

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

Welcome Back to School Kiddos!

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Hudson Klyne, Ryker Klyne and Lois Ursprung hold the third place derby fish caught off Cape Beale. Photo: Abigail Andiel



Shirley Pekula and Anne Lindwall keeping the thread going. Photo: Stella Wenstob

BVFD Annual Salmon Derby

The Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department thanks all fishers, volunteers, and donors who supported our annual fishing derby. The salmon were plentiful this year with 724 salmon registered over the weekend but the fish were generally smaller than previous years. We sold a record 431 tickets which directly support our department and had a great turnout at the wrap-up BBQ. Max Salamon caught the biggest fish within the BVFD and the top three fish overall came from Jason Burke (24.8 lb), Areez Shamim (22.7 lb), and Screamin Eagle (21.9 lb). Special thanks go to Huu-ay-aht First Nations as our primary event sponsor. Our biggest fundraiser of the year wouldn't be possible without our generous volunteers who gave up part of their long weekend to ensure everyone had a good time and had tight lines. The BVFD fishing derby runs annually over BC Day Weekend. See you next year!

Chief Daniel Zayonc

Wreckage House of Music

The Bamfield Wreckage has slowly been growing its reputation as a live music venue here in our little village on the edge of the world. When owner, Amelia Vos, first opened she had already been coordinating live music for house concerts and embraced the opportunity to host shows in her own venue. This summer the Wreckage has carried a renowned line up with artists from Tennessee to Ottawa to Prince George.

Every show is unique and permeates the ears and souls of the listeners. Fueled by this essence, the Wreckage continues to uphold the laws of music by hosting Sunday Open Mic - their own version of church - Wreckage welcomes all levels of musical creativity- just come on down the boardwalk and have a listen, the sound is reverberating through the wooden floor and down the harbour.

Amelia Vos

A New Craft Looming...

Just off Penny Lane and near Key West, within smelling distance of the delicious fat fryers of the Wreckage, is the old Taxi Stand, which has found a new lease on life this summer. It has become the gathering place of Bamfield's weavers, Nancy Hendry, Heather Cooper, Shirley Pekula, and Anne Lindwall.

They have set up table top looms and meet regularly here weaving scarves and tea towels (\$60 each) which are sold to support the Bamfield Historical Society. It's a magical place, several drop spindles hang from the western window and they have an extra loom setup for passers-by to try.

Stella Wenstob

Congratulations...

to Tom Joe and Sandra Lawlor on their wedding held at their home in Sarita Bay on August 1, 2026.

Abigail Andiel



Cooper McAughtrie, Photo by Taylor Ford-Sahibzada

Goodbye Cooper

West side locals and visitors were sad to say goodbye to Cooper, The Bamfield Mercantile & Marine's beloved golden lab this month. Cooper was a constant friendly presence, keeping bears off the boardwalk, accompanying marine station students to Brady's Beach, and greeting passengers off the Francis Barkley. He roamed the west side at will, visiting his favourite people and guarding the store, always on the lookout for a treat or a dropped pizza crust. Cooper lived his best life and will be missed by many.

Marnie McAughtrie

Need a Babysitter?

Azalea Dennis offers local babysitting in Anacla, East Bamfield, and West Bamfield for \$10/hour. She has her Babysitter Certificate, Infant CPR and Basic First Aid and can be contacted through Facebook or at Riverbowes907@gmail.com to arrange babysitting.

Chocolate Wafer Toffee Cookies

1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup white sugar
2 eggs, room temperature
1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp kosher salt
3 oz (80g) of chopped chocolate toffee bars (Skor works great but any will do)
1 1/2 cup chocolate wafer cookies

Preheat oven to 325° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring until it browns (around 5 minutes). Pour into mixing bowl and let cool until it's touchable (around 10 minutes). Add sugars to the bowl of butter and mix until combined. Add eggs and vanilla and mix again until mixture thickens. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking soda, and salt. Add dry mixture to wet. Combine. Stir in chopped candy bars and wafers and let sit for half an hour before baking. Dough will thicken as it sits. Spoon dough onto baking sheet 2-3" apart and sprinkle with sea salt. Bake cookies for 10 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Let cool on the sheet for 10 minutes before transferring to a rack to finish cooling.

Hannah Schriber

The Weathered Verse Berry Symphony (late August)

It was late August and the Blackberries hung over my head like grand chandeliers as I walked out of the theatre;

Before them, the Thimbleberries were ripening to perfection as I walked down the great hallways of the forest;

As I took myself to my seat, the Raspberries and native Strawberries put on a show that earned a standing ovation;

The Salal and Huckleberries played a song so beautifully sweet it brought the audience to tears;

I knew it was going to be a show of a lifetime when the Salmonberries gave their opening act in Orange, Pink, and Red.

Morgan Ursel

Community Events

Sept 1: Beginning of ACRD nomination period

Sept 7: Labour Day

Sept 7: Max & Lindsey's Brady's Beach Wedding... The More The Merrier!

Sept 8: Back to School

Sept 25 & 26: Fungus Fest

Sept 30: Truth & Reconciliation Day

Sailbot Spotting!

Last week the UBC engineering Sailbot team were spotted at the Grappler boat launch preparing the autonomous sailboat Polaris for its mission ten nautical miles offshore to "help monitor the health of the ocean; improve ocean conservation visibility; and [to] equip students with the knowledge to engage with these issues." Pawan Daliaho, an Engineer undergrad eagerly answered my questions about the boat's construction (carbon fibre, assembled by the team themselves) and the solar panels that covered its rigid sail and decks, which powers the telecommunications, robotics and sensors. Other crew members, Aayush Maharaj, Mihai Cristian Crupa, and Andrew Lang were busy attaching the weighted keel which insures the robotic sailboat self-rights in strong weather, as well as the rudder and the trim tabs that help steer it. Its mission is to collect data offshore that motorized boats cannot.

Stella Wenstob



Photo of the UBC Sailbot getting ready to be launched.

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