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Editorial

The smooth sailing of publishing the *Islander* hit some stormy seas recently, providing us with some education and insight into the responsibilities that come with the job of running a community newspaper.

Contentious issues that arise in many walks of life are more often than not going to involve people. However, when it comes to open discussion of such issues in a tight knit community such as ours the implications of involving personalities may have far longer lasting effects than the issues themselves.

In the future we ask that all letters sent to the *Islander* refrain from engaging in personal criticism and stick to the issue at hand. We simply do not wish to see the *Islander* become a slugging ground for personal gripes.

Hopefully this issue will see the

last word on this topic and in future we can concentrate on positive ideas for resolving sensitive matters.

On a separate theme but still involving submissions, we would like to draw everyone's attention to our publishing schedule and deadlines. The *Discovery Islander* is published every two weeks and the next deadline is clearly noted strategically throughout the paper. Material that reaches us after the deadline cannot be guaranteed to make it into the next issue as space is always at a premium and preference is given to submissions received before the deadline.

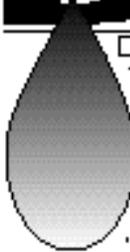
A warm welcome to all the visitors and summer residents who are with us once again. Enjoy your stay on the Discovery Islands and may the weather turn hot and sunny soon!!!

Island Tides

Day	Pacific Stand Time	Ht/ft.	Ht/m
Tu	0805	4.5	
1.4			
15	1440	11.5	
3.5			
	1825	10.6	
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Wed	0020	13.2	
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16	0850	3.5	
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	1530	12.2	
3.7			
	1920	10.9	
3.3			
Th	0105	13.2	
4.0			
17	0930	2.5	
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	1610	12.9	
3.9			
	2010	10.9	
3.3			
Fri	0155	13.3	
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18	1010	1.7	
0.5			
	1645	13.4	
4.1			
	2100	10.8	
3.3			
Sat	0250	13.4	
4.1			
19	1050	1.2	
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22	0530	13.1	
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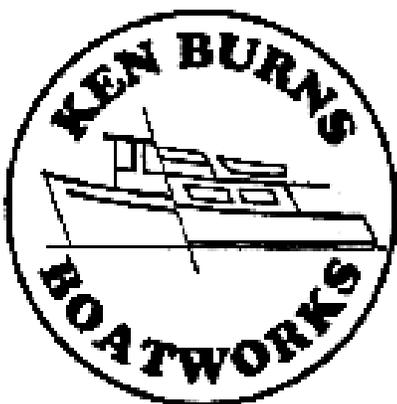
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Island Forum

Quadra Daycare Winners!

The winners of the Quadra Island Daycare Father's Day Raffle are: Jim Roberts for the Father's Day basket, Hana Smally for the golfing for two at the Storries Creek golf club followed by lunch for two at the Salmon Point Pub, David Mills for the one month pass to Quadra Fitness plus a training session, and Pat Pielou for the Quadra Daycare Children are the Future T-Shirt.

Quadra Island Daycare is a non-profit society which relies on fundraising so thank-you to everyone who bought tickets to support us. Thanks especially to the businesses which donated the fantastic prizes: Storey Creek Golf and Recreation Society, Salmon Point Pub, Quadra Island Fitness, Strathcona Gardens, Explore Gallery, Island Treasures, Quadra Island Building Supply, Quadra Island Market, and Quadra Crafts. Community and business support continue to make Quadra Daycare a fun and supportive place for children to be.

Q.I. Therapeutic Riding Society

The Quadra Island Therapeutic Riding Society is quite excited about finishing our first session. All went smoothly and it is a success. Instructors have already seen improvement with the riders. We have three gentle horses; Max, Tation, and Spring and they are doing a wonderful job. We would like to thank the following for their donations that helped make this possible. Quadra Island Building Supply, Cape Mudge Band Council, Discovery Passage, Betty Doaks, Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Order of the Royal Purple, Lions Club, Catholic Womens League, Knights of Columbus, Barry Scott, Stephen Frame, Debbie Dalbock, William Wheeldon, Leah Jesse, Joan Vennard, Graham & Frame, Interfor, Raven Lumber, Vancouver Island Air, Warren & Sherry Peterson, D.A. Roset, Quadra Island United Church, Sylvia Gregory, Hilary Hanson, Mary McIntosh, B.C. Tel Employees' Community Fund, Canadian Helicopters, Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, Longbeach Helicopters, Muriel MacKay, and all of you who have bought chocolate bars, raffle tickets and goodies at our bake sale.

We would also like to thank the backbone of our society, the volunteers: Mia, Fishholz, Mary-Ellen Wilkinson, Neils Christenson, Kate McLean, Melanie Lue, Debbie Mortimer, Angela Balbon, Maritza Jacobs, Deborah Hunter, Lucy Bartlett, Leigh Raynham, Shirley Goslin, Laura Tuttle, Heidi Ridgeway, Darlene Booth,

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Instructors: Wendy Volmer, Eliza Cochrane, Robin Dillabough, and Diane Bouma. For those who cannot ride we would like to introduce horse and cart with Diane Bouma next year. The society has one more session for the summer, July 29th to September 16th. If you would like to support a rider for \$64.00 or a horse for \$100.00 per session or help us with other costs please call Program Co-ordinator Vicki Fitton at 285-3669. The society now has its own registration number. We are open on Tuesday's from 1:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. Thank-you Quadra for your support!

June 24, 1997

This letter is in response to Mr. Arne Liseth's letter from the June 16 Discovery Islander. In his letter Mr. Liseth takes issue with certain individuals for having pursued the development of a national park on Quadra Island.

I cannot understand the form of logic that Mr. Liseth uses to denigrate these individuals and their worthwhile goal. Firstly, I have to ask- why does Mr. Liseth think that logging interests in this area must always take priority over everything regarding the environment? I must also ask how he can rationally assume that the cause of dwindling forest resources is the result of conservation efforts. Credible information sources everywhere have shown it has been caused mainly by logging companies who choose to continue to use destructive logging practices with no regard for sustainable development or employment. Mr. Liseth goes on to claim that "...nothing destroys a community like a national park. Reading this and his statement about how eco-tourism is the worst threat to the environment, I again must question his definition of logic because to demonstrate the absurdity of all these statements, one has only to drive down West Road and see the results of a local logging company's annihilation of some of Quadra's environment.

Eco-tourists may trample down some undergrowth, but to my knowledge they don't generally clear-cut as they go.

Mr. Liseth's indignation about supposedly misleading statements from the national park group is contradiction itself. Logging interests in this province have continually released mis-information to the government and the public regarding logging practices and their manipulation of the terms of the new Forest Practices Code demonstrates their continuing refusal to address any concerns other than their bottom line. Mr. Liseth calls national park development "extreme - perhaps if the logging industry's behaviour in the past or present demonstrated a willingness to cooperate honestly, we would not have to build walls around wilderness areas.

My apologies Mr. Liseth, our environment was not created only for those who wish to deplete it's resources and then blame others for the problems they cause. Hats off to those who think past the short term and strive to protect some of our environment from corporations and individuals who perpetuate this kind of thinking. If it takes the development of a national park to accomplish this- let's go for it. As for Mr. Liseth, perhaps you could take the time to become informed before you personally attack your neighbours whose goals will benefit the generations to come.

Signed
Dina Sawyer, Quadra Island

Dear Mr Steven Halliday,

As a newcomer to the Discovery Islands perhaps it has not occurred to you that many residents have survived for many years without a Chamber of Commerce, Super-Store, or Auto-Mall. This is precisely the reason they moved to an island in the first place. Now I don't want to offend your good intentions but before you "grab the bull by the horns" (your words), I think you should first ask the locals and see if this is something they want. Also as a shareholder of QCU, I'm concerned about your recent purchase of a commercial popcorn machine and wonder what can be next. I hope these kinds of purchases are not the reason why my QCU share dividend went down by so much last year. Okay, I'm partially kidding, but perhaps would it be more prudent to live in the community for a few years before you try to change things too much.

Sincerely
David McGregor
Cortes Island

To our many friends on Quadra,

We want to thank you for many years of friendship during our 30+ years on Quadra. Quadra has been a wonderful place to raise our family. We have been especially moved by the many expressions of love and support during this past transitional year for our family, a year of uncertainty as to our future. Being honoured at May Day this year is something we will treasure for the rest of our lives.

As most of you know, we will be moving to Prince George, where I have already begun work. I have accepted a position as Pastor of Discipleship at College Heights Baptist Church in Prince George, a role which will involve people development and leadership training, as well as leadership in music and worship. We have been accepted warmly by the Prince George community and I can see my work will be challenging.

We want to invite any of our Quadra friends to visit us in Prince George. Our new address is 7749 Kingsley Crescent, Prince George, B.C., V2N 3M9; our phone number is (250) 964-1864 and my work number (250) 964-4181.

We value your friendship very much, and even though we will be further away, we will continue to treasure our memories of Quadra and the rich friendships which have been nurtured here.

Alan and Helen Bromley and family.

July 8, 1997

Dear Editor,

Forestry, is it in one's genes, in one's blood, or does it just come naturally? For Harper Graham it is all three and possibly more.

Harper's family history shows that hard work is definitely in his genes. His grandfather, James Graham, hewed ties for the CPR working his way across Canada. He was present at Craigellachie November 7, 1885 when the last spike was driven. Harper's grandmother opened the first store on Denman Island. His father, Francis Graham, pre-empted 160 acres on Denman Island, which he had to log and

drain in order to farm.

Forestry was in his blood at an early age. He remembers "trips to the bush as a small boy, watching the machines and every move the loggers made." Harper was born and raised in the Comox Valley area and went to school on Denman Island and later in Courtenay. He graduated from Nanaimo Vocational School in 1950 as a Diesel Engineer. Summers were spent logging and tree planting. In 1958 he purchased a logging truck and went contract hauling at a variety of locations. Following that Harper and his brother in law Jack, formed a company called Baikie and Graham. They worked a contact with M&B, Kelsey Bay and Theodosia for many good years until 1980. When the contact was phased out and Harper went to Read Island to do some small scale logging on his property there.

Harper is definitely a natural in this industry. A man whom many in the area know as the "Gentleman Logger", he always demonstrates care and attention to the many projects he takes on.

Harper Graham has recently been awarded the 1997 Forests Excellence Award in the Forest Management category by Forest Renewal B.C.

Peter Calverley R.P.F. nominated Harper for this award for "Excellence or Innovation in a Woodlot Operation". Of the 13 nominees, Harper was chosen for providing an example of excellent stewardship in woodlot operation.

The awards ceremony took place with a luncheon, Friday June 27, 1997 at Government House in Victoria, B.C. Harper and his wife Anne were invited to sit at the head table with:

Lieutenant Governor: Garde Gardom
Minister of Forests: David Zirnheld
Assistant Deputy Minister of Forests:
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Harper applied for and received WL046 on Read Island in 1988. Together with his family, he has been working and sustaining the integrity of the land base in a sustainable manner since that time. The Forest Excellence Award gives recognition to this exceptional work.

Here's to you Harper, a job well done and an award well deserved! Congratulations. From all your family and friends.

Quadra Island Mixed Doubles Tournament

28 June 1997

After all these rainy days, we could not believe our eyes when Saturday brought this beautiful weather. (The rumour was: somebody did a sundance!)

32 enthusiastic people played on our newly resurfaced courts, and we are so very thankful for everybody who donated time and money to make these courts look great again.

Our well-known Tom Dorsett, who is 81 years old now, ended up in the final match for the B-trophy, where his partner Bay Phillips (also well-known for her excellent performance in squash tournaments) and him saw the trophy go to Carol Woolsey and Nick Robinson.

The A-final was a very close match decided by a tie-breaker - and Pauline Falck and Mike Griswold walked off with the trophy. Tracey Josson and Scot Hutton were their very tough opponents.

Our next tournament is planned for September.

Please contact Ken 2580, Paul 3789, Mary 3691, or Rita 3678, for more information

Bike-a-thon Organising Committee

c/o Box 141
Quathiaski Cove, B.C.
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Dear Editor, Many thanks to the 100 participants and many volunteers who joined together in a successful Third Annual Quadra Island Bike-a-thon held Sunday, June 29th. After cycling one of four designated routes around Quadra Island on a gorgeous, sunny day, cyclists were treated to refreshments at the Community Hall. Prizes were awarded for the best poker hand collected en route, and all participants walked away with one or two gifts donated by several local businesses. A total of \$410:00 was raised for the Blenkin Park Tennis Association.

Thanks to the following for their generous support: Quadra Island R.C.M.P., Island Treasures, Isle Tech, Milton Farm, Quadra Crafts, Quadra Station, Wry Bakery, Sprigs in Bloom, Country Charm, Lovin' Oven, Quadra Fitness, K.T.'s General Store, Quadra Foods, Heriot Bay Store, Mary Dennison and Nutrimetics, Marlina's Salon, Discovery Island Realty, Quadra Building Supply, Quadra Credit Union, Overwaitea, McDonalds, Ocean Pacific, Painter's Lodge, Strathcona Gardens, Spokes, Peddle Your World, Elite Manufacturers, Panda Imports, Imperial, Nicholson Cycle, and Cycle Lambert.

Thank You to the following volunteers for their time: Tucker and Ken Dinnis, Richard and Coleen Swanson, Len Beck and the 1st. Responders, Quadra Seniors, Lana Swanson, Alicia Van Geason, Sue and Nick Rose, Smokey George, Chris Phillips, Dave Oldroyd, and Sue Johnson. A very special "Thank You" to Lesley Matthews for preparing the Community Information Sign posted in the Cove. We leave all cyclists with a challenge to come out again next year, cycle the same or a more difficult route, and most importantly, bring a friend.

Sincerely,
Pauline Falck.

Dear Editor

I have, with my wife and son, recently completed a holiday from Vancouver to Quadra Island. I was emotionally overcome by the beauty of this part of British Columbia which I likened to the West Coast of Scotland, my home land, but in a much larger scale.

The natural beauty of the coastlands and inlets were truly enhanced by the sudden appearance of small marinas complete with boats of all shapes and sizes including a large number of house boats.

I found all of this very pleasing to the eye and reinforced my perception of the folklore

of this beautiful province which was what initially brought my family and I to British Columbia.

However, you can well imagine my dismay and disgust when I learned that a minority of well heeled land residents were hell bent in having houseboats removed because they were not Aesthetically Pleasing to this minority. Doesn't this minority release that houseboats along with their residents are part and parcel of the beauty and quaintness of the area - not to mention the income and business each and everyone generates.

Not so long ago in my country Landowners - so called patriots - caused vast areas of the countryside to be cleared of human habitation simply to make way for sheep. Many of my countrymen were forced to move to countries such as Canada or America.

To our everlasting shame this became known as the SCOTTISH HIGHLAND CLEARANCES and so earned an infamous chapter in Scottish history. Could we therefore be seeing the start of a similar pattern here which may become known as the BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL CLEARANCES? Please don't make the same mistake as my forebearers did - by all means preserve the natural beauty of your coast AND at the same time keep your people. People are what made Canada great and respected throughout the world.

Yours Faithfully
Robert McLaughlin

Dear Editor

I have recently spent two weeks at Seascape Resort in Gowland Harbour where I have enjoyed the scenery and the lovely houseboats moved there.

I was astonished to hear of an effort by some local residents of the area to have the float homes banned. In my opinion they add to the beauty of the harbour, are well kept and are pleasing to look at.

It is sad to hear of such intolerance based on the bias views of some members of a community. I thought Canada to be the world leader in tolerance and acceptance of others who chose to live a different lifestyle.

Let me close by offering my support for the Resort Owners and those residents who are being singled out due to the selfish beliefs of some.

Yours truly,
Margaret McMillan

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Weather Statistics: Second Quarter 1997

	Rain	High
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0.5		
May	100.4	25.0
3.5		
June	125.0	25.0
7.5		

Crimestoppers

Quadra - Cortes Crime Stoppers

Anyone with information concerning the following can contact Quadra Island R.C.M.P. directly or call Crime Stoppers at 287 - TIPS. You do not have to give your name and you may remain anonymous.

97 June 27 Horn-rimmed glasses found at side of Heriot Bay Road. Owner may claim at Detachment.

97 July 01 Theft from vehicle. Vehicle parked at Lighthouse and ferry tickets stolen. Vehicle locked but window left

97 July 02

Vandalism to vehicle parked at April Point Lodge. Side of vehicle scratched with key.

97 July 03 Break enter and theft from residence on Pidcock Road. Suspect/s entered residence and searched for valuables. Cash and RSVP answering machine stolen.

97 July 03 Bicycle found at Cape Mudge Band Office. Owner may claim at Detachment.

97 July 03 GPS and case found floating in Heriot Bay. Owner may claim at Detachment.

Just a reminder to keep your residences and vehicles secured when they are not occupied. Report any suspicious occurrences to the Detachment. If you are heading away on holidays, contact the Detachment so patrols can be adjusted accordingly.

In addition, in regards to the events planned this summer by the Quadra Rec. Society, the R.C.M.P. does not charge for such services. The fees are to cover expenses of the Recreation Society. Also Cst. John Clemens will co-ordinate the "Personal Protection For Girls" classes.

Finally a warm welcome to the visitors of Quadra and Cortes Islands. Hope everyone has a fun, safe, holiday.

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July 9,12,16,19,23,30th Puppet Theatre	Kwagiulth Museum	1:30pm.
July 12,19,26th Puppet Theatre	We Wai Kai Campsite	3:00 pm.
July 18, 19 Artist's Weekend 4:30 pm	Kwagiulth Museum	10 am -
July 19, Sat. Historic Tour-Quadra Island	ph. CR Museum	8:45am-4:00pm
Aug. 2, Sat. Artsfest Cortes Craft & Music Fair pm	Community Centre Hollyhock	TBA 10 am-8
Aug. 2,6,9,13,16,20th Puppet Theatre	Kwagiulth Museum	1:30pm.
Aug. 2,9,16,23,30th Puppet Theatre	We Wai Kai Campsite	3:00 pm.
Aug. 11&18 Kids CAN-BIKE 3pm		9 am -
September 14, Sun. QPC Giant Garage Sale 2:00 pm.	Community Centre	10 am -
September 20, Sat. "Step into Tibet"	Community Centre	
Sept. 26, 27 Keeping Quadra Healthy	Community Centre	
Weekly		
Farmers' Market - Sat p.m.	Credit Union	10-1:00
Meditation-Sundays noon	Community Hall	10am-12
Hatha Yoga- Saturdays	Community Centre	9:00 &

Philippines Connection 3rd Annual Giant Garage Sale to be held at the Community Centre, **September 14th**. All reusable items in good condition will be accepted and appreciated!

Free Bicycle Repair Class

Smokey is holding free bicycle repair classes on **Tuesdays from 5:30 at 1024 Heriot Bay Rd.** Beginners most welcome. If you can hold a wrench, you can turn it. Learn anything from flat tire repairs to wheel truing.

Puppet Theatre

Come celebrate the beginning of summer with **The Museum at Campbell River's Puppet Theatre**. The Puppet Show takes place at the museum on Wednesdays at 1pm, and Saturdays at 11 am and 1pm. **The opening performance is Saturday June 21 at 11 am.** The stories involve amazing yet true historical events. Some of the play titles include: Fred Nunns' Pumpkins; The Salty Cake; and RippleRock.

The Museum at Campbell River is proud to present another summer of Puppet Theatre, now in its 11th season of offering shows and related fun activities. This year's puppeteers, Jennifer Fric and Kathy Stothard, are hoping you'll join them at the Museum. The performance will continue until late August. Admission is \$1.50 per child, and accompanying adults are free. Private bookings are also available. For more information please call Jennifer or Kathy at **287-3101**. The Museum at Campbell River is located at 5th Ave. and the Island Highway. Special thanks to Young Canada Works and the Department of Canadian Heritage for their support.

Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre

Once again the puppet theatre is back for the summer at the Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre. Located at Cape Mudge on picturesque Quadra Island. The museum will present performances of traditional K'ak'akewak' legends by our knowledgeable and capable summer students: "The Legend of Dunuq'a", "Wisest One", and "Full Moon and Half Moon". The students look forward to researching more plays as well as creating new puppets to increase the Puppet Theatre repertoire for the 1997 season.

Performances will be done throughout July and August at the Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre and the We-Wai-Kai Campsite at Rebecca Spit, starting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturdays at the museum and 3:00 pm.



Q.I. Recreation Society

Is sponsoring a wholistic event called **"Keeping Quadra Healthy"**. **September 26th** will feature a major keynote speaker and a presentation of Quadra culture. We are planning an array of exhibits, mini-demonstrations and networking tables on physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health on **September 27th**. We are inviting all interested participants to call Diane at **285-3859**

Kids CAN-BIKE

With the cycling season starting in earnest parents may want to have their children professionally trained in safe bicycle skills, by a nationally certified C-Bike instructor. **The kids CAN-BIKE course** involves discussion about the rules of the road, the bicycle's place in traffic, safe equipment, practice of bike handling skills, and on-road training is to develop good road position and lawful bike operation,

good planning skills and good decision making skills. The course is for children 9 to 13 years of age.

Course dates are **Aug. 11th & 18th Classes - 9:00 a.m. - 3 pm. \$45 per pupil. Call Jerzy Dymny at 285-2447** for more information. Adult course, beginner and advanced, are available to groups of six or more.

Farmers Market & Bazaar

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Saturdays at the We-Wai-Kai Campsite. The first performance will be at the museum, Wednesday July 9th at 1:30 p.m.

Watch for local advertising on a "Children's Puppet Theatre Festival" to be produced later this summer by the Arts and Culture on the Discovery Coast consortium.

Puppet Theatre is included with admission to the museum. **Children \$1, Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Members Free.**

Puppet Theatre provides great entertainment for Birthday Parties and any social event. For more information or to book a show, please contact Jason Wilson or Danielle Uhl at (250) 285-3733, 7 days a week.

The Cortes Island Craft and Music Fair

On **Saturday, August 2, 1997** Hollyhock presents the Cortes Island Craft and Music Fair on the lawn at the Hollyhock beach. The fair will be open to the public from **10:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.**, and admission is free.

Visitors to Cortes should follow the signs toward Smelt Bay. On Sutil Point Road, 18 km from the ferry landing, look for Highfield Road on the left. Follow Highfield Road as it curves to the right. Park along the road, and enter Hollyhock at the end of Highfield Road. Stay to the left, and walk down the road to the beach. Boaters may anchor off the Hollyhock beach, on the southeastern coast of Cortes between Sutil Point and Twin Island. You will be able to see the stage and grounds from the water. Those wishing to participate with craft or food booths, or musicians who would like to perform, should contact Erin Skye Robinsong (935-6376), or Rex Weyler (935-6736) Hollyhock, Box 127, Manson's Landing, B.C., V0P 1K0.

Historic tour of Quadra Island

The Museum at Campbell River offers an all-day historic tour of Quadra Island on **Saturday, July 19th, departing at 8:45 and returning on the 4:00 Quadra ferry.**

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Intrigued? Join us to get the full story to these and many other tales as the Island's colourful history and magnificent scenery lure visitors and residents alike to investigate many heritage buildings and sites not otherwise easily accessible,

including the lucky Jim Gold Mine and the petroglyphs visible along the shore at low tide.

The focus is on Quadra Island's hidden scenic and historic treasures, but easier-to-find places like the Kwagiulth Museum will be pointed out en route to encourage repeat visits. Bring a lunch and be prepared for some walking, since several sites are off the beaten track. The tour costs \$35:00 for adults / \$33:00 students & seniors, with a discount for Museum Members. This includes van transportation, ferry fare, and a Quadra History booklet.

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Artist's Weekend

The Kwagiulth Museum and Cultural Centre is proud to present an "Artist's Weekend" with traditional Kwakwaka'wakw carver Gertrude Robertson and Nuuchahnulth weaver Anne Cox, Friday July 18th and Saturday July 19th, both from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Kwakwaka'wakw carver, Gertrude Robinson is from Kingcome Inlet of the Tswataeneuk Band. Descendant from a long line of Chiefs, Gertrude was also a commercial fisher, mother of a large family and now is known for her traditional carvings.

Gertrude uses the Willie and Robertson family crests, specializing in replicas of table size feast bowls, using the images of halibut, flounder and salmon. Her work is painted in the ancient colours of green, black, red, yellow/orange with inlaid

abalone on many pieces.

Nuu chan nultl weaver, Anne Cox is from the Hesquiat Tribe and the Kyuquot Tribe by marriage. She was taught techniques by Alvina Cox of Nanaimo and Christine Cox of Comox, using traditional westcoast designs. Anne uses her late mother's design book handed down for many generations. Using cedar bark, raffia, three-corner sea grass and swamp grass, she specializes in baskets, mats, earrings, lighter cases and weaving over forms and bottles.

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Money Matters

By Steven Halliday

The following economic forecast is the first of what will be regular feature in this column. The source of this forecast is Credit Union Central of BC's "Economic Analysis of BC" by Helmut Pastrick, Central's Chief Economist.

BC's economy is expected to grow moderately through 1998. Gross Domestic Product is expected to grow by 2.6% in 1998, which compares favourably to 2.0% in 1997, and 1.0% in 1996. All sectors of the economy are anticipated to fare well, with the exception of the mining industry, due mainly to continuing low prices for base metals. Forestry is projected to do very well, contributing heavily to an anticipated growth in exports of 9.3% over 1997. Premier Glen Clark's recent announcement of additional funding that

is expected to create some 40,000 jobs was not available for study at the time of writing, but given the favourable reaction of both labour and industry, I would venture that there is real substance to the plan. Tourism is expected to continue to be a real economic engine in the province, with growth of about 3%. The cheap Canadian dollar and good economic growth in other regions will positively affect tourist visits.

Unemployment is forecast to be lower in 1998, down from 8.6% in 1997 to 8.35% at year end 1997, with construction and non-resource manufacturing (such as electronics) contributing the largest number of new jobs. It is also forecast that personal earnings will rise approximately 1.5% compared to a 2.2% rise in 1996. Business bankruptcies are happily on the decline, and corporate profits are anticipated to rise about 9%. Interest rates are expected to remain low, with Prime Rate at 4.75% at year end 1998, the same as it is today. A 5 year mortgage should cost about 7%. These low interest rates are the driver behind our growth, with consumers being much faster at parting with their hard earned dollars.

Population growth is expected to slow slightly to 2%, down from 2.6% in 1995. Net migration to BC in 1998 is expected to be around 57,500, with roughly 23% of international immigrants settling in BC. Finally, the Canadian dollar is expected to rise slightly to about 72.5 cents US, rising to 73.8 cents at year end 1998.

All of the foregoing bodes well for us on the Discovery Islands. My own personal forecast is for a great 1998, with increased housing sales and new construction, and strong tourism growth. The balance of the decade will show excellent growth for our area, probably surpassing the 13.5% growth our region experienced between 1991 and 1996.



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Island Report

Public Input Wanted on Wharves

by Tanya Storr

Transport Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are in the process of divesting themselves of many of their wharves, and the effects will undoubtedly be felt in many coastal communities. In order to determine whether its wharves can be viable operations after divestiture, Transport Canada has decided to spend a certain amount of money per facility to have an independent consultant do feasibility studies. Transport Canada asked the regional district to solicit proposals from consultants and choose one, and Novacorp Consultants Incorporated from Vancouver was given the contract.

Neal Millbank, a consultant with Novacorp, will be visiting Transport Canada wharves and holding public meetings in areas 'J' (Quadra and the other Discovery Islands with the exception of Cortes, and a portion of the mainland) and 'I' (Cortes, Twin Islands, Subtle Islands, and neighbouring islets) in the last two weeks of July. Chair of the Regional District Wharves Committee and area 'J' director Jim Abram said it is essential that members of the public provide input during those two weeks as to how they want the wharves to be run. Transport Canada wharves in areas 'J' and 'I' include: Surge Narrows and Evans Bay on Read Island, Owen Bay on Sonora Island, Big Bay on Stuart Island, Refuge Cove on Redonda Island, Port Neville on the mainland north of Kelsey Bay, and Whaletown on Cortes.

Abram said the regional district is encouraging DFO to put money into the consultant's contract also, so that Millbank will be able to look at DFO wharves as well. "We have an agreement in principle that DFO is willing to do so, but we're not sure how many wharves they're willing to fund or how much money they're willing to contribute." If DFO does come on board, Abram said wharves such as Heriot Bay, possibly Cape Mudge, Shoal Bay on East Thurlow, Squirrel Cove, Cortes Bay, Mansons Landing, and Gorge Harbour could be looked at by the consultant.

"It's very important that people let the consultant know how we want our wharves to be run. If the public gives the consultant ideas, he will help develop them into a plan. The consultant's contract is to go to each facility, consult with the public and all the user groups, do an engineering study to see what kind of shape the facilities are in, and determine whether each facility could

be community run—meaning run by the municipality, a group of municipalities, or the regional district," said Abram.

If it is decided a wharf would not be viable as a community operation, Transport Canada can go to the private sector and ask if anyone wants to take it over. "Transport Canada is determined to get rid of the wharves—they have no money and no interest in running anything anymore," Abram explained. He added that Transport Canada is not looking at wharves classed as 'remote' in its divestiture program, but just those classed as 'regional/local ports'.

Transport Canada has around \$20 million to draw upon in bringing the facilities that are going to be divested up to its standards before handing them over to communities or the private sector. Engineering studies will be done on each wharf to find out what needs to be done, and Abram said input from users about the condition of the facilities will be very valuable.

"I'd like to emphasize that it's really important people get together in their own community and talk about possible options, and also convey any information they know about the physical condition of the wharf. If the wharf is to be divested,

it will be a one-time shot of cash from Transport Canada, based on what is needed to bring the wharf up to Transport Canada standards. They're not going to add fingers or cranes, but they will pay for things like fixing the understructure, pilings, and ramps."

Abram said that while it will be great to have control and input over the wharves closer to home, it's frustrating to him as a taxpayer and as a director to have a federal service devolved to a junior government but not see federal taxes decreasing. "If we're going to pick up the services, we have to be creative and figure out how to fund them. Do we tax people higher to maintain them or do we get rid of them and go to private enterprise? We have to ensure that the general user public is still accommodated—in many cases, people's whole lifestyles depend on the wharves."

Upcoming meetings with the consultant will be advertised, Abram said, and comments or questions can be directed to:

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Quadra 'C' Squirts Are Provincial Champs

by Tanya Storr

The Quadra Island Squirts softball team recently won the provincial championships for 'C' level boys aged 11-12. "The overall performance of the team was absolutely phenomenal. If things went wrong they pulled their socks up and brought the game back. It was an amazing and gratifying experience to be a part of," said Michael Griswold, who co-coaches the team with Harris Turner.

The 'C' Squirts, who play in a league made up of Quadra, Campbell River, and Sayward teams, were undefeated in the regular season. They then had three playoff games with Sayward on June 14-15, and became North Island division champions after winning two out of the three games.

After winning the North Island division playoffs, the Squirts were eligible for the provincial championships held in Richmond July 4-6. They were allowed to take two pick-up players from within the league to add to their roster for the provincials, and invited Kyle Sprout (pitcher) and Byron Jerome (third base and centre field) from Sayward to join the team for the championships. The team members from Quadra who went to the provincials were: Colin Mascall, Andy Griswold, Ian Turner, Harold Richter, Jeremy Wilson, Ryan Bradshaw, Taylor Inrig, Zak Dunn, Reid Swanson, Ben Richards, and Owen Vig.



July 4 and part of July 5 were taken up with a round-robin style tournament that determined seeding for the championship round. The Quadra 'C' Squirts played four games in the round-robin tournament, winning the first against Ridge Meadows (Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows) 27-2. Their second game was against the host team, Richmond, and Quadra won 16-5, coming back after being down 5-0 at one point during the game. In the third game, played on the morning of July 5, Quadra lost to Nanaimo 17-5.

"Our boys were I think intimidated by the giant pitcher they had. We were striking at everything this pitcher threw at us," said Albert Wilson, father of Jeremy and "motivational speaker" for the team. The Quadra Squirts came back strongly in the next game, however, beating Shawnigan Lake 15-0.

Seeding going into the championship round was based on points scored and bases made, and the Quadra team was ranked fifth. The top four teams were all undefeated at that point. On the evening of July 5 Quadra played White Rock, in what Albert described as "probably the most exciting game of the championships." Quadra won 3-1 in a very low-scoring, defensive game for both teams. "That game showed them how to play under pressure and be cool. Our motto became 'Bend but do not Break'," said Albert, who gave the team a motivational talk focusing on their warrior spirits and supporting one another before each game. Several other parents attended the provincials and cheered the

team on as well.

The second championship round game, played at 8 am on July 6, saw Quadra beat Nanaimo 9-2. At noon the Quadra Squirts played Prince George in the semi-finals, winning 8-5. After White Rock beat Prince George, Quadra went on to play White Rock in the final at 4:30 pm. Since Quadra had already won against White Rock they only had to beat them once in the finals, whereas White Rock would have had to beat Quadra twice to win the championships. It was a close game, but Quadra emerged victorious, with a winning score of 8-5.

"The big difference in the tournament was that Quadra hit the ball and pitched the ball like nobody else could. They worked hard for the championship title and they deserved it. The best game by far and the one that was the turning point was the 3-1 game against White Rock. We played true softball—the team was great and the White Rock players were great too. Fortunately for us we had a few players that hit the ball where their fielders weren't, and Kyle Sprout pitched a hell of a game," said Michael Griswold, who has been coaching many of the same players for five years.

Michael said Kyle Sprout was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament, Colin Mascall tied for Top Batting Percentage (800) and was recognized for Most Runs Batted In during the round-robin tournament, and Andy Griswold was recognized for the Most Home Runs in the round-robin tournament.

Jeremy Wilson, who joined the team this season and plays short stop and right field, said he really enjoyed playing in the provincials. "It was exciting and fun. The games went well."

Teammate Zak Dunn was equally enthusiastic. "It was great. We won medals, t-shirts, and a trophy. The toughest part was challenging all the teams that we thought were better than us, but it worked out really well."



L_R top: Randy Dunn, Harris Turner, Albert Wilson, Michael Griswold. middle: Owen "Yoda" Vig, Andy Griswold, Colin Mascall, Reid Swanson, Harold Richter, Byron Jerome. bottom: Zak Dunn Ben Richards, Ian Turner, Jeremy Wilson, Kyle Sprout, Ryan Bradshaw. Missing: Taylor Inrig.

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Quadra Island Warriors

Our Quadra Island Warriors won first place in the B.C. Provincials Squirt Boy's Level C in Richmond on Sunday, July 6, 1997. When coach Mike Griswold went up to accept the first place awards he said this was one of his finest moments and that everything had fallen into place. He was right, we witnessed great baseball and the very best of our 11 and 12 year old sons.

We played 7 games and by the fourth game everyone knew without a doubt which side of the bleachers Quadra Islanders were sitting on. We couldn't have done it without our pitcher from Sayward, Kyle Sprout with his incredible speed and calm inner strength. Our coaches Mike Griswold and Harris Turner were outstanding. Randy Dunn and Albert Wilson were there in the dug out and helping wherever was needed. But definitely the turning point was Albert's pep talk reminding them of their warrior spirit and telling them to play from the heart.

The parents were amazing; enduring sweltering heat, thunder & lightening, storms & downpours. Karen and Randy's car broke down, Coleen Swanson has an emergency root canal, Linda Richard's slept in a waterbed and Albert and Audrey served porridge Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. Leslie Richter did acupuncture in the dugout for overused muscles and frayed nerves. On the last day we served up a pot luck lunch in the parking lot before the last two games.

It was truly magic watching what 11 & 12 year old boys can accomplish when they believe in themselves. Way to go Quadra Island Warriors!

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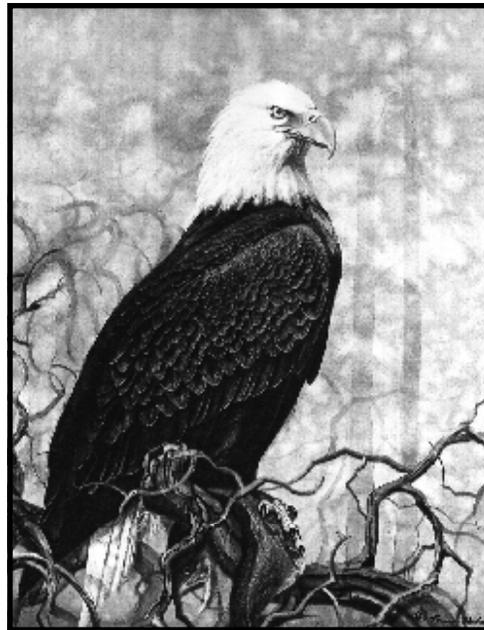
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Island Report

Regional District Says Liveaboards Must Leave Seascape

by Tanya Storr

The regional district says it will take legal action against Seascape Resort if the liveaboard vessels at the resort's marina do not leave, but the people living on the vessels—three houseboats, one sailboat, and one motor cruiser—say they are being unfairly discriminated against. One of the houseboats is currently moored out in Gowlland Harbour, but pays moorage year round at Seascape and returns for the winter months.

A June 12 letter to Seascape owners Dave and Shirley Saunders from Staples, McDannold, and Stewart, the regional district's law firm, states that Regional District Zoning Bylaw violations are occurring on the property in respect of the use of liveaboard vessels in Gowlland Harbour and gives the resort owners 14 days from the date of the letter to send word that the vessels will be removed and the property brought into compliance with Regional District zoning immediately or within a time and manner satisfactory to the Regional District or the law firm will commence legal proceedings, the costs of which will be sought to be recovered.

The letter also says the law firm has been authorized to commence legal proceedings to enforce Regional District Bylaws by Court Order which will include making application to require that the vessels now present be removed and an Order prohibiting any further contraventions of the use restrictions under the Zoning Bylaw.

Dave Saunders said the letter came as a complete shock to him and Shirley and the liveaboards at the resort's wharf, as previous communications with the regional district regarding the liveaboards had not led them to believe such steps would be taken. He explained that he and Shirley bought the resort in May of 1992, and there were liveaboard boats at the marina then, though not houseboats. The wharfage from the liveaboards is guaranteed income for us in an industry where much of our income is not certain, and a big part of our decision to buy the resort was based on this little bit of security from the liveaboards.

In the fall of 1995, two couples living in houseboats—also known as float homes—came to tie up at the marina, and shortly afterwards, according to a December 17, 1996 letter written by regional district administration officer Don Marchand to

the Saunders, the regional district began to receive complaints about the houseboats. Marchand and Beth Rees from the CSRD planning branch visited the marina at the end of November 1995, but, as stated in the December 1996 letter, at the time the zoning bylaw in place did not prohibit this type of activity.

The letter goes on to say that Marchand contacted BC Lands and Environment Canada to determine if they had any regulations in place that would prohibit liveaboard houseboats in Gowlland Harbour. BC Lands said they were aware that the resort was permitting houseboats to tie up at the marina, but there are no conditions/restrictions attached to the water lease and they do not intend to take any action to have the houseboats removed. Environment Canada, Marchand writes, is concerned only with the disposition of sewage that could result in contamination of surrounding waters . . . however Environment Canada's own regulations do not appear to provide them with a mandate to enforce no-point discharge provisions with respect to liveaboards or houseboats, nor are they able to force the houseboats to leave.

Marchand further writes, The Quadra Island Official Community Plan, adopted in August 1996, contains a policy that suggests the prohibition of permanent marine residences. However, this is a policy only at this time, it is not enforceable but is to be used as a guide for the drafting of future bylaws. Therefore, at present, liveaboard houseboats are not prohibited by bylaw. However, in the spirit of the Community Plan, I ask for your co-operation and request that no further houseboats be permitted to utilize your marina to moor a houseboat.

Saunders explained that he let the liveaboards tie up on condition that they not discharge sewage into the harbour, and that they all have either composting toilets or holding tanks, so sewage concerns were groundless. During Marchand and Rees visit to Seascape in November 1995, Dave and Shirley took them down to the dock and showed them the liveaboards. We didn't talk about legalities, and there was never any indication that there was a problem from their point of view, said Saunders.

Since that time, two other houseboats have moored at the dock with no one living in them and both are now gone. One liveaboard couple on a sailboat at the marina decided to build a houseboat this winter and are now going to sell their sailboat, Saunders said. We did not bring any more liveaboards in. One of the liveaboard couples decided to build a houseboat and move off their sailboat, so the viewscape changed but the number of liveaboards did not. The complaints we've received have been purely about cosmetics, about the houseboats being in the viewscape.

The Saunders then received another letter from Marchand, dated February 4, 1997, stating that complaints continue to come in regarding the houseboats, particularly a recent complaint regarding the construction of a houseboat at your facility. The letter goes on to say that the regional district obtained a legal interpretation of the bylaw governing Marine Commercial Two (MC-2) marinas, Bylaw No. 1213 under the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990.

Marchand writes, The relevant permitted use at your resort under Section 1121.1 (b) of the noted bylaw allows: Public or commercial marina facilities, boat ramps or wharves or floats as part of a tourist commercial or private educational institution. Under the bylaw, marina is defined as: Means moorage and launching facilities and moorage for boats and seaplanes and may include laundromat or laundering facilities, shower facilities and retail sales of groceries and goods required by the boating public as accessory uses.

He continues, In the opinion of our solicitor, the phrase as part of a tourist commercial operation limits the scope of a permitted marina in the MC-2 zone and excludes residential use of vessels within a marina in that zone. Our solicitor added that the phrase Tourist Commercial is ordinarily restricted to operations which meet the needs of the traveling public. That may include overnight or short-term accommodation, but in his opinion, does not extend to the establishment of a residence. Marchand further states that based on the legal opinion the regional district has received, I must insist that any houseboats being resided in at present leave your facility. Alternately, the residents must move off the vessels no later than March 31, 1997 so that the use of the resort is brought into compliance with the zoning in effect at this time.

The Saunders and the people on the liveaboards were alarmed by the February 1997 letter, as it differed considerably from the previous communication they



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had had from the regional district, and they made a decision to invite the regional district to a meeting at Seascope to discuss the issue. A meeting between Dave and Shirley Saunders, administration officer Don Marchand, director of planning Harry Harker, administrator Bruce Williams, area J director Jim Abram, houseboat resident Rick Schnurr, and lawyer John Grant (representing the Saunders and the liveaboard owners) took place at Seascope on February 26, 1997.

It was a pretty good meeting—the regional district seemed sympathetic and willing to listen. Harry Harker asked me if I would be willing to take houseboats for just four or five months of the year, but that would do me no good because most are looking for a year-round residence. They want a home—they don't want to be like gypsies. Nothing was resolved but it seemed like they would be willing to make some concessions, which is why the June 12 letter from their law firm came as a complete shock, Saunders said.

Rick Schnurr concurred with Saunders that the meeting seemed positive. The meeting ended with everyone shaking hands, saying we'd try to work something out. Seascope offered to work with the regional district to help formulate new bylaws governing liveaboards that would be based on the community plan. Seascope also made an affirmation that no more houseboats would be added. We heard nothing since then until the Saunders received the June 12 letter from the law firm.

Area J director Jim Abram views the situation differently. He said, The people on the houseboats and Seascope owners should have realized when they got the February 4, 1997 letter that the resort was acting in contravention with a bylaw and that the natural progression is that the bylaw would be enforced. Abram said that at the February 26 meeting the regional district representatives discussed the issue; looked at the premises; listened to what Seascope, their lawyer, and the houseboat resident had to say; and then went from there.

The regional district was given the indication from Seascope, although I'm not sure if it was in that meeting, that the resort didn't intend to comply with the bylaw. There were staff reports developed, legal opinions sought, and once the administration had the staff reports, it was brought to a board meeting in camera. The regional district decided to proceed with legal action against the resort during the March 27 board meeting.

Abram said numerous people have complained to the regional district about

the houseboats at Seascope, and the nature of the complaints varied from the fact that the bylaw was not complied with to concerns about sewage. The word used in the law firm's June 12 letter is liveaboards and the houseboats at Seascope are all registered vessels with Transport Canada, as are the liveaboard sailboat and motor cruiser.

When asked why this bylaw is being enforced solely at Seascope Resort when there are many other MC-2 marinas in the regional district's jurisdiction that have liveaboard vessels tied up, Abram replied: The regional district has no choice—it must enforce bylaws, but it's not expected to enforce all of them. The bylaws are in place and people are expected to follow them. If they don't and there's a complaint, the regional district is obliged to pursue the complaint. People are notified, notified again, research is done, and if they don't comply the contact becomes more serious. The issue is between the regional district enforcement department and Seascope Resort over non-compliance with their zone.

Abram added that Marchand's two letters to the Saunders were written, as he understands it, under two different premises: The December 1996 letter was based on inter-departmental opinion and the one in February was based on legal opinion. Abram also mentioned that the public will be involved in the drafting of new bylaws based on the clause in Section 3.1 (Settlement Patterns) of the new OCP that reads: Forms of permanent residences, such as float homes, shall be prohibited, except when sited in accordance with zoning bylaw provisions, and when outfitted with an approved on-board liquid waste management system, and/or where liquid wastes are disposed of in a land based, Provincial Agency approved sewerage system. The last part of the clause beginning with the word except was added after some community opposition to the prohibition of float homes was voiced at the OCP public hearing in June 1996.

We bring in regulatory bylaws based on the policies in the OCP and that hasn't happened yet. When the regional district brings the bylaw rewrite before the public, it's going to be up to the community where houseboats can be sited—the community may say it wants them in every bay, or it may say it doesn't want them at all. It will be a public process, Abram said. He went on to say that a bylaw, such as the MC-2 bylaw governing Tourist Commercial marinas, has to say whether something is permitted for it to be permitted.

Saunders, however, said he feels

strongly that if the resort and liveaboard owners were to go to court over this, they would win. The regional district's argument is if it doesn't say you can, you can't. We interpret it the other way, but we're being railroaded here. I firmly believe that if I was to pursue this in a court of law, I would win it. It's difficult for us to come up with the resources to do it, even if we pool together, and I think the regional district knows that. For a small operator, it is a very scary situation. They basically have an unlimited budget to fight us. At this point in time we don't know what we're going to do. There's not one zoning bylaw in place for Quadra that actually says liveaboards are permitted and lots of marinas have them. Why make me move mine, if everyone else is allowed to have them? Why should somebody else be able to make money off them?

Apart from the wharfage income, Saunders said liveaboards are a benefit to the resort because they act as a security system. Live taken the theft insurance off my boats because somebody's always down here watching. Live never had as much as an oar go missing. Live become good friends with these people—it's like a family down here. I would be willing to make concessions. If the regional district would let me have four or five liveaboards, I would sign an agreement that I wouldn't let any more in. If proliferation is a concern, that could be worked out. Saunders pointed out that the regional district is concerned with liveaboards and if there was no one living on them it wouldn't have a problem with the vessels being there; however, that would be a lose-lose situation for everyone involved because not only would people have to move out of their homes but the houseboats would still be in the viewscape.

Saunders added that fish farms generally have houseboats or float homes on site for their staff to live in, and that the Aquaculture 3 bylaw doesn't specifically state that houseboats are allowed in fish farm zones. Abram, however, said the Aquaculture 3 bylaw has been taken out of context in this instance. There is a very definite wording in that bylaw that talks about the height of buildings. Its intent is to ensure that residences necessary as part of aquaculture sites are controlled as to height—it was intended to have residences ancillary to the use of fish farms and that the residences would be allowed on water.

After receiving the June 12 letter from the regional district's law firm, the Saunders retained a Comox lawyer named Paul Ives to respond. Ives faxed a two-page letter to Staples, McDannold, and Stewart on June 18, stating that in the absence of specific bylaw prohibition on liveaboard moorage, the view of my clients is that the pursuit of a court order is a waste of

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Rick Schnurr, who lives on a houseboat with his partner Judy Brooks, said the people in houseboats are being discriminated against as there were no complaints about the liveaboards at Seascapes prior to the houseboats moving in. Our frustration is it's just a matter of prejudice. If we pulled in a 50-foot yacht no one would complain. Other people have lived at that dock in yachts and there have been no complaints at all. It's unfair that they're applying this law to one marina and one type of boat. There are lots of marinas with residential boats and we are a registered boat with Transport Canada. I'm not convinced that the regional district board members had all the facts when they made the decision to proceed with legal action against Seascapes. They treated it as a technical issue.

Brooks said they decided to go ahead with a renovation to the floathouse after being reassured by Marchand and Rees November 1995 visit to Seascapes. This is my home, I have a mortgage on it, and at that point it was totally unfinished. When the people from the regional district said they didn't think it was a problem with the bylaws for us to be there, we decided to finish it. Some of the neighbours in houses nearby have come down and thanked us for making the float house more beautiful. We anchor out in the summer, but that's

not practical in the winter. Rick added, This is our solution to affordable housing on Quadra. I lost my house in a divorce last year, and there's no way I can afford another home here. This is creating a lot of emotional stress for us.

Chad White, who lives on the motor cruiser Kum-bah-yah with his wife Leanne and son Kai, said he thinks the bylaw is totally unenforceable because there is no definition of liveaboards here-- other municipalities have defined what a liveaboard is and set up areas for them. Jennifer and Hartley Weston, who moved their houseboat to Seascapes two weeks after Rick and Judy tied up there, had to leave their previous location of Campbell River estuary after Campbell River council took over the Spit. They are a retired couple, as are Ulrich and Janette Glaser on the recently-constructed houseboat.

I've lived a diverse lifestyle all my life and I've never been bothered about it before. This really irks me. I was a commercial pilot for 35 years and I've seen many diverse lifestyles, and I don't recall anybody ever stepping on anybody's toes. I would have never have built a houseboat if I'd known all the trouble it would cause me, said Hartley. Jennifer said that the retired couples living in houseboats at Seascapes are retired for medical reasons and need the conveniences of a dock, adding that it bothers her that the regional district is taking legal action using taxpayers dollars when the people on the liveaboards don't

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