

Council of BC Yacht Clubs



Your Voice for Recreational Boating in BC

Advocating for Power and Sail



Our Members

- *45 boating clubs*
- *15,000 members*
- *Four regions*
- *8 Working committees*



Our Mission

*1. Preserve and add
marine parks and
anchorage*



Our Mission

2. Protect and enhance recreational marine facilities and moorage



Our Mission

3. Lobby to Improve boating safety



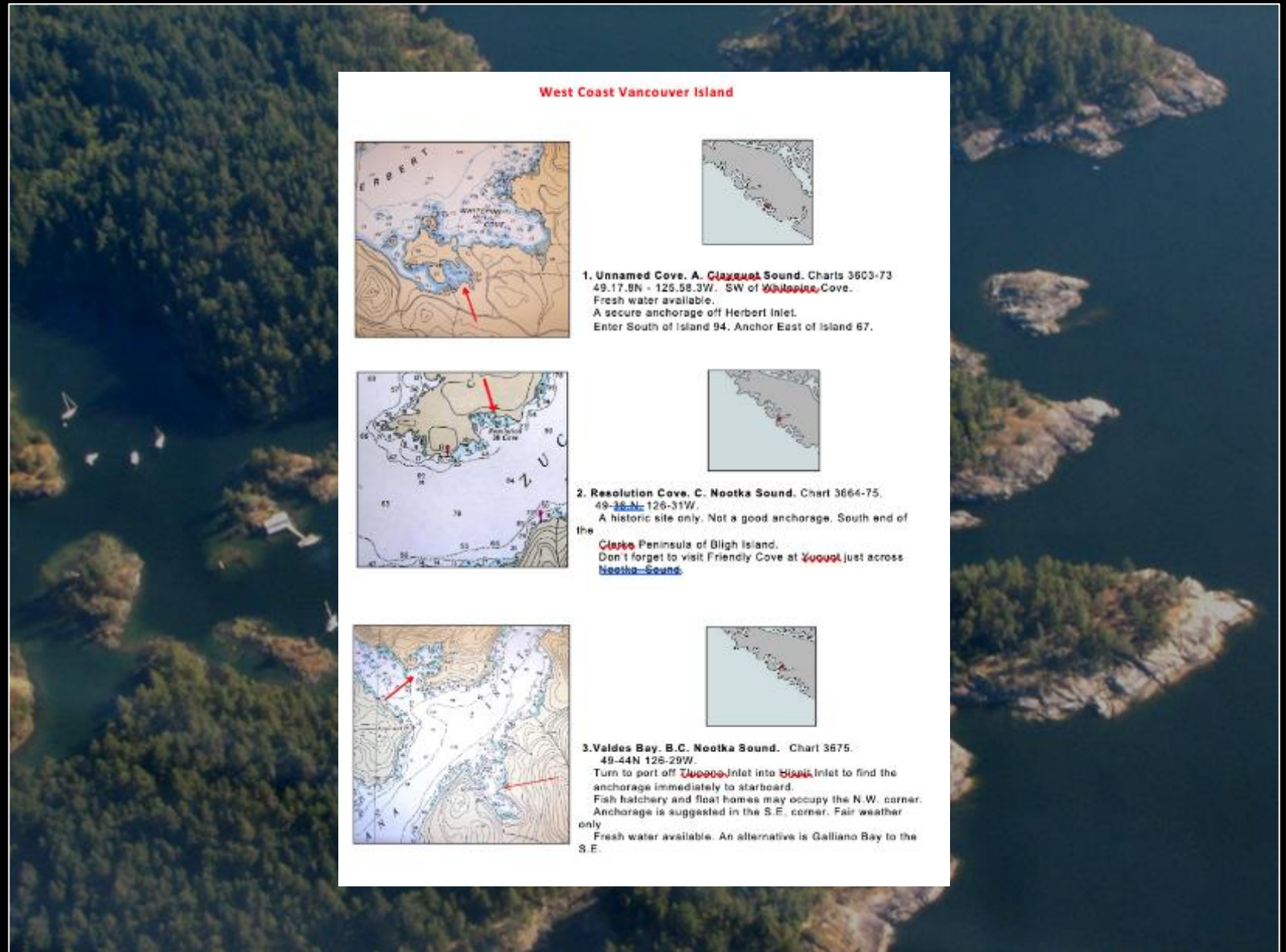
Our Mission

4. Advocate with other regulators, agencies and 1st Nations for thoughtful marine development

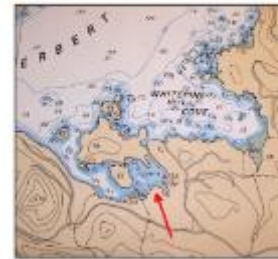
- ***Pacific Coast Marine Advisory Review Panel***
- ***Pacific Region Recreational Boating Advisory Committee***
- ***Recreational Boating Association of Washington***
- ***Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons (CPS)***
- ***Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue***
- ***BC Ocean Boating Tourism Association***
- ***Fisheries and Oceans Canada***
- ***Transport Canada***
- ***BC Parks and Parks Canada***
- ***1st Nations***

Our Accomplishments

126 'Boat Havens'



West Coast Vancouver Island



1. Unnamed Cove. A. ~~Claxual~~ Sound. Charts 3603-73
49.17.8N - 125.58.3W. SW of ~~Yuplopa~~ Cove.
Fresh water available.
A secure anchorage off Herbert Inlet.
Enter South of Island 94. Anchor East of Island 87.



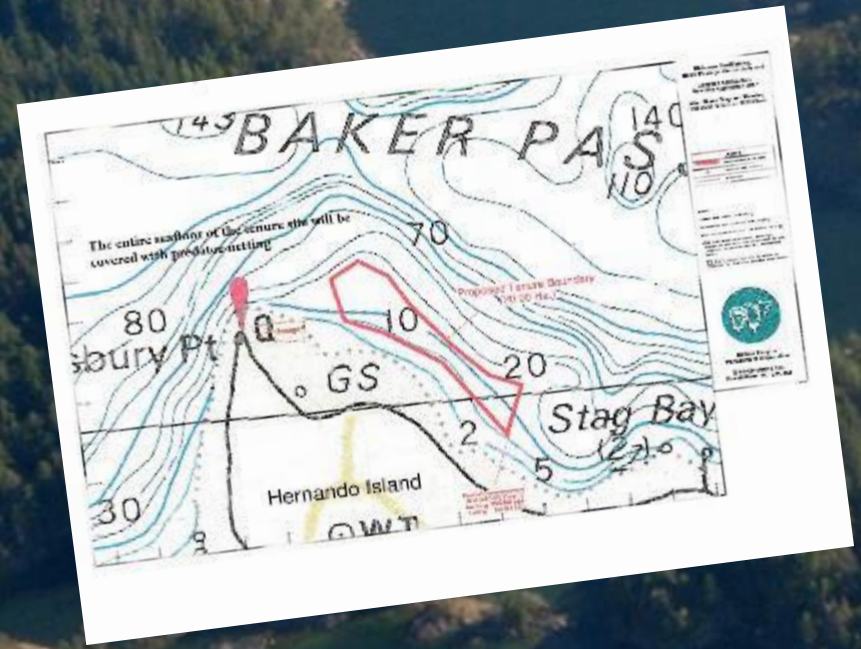
2. Resolution Cove. C. Nootka Sound. Chart 3664-75.
49-35-N-126-31W.
A historic site only. Not a good anchorage. South end of
the ~~Claxke~~ Peninsula of Bilgh Island.
Don't forget to visit Friendly Cove at ~~Yupook~~ just across
~~Nootka~~ Sound.



3. Valdes Bay. B.C. Nootka Sound. Chart 3675.
49-44N 126-29W.
Turn to port off ~~Tuooos~~ Inlet into ~~Bisak~~ Inlet to find the
anchorage immediately to starboard.
Fish hatchery and float homes may occupy the N.W. corner.
Anchorage is suggested in the S.E. corner. Fair weather
only
Fresh water available. An alternative is Galliano Bay to the
S.E.

Our Accomplishments

- *Preserve and protect anchorages and moorage*



Our Accomplishments

- *Resolve anchoring conflicts*



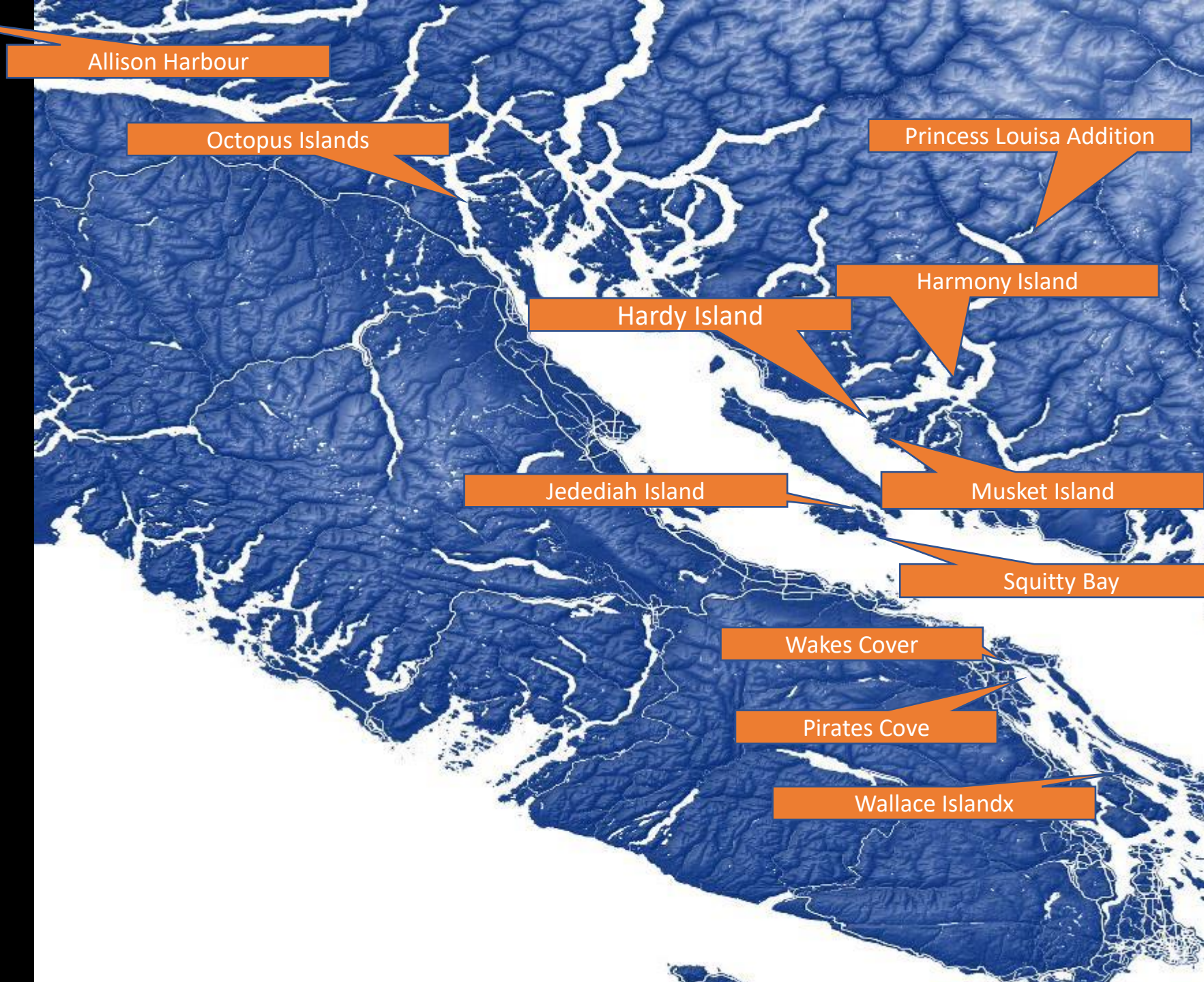
Our Accomplishments

- *Aquaculture debris
abatement and
control*



Our Accomplishments

- *Marine Parks Forever*



Our Accomplishments

• *Stern Tie Program*



Our Accomplishments

- *Marine Park Hosts*



Tree Island (CVYC)

Pirates Cove (MBYC)

Conover Cove (MBYC)

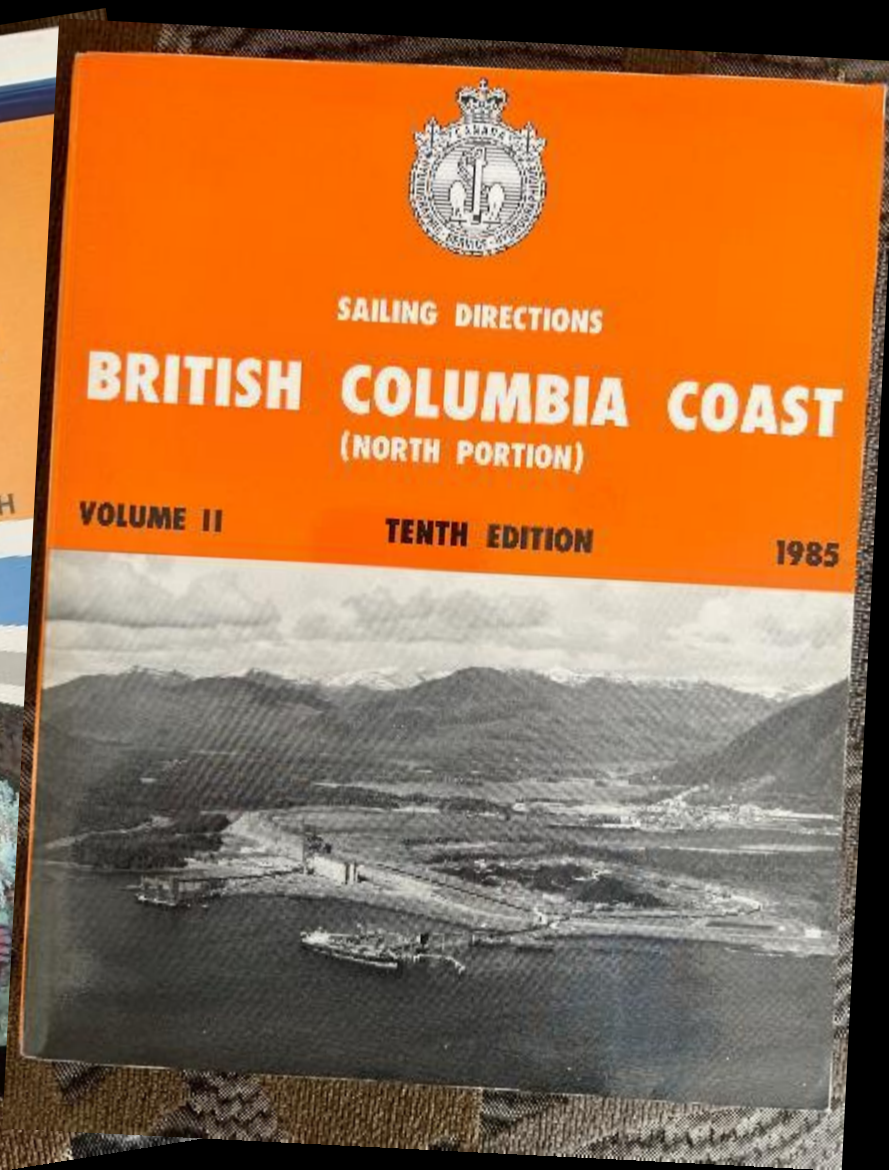
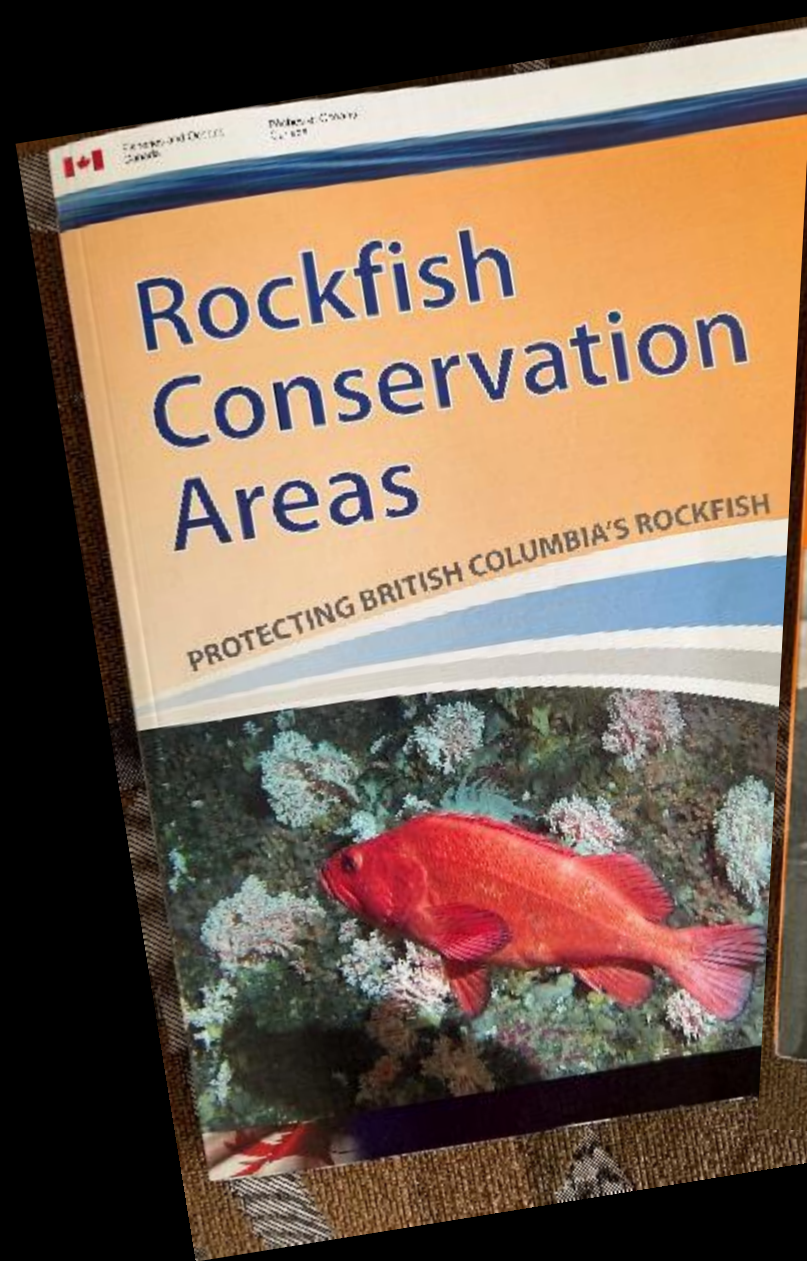
Poet's Cove (SNSYC)

Portland Is (RVicYC)

Tod Inlet (CCYC)

Our Accomplishments

- *Working w other agencies to improve environmental regulations and directions*



Our Accomplishments

- *Working w other agencies to improve rescue and border regulations*



Our Accomplishments

- *Working w
Transport Canada
to regulate
ownership and
remove derelicts*



Our Accomplishments

- *Working w
Transport Canada
to improve safety*



What's Next?

- *Mooring Buoys*
- *Derelict boats*
- *Moorage & Park Access Preservation*

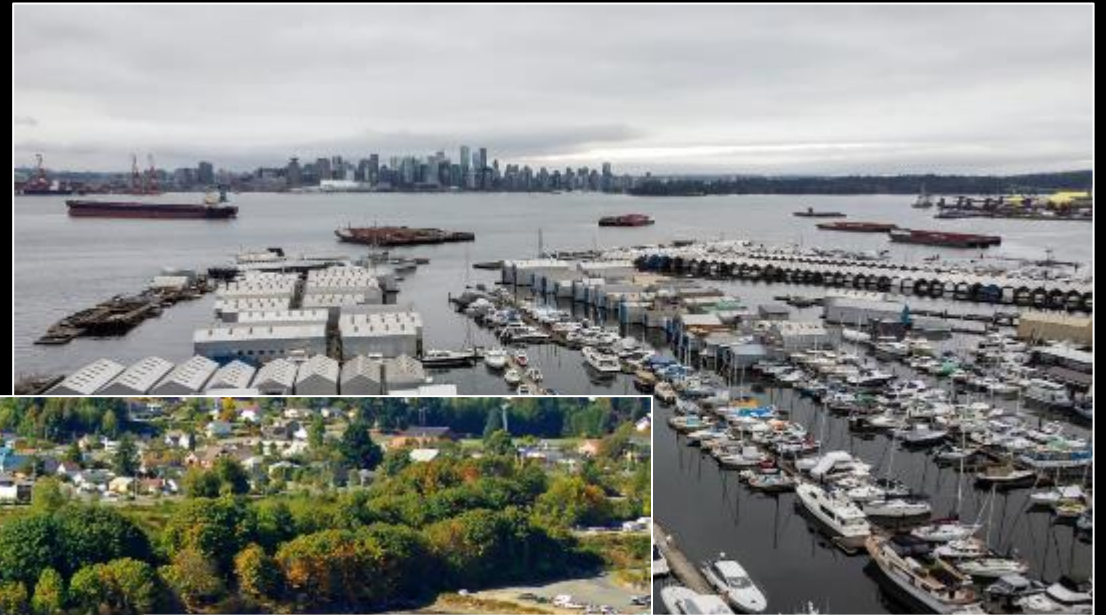


- **Current Moorage Issues**

- *Mosquito Creek Marina*

- *Ladysmith Maritime Society*

- *Pender Harbour & Sunshine Coast*



Mosquito Creek Marina

- Since 1965
- Closure of 300 slips by Squamish F/N as of May 2024
- After protests, float homes to stay
- No plans for moorage continuance



Ladysmith Maritime Society

- 170 slips, museum, coffeeshop, workshop and dragon boat club.
- 30 yr lease w Ladysmith to 2029
- Lease arbitrarily ended Dec 31, 2023 without consultation
- BC gave the Stz'uminus First Nation development rights Jan 1, 2024 with significant funding
- Attempted injunction failed but left open civil action
- LMS requests help for legal fees to recover \$6M for docks



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

- Developed since 2018 between shishalh and BC without input
- Over 700 docks and properties affected with strict new regulations, including YC's and commercial marinas
- Expanded to include entire 'swiya' + inland lakes
- Potential precedent for moorage regulations for all BC waters
- We are not alone in this fight



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

- 4 Major Concerns:

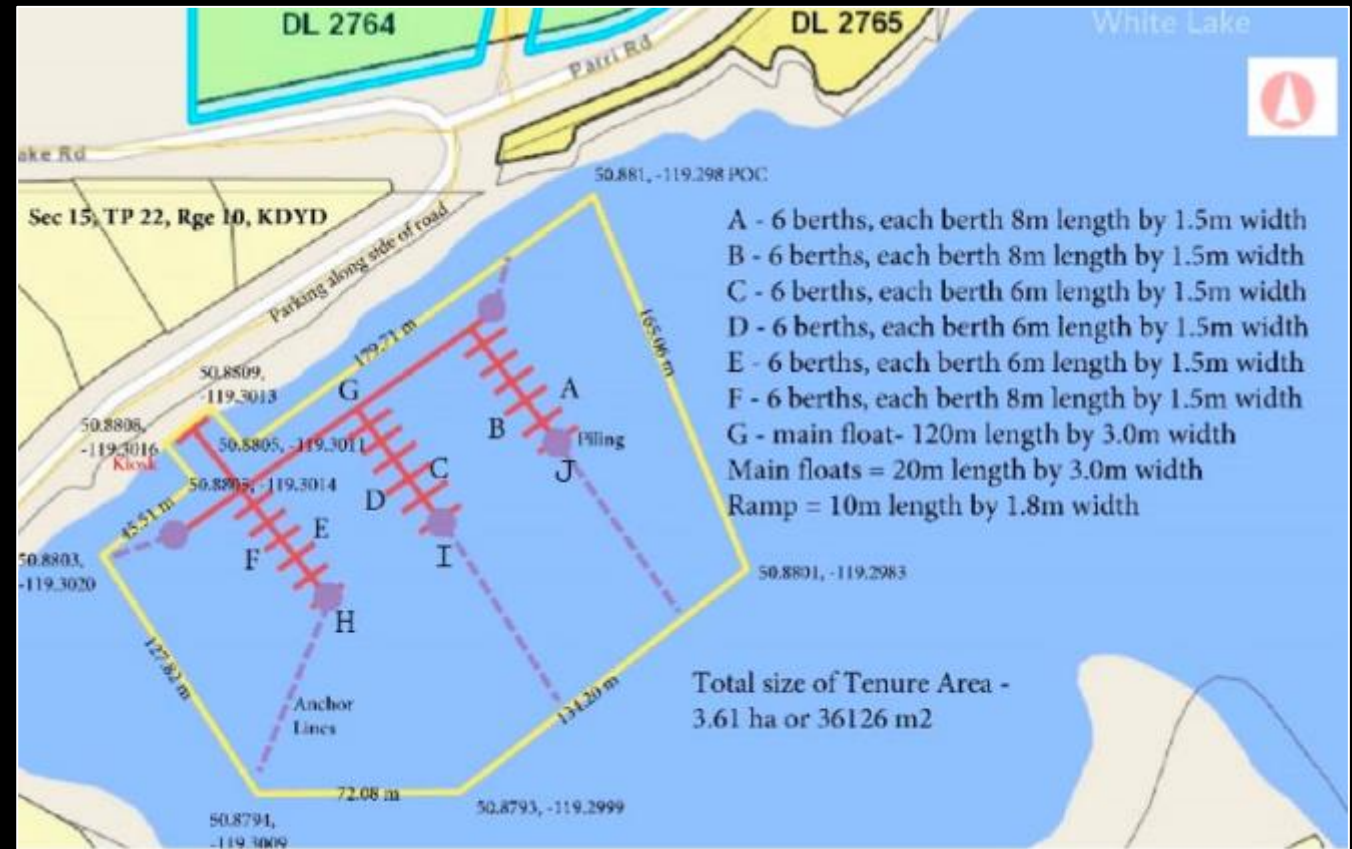
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2. Negative Socio Economic Impact
3. Thin Environmental Science
4. Political/Legal Over-reach



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

1. Impractical Design Constraints

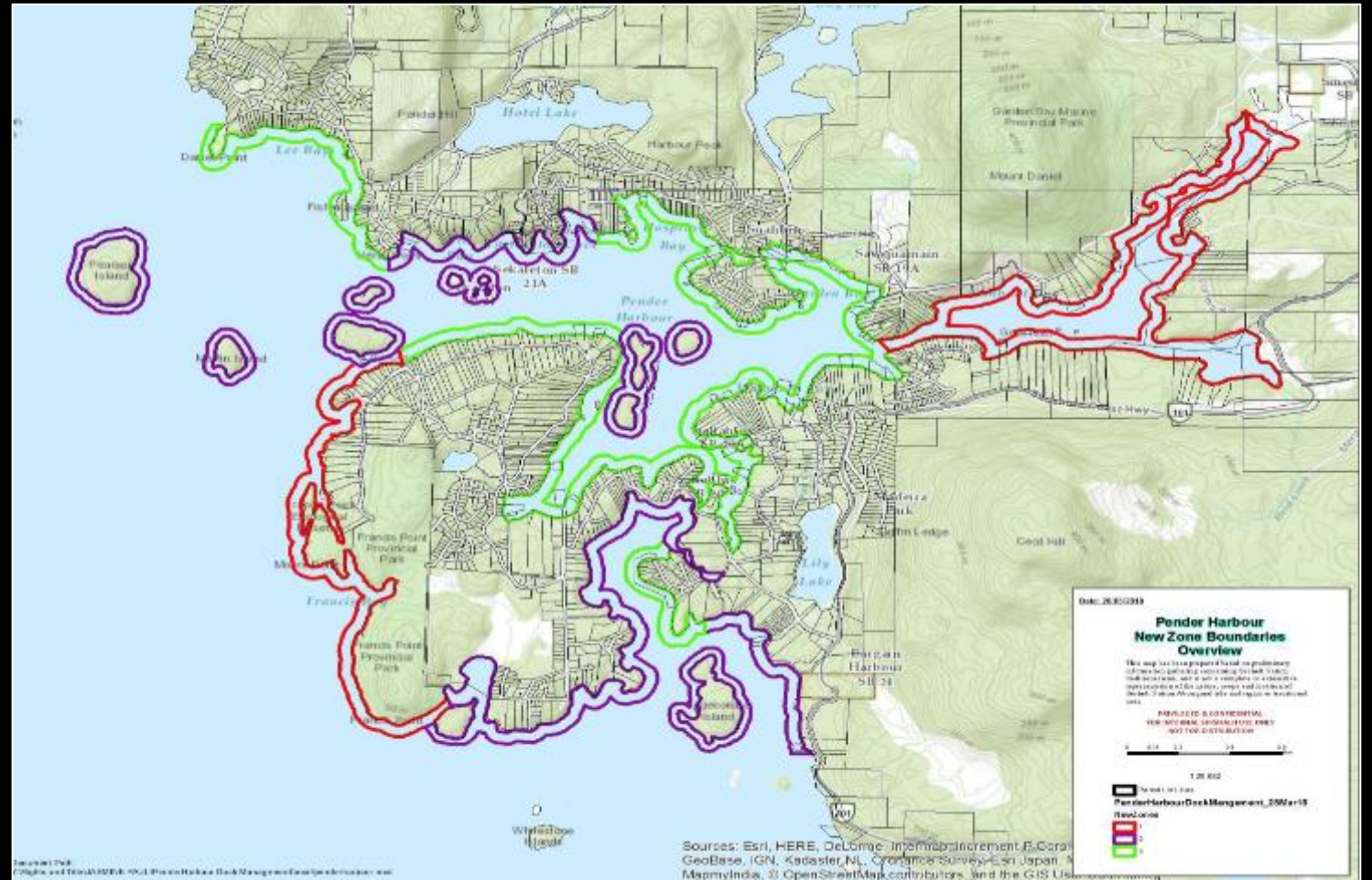
- Dock size restrictions to 30' private vessels & 40' commercial
- Maximum total dock length 50m private and 60m commercial
- 43% dock transparency requirement
- Removal of all private boat houses, including on lakes
- Many docks will have to be removed and fuel docks closed



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

2. Negative Socio Economic Impact

- No grandfathering
- 10 year private tenures, 30 year commercial
- Significant costs to owners for consulting studies
- No community economic impact assessments
- Negative property value impacts without compensation



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

3. Thin Environmental Science

- No peer reviewed scientific support for requirements
- Disposal of non-compliant docks add to derelicts problem
- Different issues for lakes vs tide water unaccounted for
- Arbitrary designation of zoning



Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan

4. Political/Legal Over-reach

- Lack of public engagement in the process to address concerns
- Improper sub-delegation of statutory decision-making powers to the shishálh Nation
- Provincial overreach into Federal jurisdiction
- Harbinger for regulating all BC waters



BC Land Act Ammendments

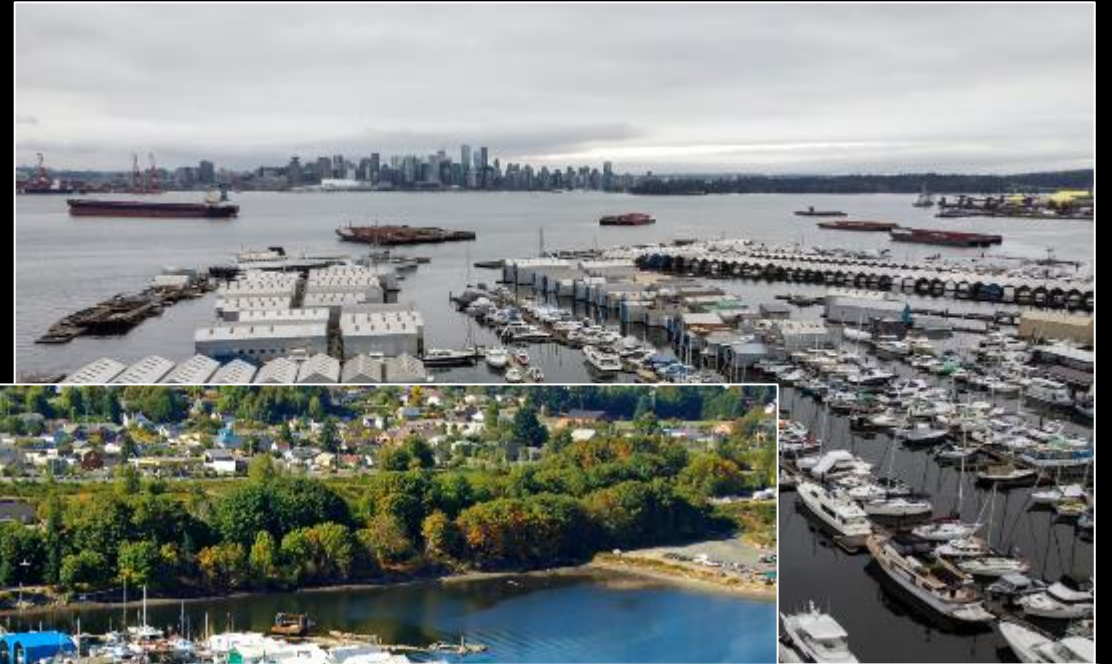
Now Land Act changes to enable enforcement of Regulations

- First Nations veto power over use of crown land, including water lot tenures
- Supreme Court ruled previously that veto power was unconstitutional
- Provincial overreach into Federal jurisdiction
- Need for members everywhere to protest



Lessons for Us All

- Check your waterlot lease, but don't count on it being honoured by any level of government if it becomes subject to a Reconciliation Agreement.
- Don't expect any level of communication on the subject, and consultation may be minimal
- Write to your MLA and MP – form letter to come
- Bring any concerns to our attention so we can assist you



Get Involved

- The Waterfront Protection Coalition has created a website to keep the many interest groups informed. Also, comments for changes to the Land Act before March 31st <https://waterfrontprotection.org/>
- Consultation period has been extended to **Feb. 16th, 2024**, please write a response stating your opinion <https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/applications?clidDtid=2412772&id=655fd3540d24d60022df6ee3>, Ref. No. 2412772
- Kevin Falcon (BC United Party) has responded to all the concern on Facebook: <https://fb.watch/pw8DC9quGC/?mibextid=CTbP7E>
- FaQ Document from the Province and SFN: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/land-water-use/crown-land/crown-land-uses/regional-initiatives/faq-shishalh_swiya_dock_management_plan_proposed_amendments.pdf
- The existing plan is provided through this link: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/natural-resource-use/land-water-use/crown-land/crown-land-uses/regional-initiatives/5-pender_harbour_dmp.pdf
- Concerns include the potential improper sub-delegation of statutory decision-making powers to the shIsháIh Nation. Access to the letter: https://mcusercontent.com/08e4c089fc90e3f520a80a826/files/ccf20738-6cda-4f4c-1392-e29bc0030e13/2024_01_10_LT_Hon_M.Cullen_re_PHARA_002.pdf
- Richard Wiefelspuett of LMS requests help: give.charityvillage.com/LadysmithCommunityMarina
- ¹ Lambert M.C. et al. 2023. Do small overwater structures impact marine habitats and biota. Pacific Conservation Biology doi: 10.1071/PC 22037
² http://www.penderharbourdockplan.com/uploads/5/2/0/4/52047017/balanced_environmental_review_march_8_2019.pdf

We Need Your Participation

- *What Issues are important to you?*
- *How can CBCYC help you?*
- *How can you participate?*





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Thank You

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