

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Fogust is upon us!

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Breakers Marine Repairs shop in 1988. Photo by Gord Hawkins.

5 Year Plan

On a winter's day in March 1987 my family and I, along with my wife of one month Gayle, chartered a floatplane and flew from Powell River to Bamfield looking at a new adventure.

My dad knew Tommy Christian from his early trucking days in and around Port Alberni. Tommy was looking to sell the building now known as The Market. My father had sold his gravel business, I was needing a change from the boss I was working for. My brother Dan was going through recovery for a broken neck from a logging accident. My brother Steve had a lot of experience as a fishing guide and my youngest brother Murray was also looking for a change. We landed in Bamfield on one of those picture perfect days of late winter. It was sunny, warm & dry. Tom Christian picked us up and gave us the tour of the town. He also drove us down the gravel road to Pachena Beach. We all were sold on Bamfield that afternoon. During the next couple months, we put the plan in place to move the family to Bamfield. My wife was working for a nice man in an Insurance Agency. We discussed the fact that she was

leaving a good job and that we could always return to Powell River in Five years. We arrived mid May 1987.

"Hawkeye Marina" named after my dad's nickname, "Hawkeye" was developed, floats and docks. Pilings were driven by Tim Wenstob's piledriver. We also purchased the Market building which housed Kamshee Store, Pizza By The Sea and Tides & Trails Restaurant. My Dad would manage the Restaurant & Marina along with my youngest brother Murray. Brothers Dan and Steve did charters and I started my Marine Business out of an old semi trailer which still sits between Bamfield Builders and the Marine shop. My wife Gayle did taxi service to and from the west side and helped run the restaurant. We all worked hard and would meet at the restaurant each evening at closing for dish washing, vacuuming and cleaning. It was a seven days a week job for all of us in the summer. Big fish were common back then, 30 lb, 40 lb and 50lbs. Fishermen came in droves. Trucks and campers were parked on both sides of the road coming down the hill to the four way stop and down to Grappler. It was common to work 12 to 14 hours a day repairing the many

poorly maintained boats and motors during this time. In 1988 we started to build the new shop and took occupancy that same year. Winters were quiet and I spent a couple years cutting shake blocks through the slow times. Gayle and I had two children Clay & Abby born in 1990 and 92 respectively. Both went through the Bamfield School and when the newly constructed school was opened in 1996 there were 100 students attending. In 2002 our kids transferred to Port Alberni for High School. They have so many fond memories of Potluck Sundays, Floor Hockey Mondays, being on the Channel 5 News Team, Halloween and Birthday Parties. As for me, I will always remember all the amazing people I've met running Breakers Marine and all my friends in Anacapa and Bamfield. This May marks the start of my 40th year in Bamfield. As Gayle and I ease into retirement in Powell River, we send out a heartfelt thank you to everybody who supported Breaker's Marine over the years. We know Dylan is the right fit to continue serving the community. We hope you all support him as well as you all supported us. It's been an Amazing 5 Years!

Gord Hawkins



Congratulations to Brittney and Cole MacDonald on the birth of their daughter Delilah MacDonald, May 26th 2026, making Beverly a big sister!

Amaya Black

Drawing a line... AGAIN?

Just weeks after Bamfield's boat launch received its new dividing line, the road connecting where the Bamfield Main meets Anacla, to the Market in Bamfield has been upgraded with its very own bright yellow one, courtesy of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. Hopefully the addition of the line will assist drivers in determining once and for all which side of the road is theirs to fill around those turns. To fewer motor vehicle incidents in our future!

Hannah Schriber

ACRD Candidates info session

Bob Beckett, has decided this term will be his last as our ACRD representative. Which begs the question: who will run at the upcoming elections in October? If you are interested (or have a candidate nomination in mind) or are just interested in knowing more about the process, check out the August 18th ACRD Candidate Information Session to be held at City of Port Alberni City Hall Council Chambers. Also, September 1st marks the beginning of the Nomination Period.

Stella Wenstob

Endive and Apple Salad

2 tbsp. Minced shallots
2 tbsp. White wine vinegar

2 tbsp. Red wine vinegar
½ tsp salt
½ tsp black pepper
2 tbsp. Fresh, chopped parsley
2 tbsp olive oil (or sub half walnut oil)
4 cups golden delicious apples, cut julienne
3 heads of Belgian endive, halved and thinly sliced lengthwise (~4 cups)

Combine first 5 ingredients, add oils, stir well with a whisk. Add apple. Toss well, cover, and chill. Combine apple mixture, endive, and parsley in a large bowl. Toss to coat well. Serve immediately.

Hannah Schriber



Meet me at the mudflats? Bamfield's 42nd Intertidal Golf Tournament

On July 4 at 9:00 a.m., dozens of Bamfielders made their way down to the McKay Bay Mudflats to tee off in the annual Intertidal Gold Tournament, all competing for the coveted championship title.

The nine-hole course wound its way across the mudflats, with golfers navigating the terrain in rubber boots and an impressive array of creative costumes. The award for Best Costume went to the "The Wet Menace", who were a team of pirate sea creatures. Congrats to Jess McGregor, Peter Fortune, Hannah Plater, and Amaya Black (pictured above) for their win!

Competition on the course was fierce, with Torrey Gilmour and Brad Beith finishing tied for the best score. A sudden-death playoff hole was needed to determine the champion, where Brad edged out Torrey to take home the trophy.

Community Events

Aug 1-3: BVFD Salmon Derby

Aug 18: ACRD Candidate Information Session at Port Alberni City Hall Chambers

Aug 27: Full Moon

Sept 1: Beginning of ACRD nomination period

Sept 8: Back to School

Tuesdays, 7 pm: BMSC Summer Seminars

phy. Tyler Stanhope finished in third place, while Hudson Klyne earned the award for Most Honest Golfer.

By the end of the morning, every golfer left with muddy boots, a hot dog in hand, and a smile on their face. Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to support the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the mudflats next year!

Abigail Andiel

The Weathered Verse Preparation

BLOND, primitive, among her props and stays

The unfinished schooner towers from the sand.

Her ribs still show gaunt shadows band by band

In Viking savagery across the haze;
Here shall the masts with all their rigging stand

And here he bowsprit rise above the sprays

All day the spar-makers are shaping spars,

The river hammers pound and the saws squeal,

Her ribs are scored with white adze-bitten scars,

The drunken scaffoldings about her reel,

So that some night when the gale drowns the stars

She may stamp down the storm beneath her keel

Elisabeth Coatsworth, *Voices*, May 1926.

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