also be made to the family at the gallery, or contact kgbudeweit@outlook.com to help directly.

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**LIVE THEATRE**

## Lindgren play unfolds

Youth shine in Real Play Productions show

This weekend a rare story by Astrid Lindgren comes to life at Mahon Hall. Real Play Productions is excited to present *Ronia, the Robber's Daughter*, performed by 24 local youth ages four to 15. It runs on Friday-Saturday, May 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

The story begins on the night of a crazy storm during which two rival robber bands, unbeknownst to each other, each welcome a new member to their band: one, a robber's son, the other a robber's daughter. The wild and vicious Harpies, led by Lucie Luke, are the first to know that the two children have been born on the very same night, screeching in to greet the new life and predict their future.

For a number of years each robber band basks in the joy of having a child in their lair, until the time comes that the children are allowed to play alone in the woods. One day, the children meet unexpectedly and from that point onwards a tumultuous and forbidden friendship emerges.

As the story unfolds both Ronia, played by Zyah Welch, and Birk (Kobe Nash) are faced with difficult decisions. Do they follow the wishes of their parents? Or do they listen to their hearts? Is there a way to do both? Through the youthful eyes of the characters, this story examines many human traits and beliefs including devotion, loyalty, prejudice, ownership, free will and true love.

Under the guidance of directors Kate Nash and Veronika McKee, the youth of Real Play Productions have had a hand in all aspects of creating this production: play building, acting, dancing, songwriting, singing, set design, costume design, make up and stage management.

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books and at the door. Produced with support from Stagecoach Theatre School.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. May 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Kirtronica.**  
With Jaya Lakshmi & Ananda at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

**Terry Warbey.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
Museum open at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through June 29.

**Salt Spring Garden Club.**  
Guest speaker Connie Kuramoto gives talk on how to be a "lazy" gardener and still produce a satisfying harvest. Meaden Hall. 6:45 p.m.

**Author Event: Peter Robinson.**  
Canadian mystery writer Peter Robinson discusses his Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks series. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.



**Walking With Chimps.**  
Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club presentation by retired veterinarian Susan Fussell, who will speak about her adventures in Africa while volunteering for the Sanga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Thur. May 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Marianne Grittani.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Jasper Wood and David Riley.**  
International performing artists violinist Jasper Wood and pianist David Riley. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Open Mic With Jesse.** Open Mic Night every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Birding in Burgoyne Bay.**  
Peter McAllister leads a birding walk in Burgoyne Bay Park beginning at 6 a.m. Meet at the road, near the barns, where there's a wide path heading into the meadows. New birders are very welcome. The event will wrap up by 8 a.m.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See Wednesday's listing.

**Library Book Club.**  
Today's pick is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.

## Fri. May 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Ronia, the Robber's Daughter.**  
Real Play Productions youth show at Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

## Fri. May 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Doug & the Thugs.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Buck Dodgers String Band.**  
Old-time music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See Wednesday's listing.

**Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting.**  
Public welcome to attend ferry advisory committee meeting to talk about Salt Spring ferry service issues with the committee and BC Ferries personnel. Harbour House Hotel. 2:15 to 4:45 p.m.

**Film Screening: Directly Affected: Pipeline Under Pressure.** Showing of film about the Kinder Morgan pipeline issue, directed by Zack Embree, at ArtSpring. 7 p.m. Followed by a panel discussion.

## Sat. May 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Ronia, the Robber's Daughter.** See Friday's listing.

**The Barley Brothers.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Andrew Phelan & the Ponytails.** Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## Sat. May 26

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring POD & Team Meeting.**  
Salt Spring Emergency Program event to get feedback from POD leaders. Meaden Hall. 8 a.m. to 12 noon. RSVP to sspiec@crd.bc.ca with your name, POD area and food restrictions.

**Ruckle Park Trail Run.**  
Four different runs plus Saanich cultural resurgence event at Ruckle Park. Check-in for registered runners at group campsite area at 10 a.m. (Check-in at 9:45 for non-registered runners if space available.) Welcome delivered by Saanich elder Earl Claxton and story shared by John Williams at 10:30 a.m. Kids' 1-K run starts 11 a.m.; 16-K run starts at 11:30 a.m.; 10-K run starts at 11:45 and 3-K run starts at 12:15 p.m.



**David Wisdom Artist's Talk.**  
Slide show and talk related to David Wisdom's photography show called In the Way: Photographs from a Lost World. Plus amusements, music quiz, prizes and cash bar. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

**Salt Spring Forum: Andre Picard + Canadian Health Issues.**  
Globe & Mail health reporter Andre Picard is the Salt Spring Forum's guest speaking about the most pressing public health issues in Canada. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

## Sun. May 27

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Ronia, the Robber's Daughter.** See Friday listing, except the start time is 2 p.m.

**Misha Piatigorsky.** New York jazz pianist performs at All Saints. 2 p.m.

**Jon Miller Quartet.** Live jazz at Moby's Pub. 7 to 10 p.m.

**Sky Valley Jazz.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Artists in the Garden.**  
Free fine art, live music and lively conversation every Sunday in the summer at Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. (Weather permitting). 12 to 4 p.m.

## Mon. May 28

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Harry Warner.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Pleasure Craft Operator's Card Course for Women.**  
Two-session course teaching basic skills to safely navigate a boat is offered by the Salt Spring Island Power Squadron beginning tonight at the Salt Spring Sailing Club. 7 to 9 p.m. (Second session is on May 30 from 7 to 9 p.m., with the exam on June 2.) Register with Laura at 250-537-8804 or laurad@saltspring.com.

## Mon. May 28

### ACTIVITIES

**Music Bingo.**  
Mondays at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Monday Night Trivia.**  
At Woodley's at the Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 p.m.

**Salt Spring Community Alliance Meeting.**  
Focus on water, housing and governance issues with presenters Donald Gunn and Rhonan Heitzmann, and the Alliance Governance Working Group. Lions Hall. 7 p.m., with doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**SSI Fire Protection District.**  
Special trustees' meeting. Ganges fire hall. 7 p.m.

## Tue. May 29

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic With David Jacquest.**  
Tuesdays at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

## Tue. May 29

### ACTIVITIES

**Shut Up and Write.**  
Silent focused writing in 25-minute intervals, with 5-minute breaks. Salt Spring Public Library in Room 106. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Wed. May 30

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Madeleine Roger & Logan McKillop.**  
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**GISS Dance Presents: PDA - Public Display of Art.** GISS dance program term-end show. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Bittancourt House Museum.**  
See last Wednesday's listing.

**Film Screening: Death By Joy.**  
Part of the End of the Reel film series presented by Salt Spring Hospice at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.



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- **Evelyn Russell** presents Flora and Fauna, collograph prints inspired by nature, at the **Salt Spring Gallery** through May 30.
- **Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery** presents Inspired Salt Spring, new paintings of Salt Spring by **Jill Louise Campbell**.
- **Fault Line Projects** presents In the Way: Photographs from a Lost World by **David Wisdom**, accompanied by the soundtrack Music for Art Galleries.

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## LOCAL ARTISTS

# Ruckle painting makes library home

SSAC donation extends community partnership

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Another painting from the pioneering Ruckle family has found its way home to Salt Spring and will take its place in the heart of the community for viewing thanks to an off-island donation.

Holly Gordon of Campbell River was behind a recent gift to the Salt Spring Arts Council, donating a beautiful island landscape by Gwen Ruckle. The arts council has in turn passed the work over to the Salt Spring Public Library, where it will be on permanent display.

The connection is a nice continuation of an ongoing partnership between the two groups, and of a recent exploration of the island's historic women artists by visiting curator-in-residence Reagan Shrumm, which they each helped to promote.

Mary Gwendolyn "Gwen" Ruckle was born Nov. 1, 1931 and died in May 2006.

"The library is very grateful and excited to receive this Gwen Ruckle painting from the Salt Spring Arts Council as there has been a lot of interest in historical women painters since the arts council's artists in residence program and exhibit Forgotten Women Artists of Salt Spring in February," said head librarian Karen Hudson. "The painting will be displayed behind the



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, Salt Spring Arts Council administrator Yael Wand, SSAC president David Borrowman and Salt Spring Public Library chief librarian Karen Hudson hold a painting by the late Gwen Ruckle, which will be permanently displayed at the library.

main desk at the library in clear view for the community to see."

"As a result of the show in February, I think these women are forgotten no more," added arts council administrator Yael Wand. "Having their work in a public venue where we can all appreciate it is, I think, a great result of having that show here."

Wand said information from the donor is that she

received the painting from her mother. Both of Gordon's grandfathers, as well as other family members, lived and are buried on Salt Spring.

"One grandfather was 'the original' baker, and his last name was Baker. The other grandfather helped build the United Church, which is now gone. Her aunt Frida Baker is also buried on island. Given the family connection, Holly felt that

the painting needed to find a home back on the island," Wand said.

Salt Spring received another painting — this one by Ruckle's aunt Agnes Ruckle — from a donor in New Zealand by way of Alberta last year. That work can be seen at the Bittan-court House Museum on the Farmers' Institute grounds. Agnes Ruckle was also part of the Forgotten Women Artists show.

## Land Act:

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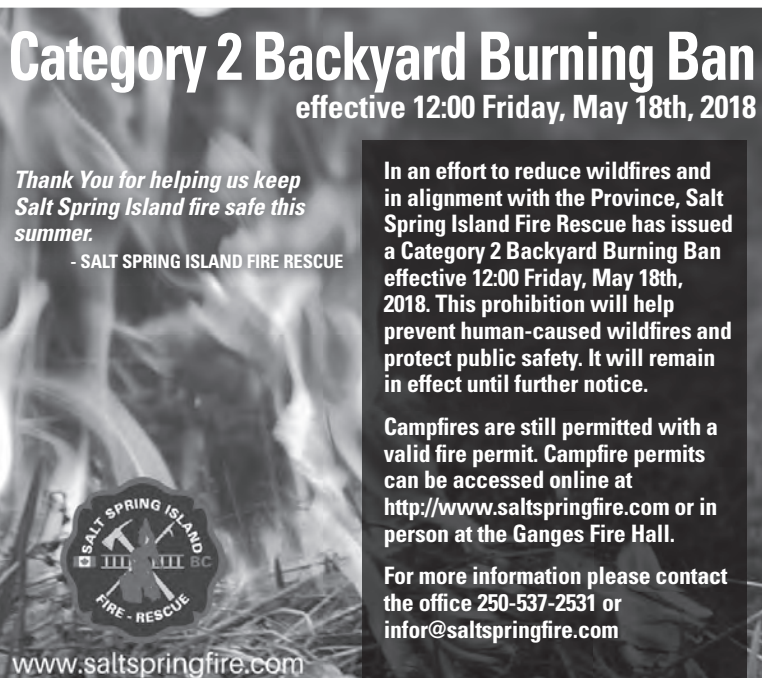
- SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE RESCUE

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## ISLAND TRAVEL

# Festival plans set

Tour des Iles reservations open

The website and a new reservation system for the annual Tour des Iles Festival is now active, meaning islanders can start booking their seats for passenger boat trips running June 22 to 24.

According to local organizers, this year 40 passenger trips will leave Ganges two to three times a day for Montague Marina on Galiano Island and Port Washington on Pender Island.

"The fun aspect of Tour des Iles is that there are free buses so that you can visit the sights on Pender and Galiano plus go to other boat transfer locations to catch a Tour des Iles boat to see any other Gulf Island in the same day. You can even make a round trip using the Pender-Galiano connection route," said Curt Firestone, one of the festival directors.

The website and reservation system can be found at [www.tourdesiles.ca](http://www.tourdesiles.ca).

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**FRIENDLY COMPETITION:**

Staff and participants from the Choices day program and the Friends day program take a break from fundraising events to provide recreational activities for adults with special needs. Their next big venture is their 16th annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 2 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. Registration is open to May 31; contact the golf club for details.



**AWARDS**

# Pender student wins science medal

Microplastics project to be presented at G7 meeting in September

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Pender Island student brought home a silver medal from the Canada-Wide Science Fair, held from May 16 to 18 in Ottawa.

Lauren Ohnona, a grade 8 student, did a project on microplastics in local clams. Ohnona was given the silver excellence award in the junior category and was awarded a Western University Scholarship worth \$2,000 for her project. Hers was also one of three projects that got the attention of Canada's Minister of Environment Catherine McKenna.

"That was really cool," Ohnona said. "She came to three different

projects at the fair and we had a bit of time to talk about it ... She was very supportive."

Ohnona was also invited to present her project to the upcoming G7 Oceans and Plastics summit in Halifax this September.

"She'll get to meet with all of the G7 environment ministers and share her project," said teacher Steve Dunsmuir. "It's an amazing opportunity."

With 20 projects receiving the silver medal in the junior category, and 10 given gold, Ohnona was one of the top 30 students in the country for her category. The awards were given out based on a set criteria, and the projects were judged multiple times each.

"It was a shock," Ohnona said about winning the silver medal. "There were so many kids there and I didn't expect a lot. When

my name was called it was the best feeling."

This is Ohnona's third science fair project, and her second on microplastics. She qualified for the national competition by placing fourth overall in the provincial science fair in Victoria on April 9.

This year she measured the amount of microplastics found in clams from three different Pender beaches. In 2017, Ohnona studied how many of the microplastics that end up in the ocean come from laundry machine runoff.

"My project was about saying that synthetic fibres aren't great for the environment," she said.

To reduce the amount of microplastics that get into the ocean, Ohnona recommends "staying away from fleece and polyester and heading towards more natural fibres like wool."

## This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Gemini time has begun. It began with the Moon in Leo, Mercury in Taurus and Venus in Cancer. These together reveal the signs of the season as we like to experience it – beautiful and abundant. This occurs with the Taurus New Moon cycle underway and Uranus in Taurus and Mars in Aquarius. Each of these marks a new cycle and represent the current overlay pattern, amidst deeper cycle layers as well.

This comes as a brief reprieve from the Mars/Uranus square, which can be traced to the external synchronicities of the violent uprisings in Gaza, the faceoff between Alberta and British Columbia over the Kinder/Morgan pipeline here in Canada, disastrous flooding and the erupting volcanoes around the world. As ever, there are many levels and layers of existence, where utter beauty shines forth even amidst social, political and economic conflict and violence and dramatic upheavals linked to natural processes. Measuring the synchronicities of such events is an important feature of astrology and can be applied to both individual and personal destinies as well as social and collective dynamics.

The background layers include Jupiter in Scorpio and Chiron in Aries, both linked to Mars. In the archetypal scheme of things, Mars is about assertion, action, and aggression too. Mythically, Mars is the god of war. Although often interpreted as the planet of desire, Mars is more accurately interpreted as the actions taken to satisfy desires which can be traced back to Venus especially. Currently, Venus is in Cancer which is linked to security and Mars is in Aquarius which suggests that survival instincts are extra stimulated now and actions taken to respond to them could come suddenly, unexpectedly and with surprising force. Watch for the synchronicities of this over the coming days and weeks.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)**

The pace of things is accelerating for you as your attention is directed to focus on a variety of fronts simultaneously. This includes home and family and garden too. If you do not have a garden to tend, you will at least find satisfaction in natural and beautiful settings. Meanwhile, a push to lay claim to latent talents and other treasures has begun.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)**

A dramatic push to break through existing patterns that may up until now be described as static has begun. The signs of this new dynamic may have emerged several weeks ago but now it is here and in full force. A learning curve is implied and could manifest as hands-on training. Positively, professional advancement and financial increase are featured.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**

Deep within your being major shifts have begun. As ever, what these depend on the specifics of your destiny and circumstance. However, they can be described as an awakening or a realization that change is inevitable. Either way, activations of a driving urge to push onward and forward is indicated. It might be registering in your mind as, 'now or never'.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**

Current cycles are activating a deeper sense of your individuality. With this comes a creative urge that might best be satisfied with an investigation into key investments. Invention and design are also featured. These could manifest as external interests but are stimulating your ambitions. Taking actions to feel more secure and stable is part of this plot.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**

Waves of changes continue to wash in on your public and professional shores. These are also causing a stir on relationship fronts and quite possibly with mixed review. As ever, pleasing all the people all the time is as likely as thinking you can jump and land on the moon. So, this could be the end for some relationships but will open the doors to new ones altogether.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)**

An awakening of higher perspectives is underway. These are directly linked to outer relationships and to your work rhythms, style, and strategy. Extra efforts are required for success and these are linked to deciphering how you can foster new and better relationships with clients, colleagues and family and friends too.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**

Some major shifts and changes are underway, perhaps especially in the financial department. These could also manifest as accessing the talents and resources of new players suddenly entering your stage. Gathering new tools and implementing previously untried or even considered strategies could lead to a breakthrough you have been praying for.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**

Advancing your position requires the discipline and effort to gain new knowledge. The underside of this is that it may require that you replace existing perspectives as opposed to them simply exist alongside the old ways. Moves and renovations are also featured, whether literal or psychological. The main emphasis is on improvement.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**

Things could not continue as they have and now the push to cooperate with the flow of changes has arrived. You may have to overcome resistances stemming from attachment to the way things are. Ironically, these may not be what you actually want or need, but then that is how powerful our attachment to our comfort zone can be.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**

You may be on the verge of a creative breakthrough. Although your ambitions are growing steadily, proceeding carefully and diplomatically implies strategy. Your gut may be telling you that proceeding this way is extra important now. Much has to do with aligning with the person you feel you are at this stage of your journey because it is not entirely who you used to be.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**

The changes that are brewing now are very significant. They will likely produce shifts and moves to an entirely new living situation and/or way of life. These may not occur right away, but all the signs and indications are there. Positively, these may manifest as some dreams coming true. However, you have to face your fears and enter the unknown.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**

A steady stream of new perspectives continues to flow in your mind. Positively, these are manifesting as fresh creative ideas which you feel determined to act on. The larger flow has been guiding you for some time to see a bigger picture. Now it is time to act upon them and this requires inner work to get clear on your resolve and follow through.

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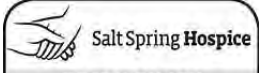


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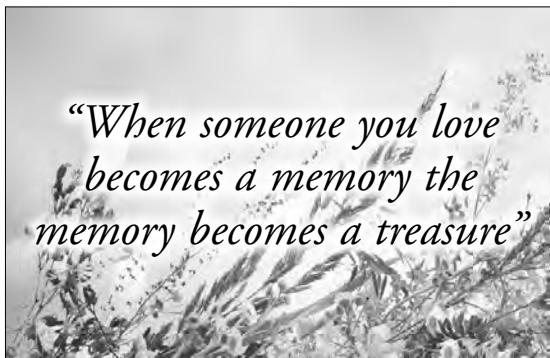
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- Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission** - Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 10 am-12 pm
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
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## SAILING

# Winds and tides make for memorable sailing race

Race contrasts to last year with all but two entrants finishing in 2018

BY PETE MCGOVERN  
RSS 2018 CHAIR

The visiting boats have packed up their gear. Crew and skippers bleary eyed from lack of sleep or too much revelry have headed back to their home ports and, after the disappointment of last year's race when only 10 boats finished, the 45th Round Salt Spring Race will be a race to remember.

Race officer Rich Ballantyne called a clockwise course around the island, as favourable currents were expected to help all boats at some stage of the race.

With light south-easterly winds on Saturday morning, the first challenge for all eight divisions and 93 boats was clearing the start line and getting out of the harbour and into the fast-moving southerly current down the course as quickly as possible. With slower boats starting first, the added challenge for faster boat divisions was to pick a course that best navigated through the moving obstacle course of previously started boats.

The second challenge was navigating the light fickle breezes and negative current around the Fulford Harbour entrance, before positioning into the right place to catch a growing breeze and tide change at the south end of Salt Spring. Once the big flood tide got going, boats blasted through Sansum Narrows under spinnaker with a big push from behind.

Emerging from Sansum Narrows in first was The Shadow II, followed by the multi-hull Dragon and then Westerly, followed a few minutes later by Joy Ride, Jack-rabbit and Kairos. The damage had been done as these boats then kept the lead through a big wind shift off of Vesuvius before rounding the north end of Salt Spring and then mostly keeping the breeze down Trincomali Channel until the finish in front of the sailing club.

The rest of the fleet was not quite as lucky, as the wind that had propelled them down Trincomali Channel started to die as they approached Captain Passage and a weak ebb tide was sufficient to set up a parking lot of 30 to 40 boats spread across the passage. Fingers of wind plucked boats randomly out of the pack before the current finally released the hordes for a slow



PHOTO COURTESY SSI SAILING CLUB

The Shadow II from West Vancouver Yacht Club crosses the finish line in an elapsed time of seven hours, 46 minutes to win the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Trophy in Saturday's Round Salt Spring sailing race.

clawing back to the finish line. Mayhem ensued, as an overwhelmed race committee had to deal with 40 boats finishing within 10 minutes, some groups crossing the line three or four abreast.

With only two boats retiring from the race, we had a full house on Sunday morning for the Lions Club pancake breakfast. This was followed by the much anticipated awards ceremony where prize bags of local produce and sponsor prizes are handed out to well-deserving winners.

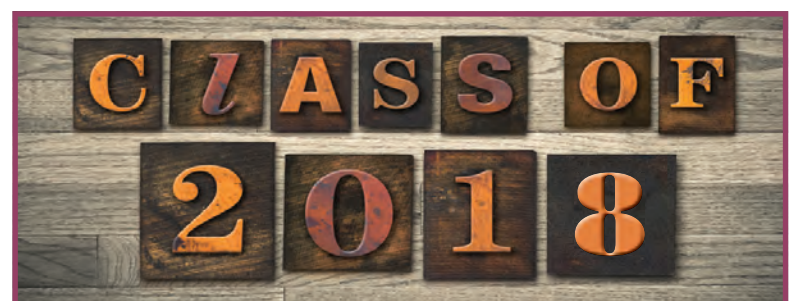
Peter McCarthy's The Shadow II, a TP-52 hailing from West Van Yacht Club, crossed the finish at 6:26 p.m.

and won the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Trophy for line honours with an elapsed time of seven hours, 46 minutes. Bron Miller aboard the J-122E Joy Ride from Seattle Yacht Club corrected out ahead of Kairos from Royal Vic and won Division 1 and the Marshall Sharp Trophy for first overall. Vincent Argiro's Velica won the No Flying Sails Division and the Doug Thomas Trophy as first-to-finish boat from the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. Duncan Gladman's

Dragon overcame a start-line altercation to win the multi-hull division.

In a remarkable story of perseverance, Tracey DeVaney and crew aboard Miss Runaway, a McGregor 26, stuck it out until after sunrise and for the first time in 11 tries completed the round the island course and in doing so, won the Tar and Feathers Trophy as last to finish.

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### NUMBER ONE:

Salt Spring Flashbacks hoist the trophy for the women's competitive division at the Challenge Cup soccer tourney held on the weekend. MVPs were Taylor Akerman and Carmen Byron. Men's competitive winners were Cowichan, defeating the Salt Spring-based Sons of Pitches in the final. Cast-aways won the men's rec division. Some 20 home and visiting teams and fans enjoyed a great weekend of soccer and socializing.

### GOLF

## Elwes wins Mouat Cup from big field

Interclub play also underway

BY MARCIE HOGAN

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The men's division trophy event for the Mouat and Morris Cups was held May 12 with a field of 60 players. Stephen Elwes won the low-gross Mouat Cup with an excellent round of 75.

Mike Horan took second place for the second year in a row with a 76. Jordan Brown picked up third, shooting 80. Fourth was awarded to Eric

Beamish, based on retrogression, on a tied score of 82.

The Morris Cup low net competition was scooped up by Brian Watson with a net 70. Jordan Brown and Doug Fraser tied for second when both carded a 71. However, based on retrogression, Brown took second and Fraser third place. Jim Shultz nipped at their heels with a 72, placing

fourth.

The third leg of this event is the season-long gross match play competition for the Matson Cup. All players have now been seeded, including the consolation round for the net contingent.

In interclub events, the men travelled to Ardmore Golf Course for the first round of this year's Bambrick Cup competition between Salt Spring, Pender and Ardmore. Currently, Salt Spring is in second place in the gross division and third place in the net division.

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