

BEAVER TALES

The Totally Worthy Newsletter of the Beaver Canoe Club

Celebrating 50 years 1976 to 2026!

May 2026



Beaver Canoe Club Notice of General Meeting VIA ZOOM

Wednesday May 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Join us online for a presentation by The Hudson Bay Girls while they recount their amazing expedition from Lake Superior to Hudson Bay! **Please note the May 13th START TIME @ 6:30pm**; Meeting Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85477565121?pwd=alnKBkflRNGeih05uKWzHOzBsgFPkO.1>.

The Hudson Bay Girls became the first all-female crew to publicly paddle the 1,300-mile route from Lake Superior to Hudson Bay last summer. Their 80-day journey started with the 8.5 mile-long Grand Portage, and led them through the Boundary Waters, Voyageurs National Park, Rainy River, Lake of the Woods, and Winnipeg River for the first 40 days of canoeing. They then took on Lake Winnipeg, spending 17 days battling wind, waves, and running into black bear, moose, and wolves! Their expedition ended with 400-miles on the Hayes River-- where they paddled 55-miles on the final day to arrive at York Factory. They paddled this journey to inspire more women and girls to pursue paddle sports, and to advocate for a permanent mining ban in the Rainy River Watershed.



photo above by Aidan Thompson



BE PART OF THE SHIP TO SHORE ADVENTURE – MAY 3RD, 2026

The Japanese tall ship *Kaiwo Maru*, one of the largest tall ships in the world (361 ft long) is sailing into Steveston for a two-day visit. In celebration, Richmond is hosting a ships-to-shore festival at Garry point featuring activities and musical performances. The beaver canoe club will paddle into Steveston on **Sunday, May 3** to avoid the village's massive parking problem. We'll canoe in from upstream Steveston (the tide will be with us) and travel along shady island and Steveston harbor. Canoes will beach at Garry point to enjoy lunch and the festival. We may also pull out for tall ship land viewing. After the tide turns at 2 pm, we'll head upstream back to our vehicles.

For fun of it

Skip the crowd with a water-arrival

Enjoy the roving performers and music from three stages

Try your hand at gyotaku (Japanese printmaking) or origami or get your face painted

Watch "sails in the sky" as kite enthusiasts demonstrate their aerial skills

Eat your own lunch or the area's famous fish-and-chips or food truck delicacies



If you are going to join this paddle **contact madeline:** madeline.waring@telus.net

For more details about the ship-to-shore festival: see ships to shore.ca

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 2026

Basic Paddlers is in full swing, and once again Dave Broughton deserves special thanks for driving the program. We have over 50 people taking lessons this season, and it's worth pausing to note that over the past 50 years the Beavers have trained thousands of paddlers. Not bad for a volunteer club that still runs on enthusiasm, stubbornness, and the occasional strong opinion about paddle technique.

After Rivers Week, we shift into moving water instruction and the Mamquam campout. Veteran Beavers—this is your cue. If you're not already involved, lend a hand. Dave Broughton and Dave Westell won't turn you away.

The Similkameen May long weekend trip (May 15–18) at Antlers/Elk Ridge is on, with Gordon Stark once again organizing. Canoeists and kayakers are welcome, but this is not a beginner trip. In addition to camping fees, Beavers and VWW will share the cost of porta-potties—proof that even paddlers eventually come around to basic comforts.

The RCABC Paddle and AGM wrapped up in Hope, where Rick Bryan received the Brian Creer Award for decades of service to the paddling community. A well-earned recognition—congratulations, Rick.

Rivers Week (June 20–28) is taking shape thanks to Dave Westell, Alaine Prince, Phil Rankin, and Trish Kinsey. The week will begin, as usual, in Princeton on the Similkameen, with informal camping near Pickard Creek (overflow at Stemwinder). Midweek, the group moves to Ernie's at Granite Creek for Tulameen runs.

The second half of the week is still being finalized. Options include the Coldwater (Larsen Hill to the interchange), the Nicola, and possibly camping at N'Kwala if it reopens. There's also the option of finishing on the Thompson River (Steelhead Park to Ashcroft), with the Barriere River as another alternative. As a fallback—because experience has taught us better—Cherryville Recreation Site on the Shuswap has been booked.

A reminder: some of you still haven't renewed your Beaver membership. Consider this your polite but firm nudge—renew.

This is a milestone year for the club—our 50th anniversary. Mark November 28, 2026, at the Burnaby Lake Pavilion. More details to follow, but it promises to be a proper celebration.

Summer is shaping up well, with trips to the Broken Islands, Bowron, and Rivers Week, along with the Beaver Potluck Picnic on July 19 at Derby Reach Regional Park in Langley. There's also talk of a "gourmet paddle lunch"—which we will all approach with cautious optimism—courtesy of our social director, Madeline Waring.

The annual Labour Day weekend campout is confirmed. Camping is arranged at Jack's place, about 3 km downstream from the Adams River raft takeout. It's accessible, relaxed, and a good way to wrap up the season.

All told, a full calendar and a good year ahead. Hope to see you on the water.

Prez Phil

A LOOK AHEAD TO GENERAL MEETING ENTERTAINMENT

Here is the line up for the coming months in 2026

- May 13 Zoom **START TIME 6:30PM** - Hudson Bay Girls - Lake Superior to Hudson Bay
- June 10 In person meeting - Rob Asbeek-Brusse - Thomsen River in NWT
- July 8 Evening Paddle
- September 9 Pub Night

- October 14 Zoom meeting - Paul Shipley – Grand Canyon
 - November 18 Zoom meeting - Juliane Bell – Canoe Trips on Vancouver Island
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MOVING WATER 2026

INTRO TO MOVING H2O IS FILLING UP!

Intro to Moving Water: Wed May 6 (7-9pm, Burnaby Sports Complex), Sat May 9 (Seymour River)

This clinic introduces tandem paddlers to entry-level (class 1 - 1+) moving water in a safe and fun learning environment. It's ideal for the transition to paddling whitewater, on club day trips and longer canoe trips on Canada's many beautiful rivers. It's also a great way to improve your paddling skills! We will help you find or rent canoe gear, and a paddling partner if needed.

The Clinic is essentially full. If desperate or to go on a waiting list, contact Dave Broughton:
training@beavercanoecub.org

Online Registration: <https://forms.gle/6ADdfoET9hhYA7By8>

River Rescue clinic: May 31 see separate heading

Mamquam River - Beginners weekend: June 6-7 - this clinic and campout in Squamish provides follow-on training and practice from Intro to Moving Water. You will practice river paddling skills in a lower section of the Mamquam, and on day 2 you will run the river! Suitable for those with demonstrated competence in class 1 - 1+ moving water. We can help with partners and gear if needed. A great way to improve skills in advance of Rivers Week!

Contact Marc Guimond @ chez.guimond@gmail.com



UPCOMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

See Web Site for the Latest

TRIPS AND EVENTS FOR MAY

SunMay 3,	Steveston Tall Ship Paddle: Lake Water & 1-	A tall ship is visiting Steveston Harbour, and we'll be paddling there to see it, and maybe there's a chance to see other things in town, like Britannia Shipyards, the Cannery National Historic Site, and Pajos Fish & Chips. Contact: Madeline W John.Onderdonk@telus.net
WedMay 6,	Intro to Moving Water: Training (Evening Dry-Land Session)	This is the evening Dry-land session of the Introduction to Moving Water clinic which includes outfitting, hazards, and maneuvers that will help you get started to safely and successfully navigate your canoe in rivers. Free to all members who have successfully completed Basic Paddlers. Register in Advance: Dave B itsusinus@gmail.com
SatMay 9,	Intro to Moving Water: Training (On-Water Day Session)	This is the On Water day for the Introduction to Moving Water clinic which includes outfitting, hazards, and maneuvers that will help you get started to safely and successfully navigate your canoe in rivers. Free to all members who have successfully completed Basic Paddlers. Register in Advance: Dave B itsusinus@gmail.com
SunMay 10,	Twin Islands: Ocean	A family-friendly paddle in the sheltered ocean waters between North Vancouver, Burnaby and Port Moody. Contact Bryan G bryan_gormann@sfu.ca
Wed May 13,	Club Meeting (by Zoom): 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm EARLY!	This evening's entertainment is the Hudson Bay Girls , an all-female canoe team who completed a groundbreaking, 1,300-mile expedition of a historic Voyageur Fur Trading Route from Lake Superior to Hudson Bay. This Zoom event starts EARLY EARLY! A link will be sent to members prior to meeting
SunMay 17,	Nicomen Slough: Lake Water	A family friendly paddle through the countryside between Mission and Agassiz. Contact: Bob P ubiquitousb7@gmail.com
SunMay 24,	Still Creek & Burnaby Lake: Lake Water	Rob B will lead us on another venture on this popular, nearby paddle through Burnaby's Central Valley. Contact: Rob B rbrusse1@telus.net
Mon May 25 to Mon Jun 1	Broken Islands Canoe Camping Trip	Eight days and nights on the wild edge of the Pacific Ocean. Contact: Dave W westell@shaw.ca
SunMay 31,	River Rescue: Training	Calling all Whitewater Paddlers! This River Rescue Skills day will be led by RCABC certified moving water instructors. Many of us learn these skills, but don't get a chance to practice. Now is your chance! • throw bagging • swimming with and without boat • canoe over canoe on the river • canoe over canoe on the river • towing and pushing boats • sandwich rescue (best for loaded boats) Registration link here: https://forms.gle/mec36LMjC5wNirJg8
Thu Jun 4 to Fri Jun 5	Nahatlatch Lake: Gr 1	A two day camping trip and paddle in a nearby wilderness area. Contact: Rob B rbrusse1@telus.net
Sat Jun 6 to Sun Jun 7	Mamquam Weekend: Gr 1 & 2	This two-day mentored weekend on the Mamquam River in Squamish is & 2 intended primarily for recent graduates of the Intro to Moving Water to get more practice and exposure to river paddling before Rivers Week and other summer white water venues. Register in advance: Marc G: chez.guimond@gmail.com
WedJun 10,	Club Meeting: 7:30 pm to PERSON!	This evening's entertainment features Rob Asbeck Brusse, who will 9:30 pm IN take us on a journey exploring the Thomsen River on Banks Island

Fri Jun 12, River of Golden Dreams: We haven't done this twisty, turny river in Whistler for a long time.
Gr 1 Contact: Rob B rbrusse1@telus.net

Sat Jun 16 to Powell Lakes Canoe Rob is inviting us to explore ther Powell Lakes with him. **B rbrusse1@telus.net Contact:**
Rob

Wed Jun 20 Camping Trip: Lake Water

Sat Jun 20 to Rivers Week: Gr 1+, 2 & 3 Our biggest event of the year! A week of car camping riverside to
Sun Jun 28 paddle day trips on the best whitewater nearby! Rivers Week this year will start on the Similkameen River near Princeton, for which we are currently looking at several camping options. Then midweek we'll move on to another fantastic venue, chasing the best water levels! Conditions can change, and so do plans. Stay informed. When we know you'll know. Keep checking our Rivers Week page at: <https://beavercanooclub.org/rivers-week-update/>

Trips can change with weather, water levels, or trip leader availability. Please Check BCC Website Calendar for most up to date trip information. If you want to know about a trip and cannot find the trip leader or contact, you can email the Trip Director at trips@beavercanooclub.org

RIVER RESCUE SKILLS PRACTICE DAY

River Rescue Skills Practice Day -Cheakamus River- **Sunday May 31st**

Calling all Whitewater Paddlers! This River Rescue Skills day will be led by RCABC certified moving water instructors.

Many of us learn these skills but don't get a chance to practice. Now is your chance!

- throw bagging
- canoe over canoe on the river
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- swimming with and without boat
- sandwich rescue (best for loaded boats)

Registration link here: <https://forms.gle/mec36LMjC5wNirJg8>



TRIP REPORTS

Trip Report – Moody Inlet to Jug Island

On Easter Sunday, April 5, a group of seven Beavers enjoyed a delightful spring paddle in a mix of canoes and kayaks. Dave Westell organized the day trip and Rob Atkinson stepped up to act as trip leader and paddle the single canoe. Others were Ron Webster and Corrine Roesler in their lovely new single kayaks, Rich Unger and Sue Todd in a 16-foot Prospector, and Shong Chow who canoed with Dave initially and then Rob.

We launched from the beach at the south end of 1st Avenue, at Ioco Road, a couple of hours after high tide. Rob led us in a round of introductions, a safety talk and a gentle warm-up. The water in Moody Inlet was calm and the temperature was chilly, with a promise of warmth to come. We initially paddled west through a small marina and past the Burrard Thermal Generating Station. As we approached the Barnet Marine Park, we noticed a large community festival was underway and the loud dance music accompanied us most of the way to Admiralty Point. We went at a moderate pace to ensure the single canoe could keep with us.

Cherry trees in full bloom welcomed us as we came ashore at Belcarra Beach for our lunch break. The sunshine and views were gorgeous. Planning notice: the washrooms were still out of service (replaced with port-a-potties).

After lunch, Dave Westell took over the single canoe. We left Belcarra Bay and rounded Hamber Island to head north into Indian Arm, marvelling at the spectacular homes in the area. As we neared the beach across from Jug Island we spotted a few sea stars. We lingered a while near the beach to enjoy a break but didn't go ashore.

On the return trip we had some gentle waves. For a long weekend, there was relatively little motorized boat traffic to concern us. At one point we were hailed by a small power boat. It turned out that they recognized Dave Westell's canoe and he dropped back for a chat with them (friends Chris and Julie from Quesnel). After their visit, they offered him a tow to catch up, and we all enjoyed the spectacle.

Shong Chow ensured that we kept an eye out for seals on the trip. We also spotted sea lions at two locations on the return from Jug Island, one quite close to us near Hamber Island.

As we turned east past Admiralty Point, the party at Barnet Marine Park was still in full swing. The wind picked up, giving us a nice assist on the final leg, all the way to our beach. All in all, a delightful spring paddle. Thanks to Dave for organizing, Rob for leading, and to all for such good company.

Submitted by Sue Todd



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME! YOU ARE LATE SINCE MARCH 31!!!

Please renew your membership for 2026. Your 2025 membership expired March 31, 2026.

To renew, login to beavercanoeclub.org (see login link top right) and then go to Membership-->Register/Renew membership.

Scroll down and click the Renew Membership button, where it will take you to the payment and waiver page.

If you happen to get a message saying, "not permitted", just go back to the Register/Renew page and refresh it, then click the Renew Membership button again.

Any difficulties, let Dan know at vp@beavercanoeclub.org.

MAMQUAM RIVER WEEKEND

June 6 & 7

Boost your whitewater skills with experienced paddlers providing mentorship

For Beaver Canoe Club Members Only

Whitewater equipment is required: Canoes with Floatation bags, helmets, and full immersion clothing (wetsuit / drysuit)

Contact Marc: chez.guimond@gmail.com

There is an option for camping at the Mamquam River Campground.



MAMQUAM RIVER ACCESS UPDATE

Just a reminder that the access to the Mamquam River race site has changed (see photos). Paddlers can still access the gate and road down to the river, but you must drive through a new tourist attraction <https://www.squamishcanyon.com>. There are many signs that suggest you can't drive through, but you can! At peak times there will be many pedestrians walking on the road so please drive carefully.

Many Beaver Canoe club executive members have a key to the gated road down to the river access that they are willing to lend out. The Beaver Canoe Club also has a club key. Please contact Dave Westell for more information. To obtain your own personal key, please join the [Mamquam River Access Society](#).

Pictures showing access:





OTHER STUFF

Kananaskis campout June 22nd- 28th 2026

You are invited to join Beaver canoe club friends for whitewater day trips on the Kananaskis River (Alberta). This campout is suitable for intermediate and advanced solo and tandem whitewater paddlers with appropriate equipment.

The **Kananaskis River** is Alberta's premier paddling destination with guaranteed water (dam release), man made features specifically designed to be optimally challenging for different skill levels, high safety/ low risk, a slalom course and many different surf waves! The location is approximately 20 minutes from Canmore. This is not a wilderness river - there are typically lots of other paddlers in many different types of boat on the river each day.

Mikey Yee ([Mikey outfitting](#)) from Ontario will be there June 22-26th and has offered a **free boat outfitting clinic**, as well as whitewater **skills workshop** to club members. There are other rivers such as the Bow River and local lakes to paddle, plus there is also a LOT of amazing hiking in the area if you get bored of paddling.

For a flavour of the paddling check out [THIS](#) YouTube video. I'd like to promise we won't have snow at the end of June, and it's highly unlikely, but you can get any weather at any time of year in the Rockies!! Hopefully the weather will be more like this photo of me in shorts on "the Widowmaker" at the put in for the run.



Camping is at a private campground run by Alberta Whitewater - [Canoe Meadows](#) is right at the take-out. Four campsites are already booked for our group and there are only 10 sites so BOOK SOON if you want to join the fun!

For more information and to register interest contact Jenny Wakeling j.wakeling@shaw.ca

RETRO CORNER

celebrating 50 years of fun and friendship

No Easter Campouts for Beavers?

Beavers were, at the beginning, a rather “sketchy” group of miscreants steered to the “new club” by the properly pristine Dogwood Canoe Club on the pretense that they had too many members.

Many of the early hijinks and questionable activities have been banned, and their historical records expunged from the Beaver archives. Until it was time to celebrate 50 years, when we must reminisce about both the good and the bad.

Things like the Easter campout and turkey barbeque at Widgeon Creek. It was a great idea which had all the necessary components: holiday weekend, isolated campsite, canoes, lots of food and spirits and, of course, an irrepressible group of Beavers.

Cooking the bird over a bed of coals was a slow process and required constant attention. Someone had to keep turning the spit slowly. But the camp area was rather chilly and damp, so volunteers were not overly motivated, until some rather shady Beavers came up with a spectacular solution.

Why not place a gallon jug (yes, measurement was still imperial back in those historic times) beside the fire? And then insert a length of surgical tubing in the top with a valve at the farther end. A perfect siphon in the forest! But only the spit turner (spitter?) could access the siphon, so there was no shortage of volunteers for the day. And a fabulous Easter dinner was enjoyed by the intrepid Beavers. However,



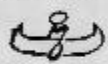
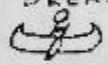
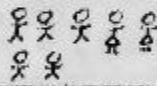


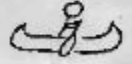


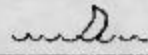

It was discovered that a Beaver kit (underage Beaver) had taken his or her turn with the spit and siphon. Not pointing fingers here. And not identifying his or her parents who may or may not have been in attendance. However, the jig was up. There were rumours of many potential felonious activities this weekend.

With the subsequent arrival of new members who identified as “Lawyers” and “Law Enforcement Officials”, a decision had to be made regarding this delightful annual activity. So the event was cancelled, and the executive poured over all documents which may (or may not) have referenced the event to “redact” all relevant details.

The Easter campout was no more, and it disappeared from Beaver memories for decades. Until now. And now you know about some of the “darker” days of the Beaver Canoe Club.

Gerry Lamb

MAY

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4 PITT FOLDER  BOWRON LAKES MEETING	5	6 BASIC PADDLERS COURSE	7	8	9 TGIF	10 MAMQUAM RIVER 
11 RIVER OF GOLDEN DREAMS 	12	13 BASIC PADDLERS COURSE	14 GENERAL MEETING 	15	16	17 TWENTY 
18 MILE 	19 CREEK 	20 BASIC PADDLERS COURSE	21 EXECUTIVE MEETING 	22	23 	24
25 CANOE SAFETY DAY BURNABY LAKE	26 FLATWATER INSTRUCTORS COURSE	27 BASIC PADDLERS COURSE 	28 FLATWATER INSTRUCTORS COURSE	29	30	31  RRRR

May 1980 calendar of events

'TIS A TALE TO BE TOLD...

"If we call ourselves Beavers then our newsletter could be *The Beaver Tales!*" And so, in January 1977, a monthly newsletter was launched "inviting all to contribute articles about club activities (when we get going), information about canoeing (maintenance, training, etc.) or cartoons."

50 years. 550 issues. Thousands of articles on trip adventures, paddling advice, environmental concerns, safety, and fun. Recorded exploits providing priceless information as well as becoming secondary source material for research on the province and the sport of canoeing.

From its gestetnered beginnings the 'Voice of the Beaver Canoe Club' (lead by a Guide Beaver) has gone through masthead tweaks and descriptions. In 2001, monthly newsletters were emailed to computer owners while snail-mail was gradually discontinued, ending completely two years later. Currently BT links are sent to members with issues appearing on the website in current and archived files.



And whose hard work keeps all these stories from the past?

The 30 editors who've made sure that they last!

Beaver tales big and small, make our story, one and all.

Courtesy Marie Bremner

RCABC NEWS



RCABC CANOE SAFETY CLINIC REPORT

Another fantastic RCABC Canoe Safety Clinic in the books! This year's event, with support from the Beaver Canoe Club and Burnaby Parks & Rec, held at Deer Lake, had great weather, 13 wonderful volunteers, and 116 participants. Many were keen to continue their newly found canoe enthusiasm!

A big thank you to all the hardworking volunteers, including some Beavers - Jenny Wakeling, David Westell, Dave Broughton, Regula Vickery, Peter Hiebert, and Jenn Hiebert - who made this a fun and instructive day!

Photos by Solomia Strutyńska



RCABC LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

The Recreational Canoeing Association of BC is proud to present our 2026 courses and events. We hope to see you at some of these!

1. May 27-31 Kootenay Zone Swiftwater Canoe Rescue Course. More info <https://www.facebook.com/events/1738863660474380>
2. September 12-13 Thompson River Rendezvous for big canoes at Savona. More info <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918945995495364>
3. September 25-28 Cariboo Rivers Weekend 2026. More info <https://www.facebook.com/events/1422993612741248>

RECERTIFY

Dear RCABC Members,

Just a quick note that you may want to check the status of your membership. Quite a few people have reached out in the past 6 months to say that they have not received notifications for renewal. We are in the process of transferring to a new database.

Some functions may not be working and fixes to this issue will probably have to wait until the new version is online. Happily, this will likely be within the next month or two. Please remember to log in and check the status of your membership online at www.bccanoe.com and renew if you need to. This is especially important to do before you teach any courses or lead trips that rely on the RCABC insurance policy.

It's also a good idea to check the status of your certifications. Our Instructor Certs are valid for 3 years and then you must recertify them at your highest level and whether Lake Water or Moving Water.

Some professional level certs like Expedition Guide or River Rescue Instructor, etc. are maintained by self-reporting a suitable Pro- D Experience such as SRT or staff training at least once every 3 years. This function (Pro-D Logging) is available in your member account.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me Keiran Rankin (Past President), Vanessa Elton (President) or Peter Hiebert (Instructor Coordinator) if you have any questions.

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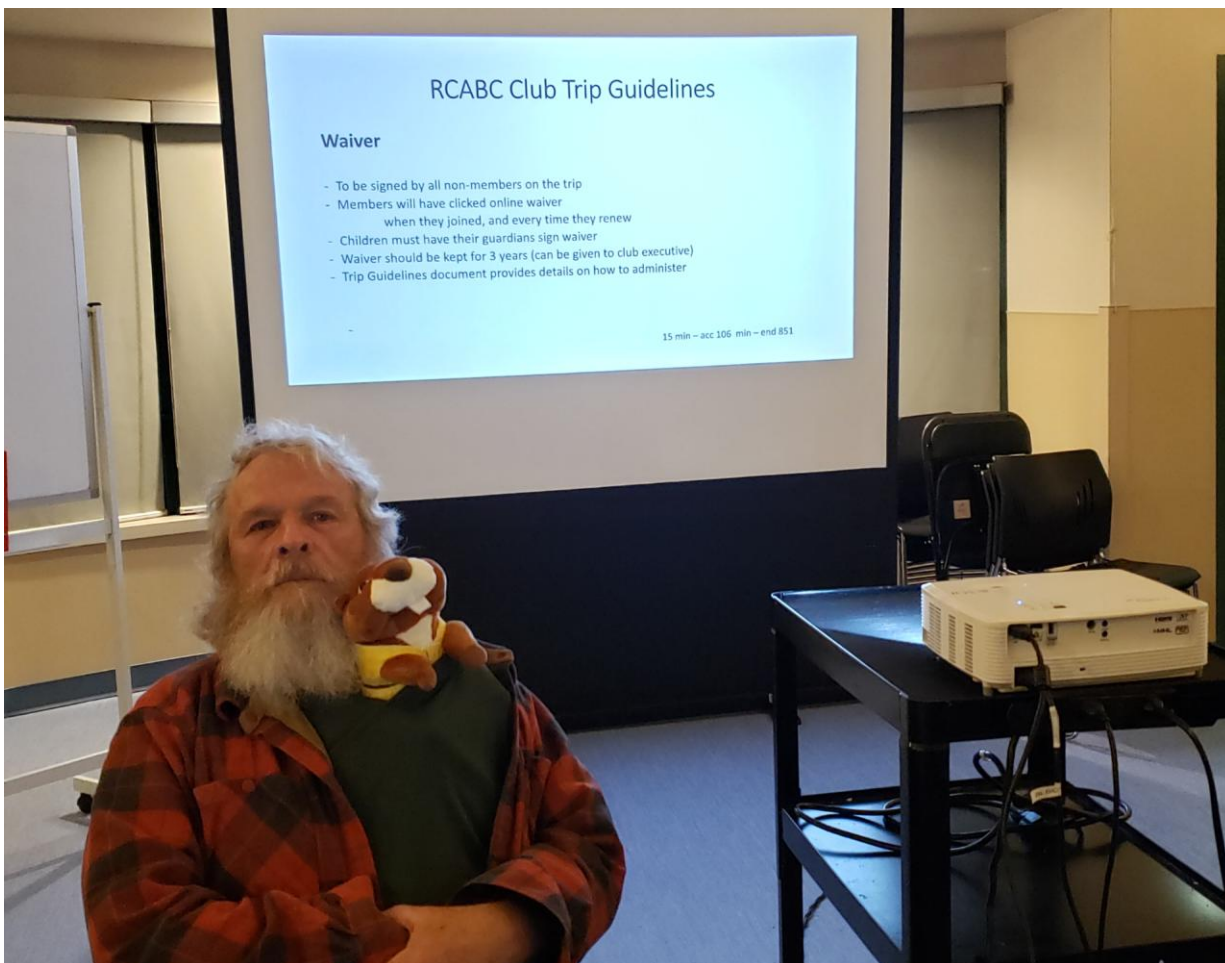
Cheers,

Keiran Rankin

RCABC Past President

TRIP LEADER'S SEMINAR

In keeping with the enhanced requirements for trip leaders, Dave Westell provided an updated course. Buddy photobombed the photographers, as shown here.



50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY STUFF

My first (whitewater) Beaver Canoe Club Trip: Jenny Wakeling

In 2009 I joined the club and completed all the introductory training provided by the club: Basic Paddlers, Intro to Moving Water and the Mamquam weekend – where I discovered that I suffer from severe cold-water gasping when unceremoniously dunked into frigid snowmelt water by an inept eddy turn.

There were three of us: my husband (at the time), myself and our 5-year-old. Neither myself nor my husband had any prior whitewater paddling experience, but we were encouraged to attend that year's River's Week activities. With no local family to babysit, the three of us arrived with our canoe, camping gear and expectations of excitement.

Common sense prevailed and we elected not to paddle our first rivers with the two of us as beginners in the tandem with a child, therefore kind club members scrambled to find us suitable partners so that one parent could child-mind whilst the other paddled. The first day I arrived at the Princeton Tourist centre and looked at the Similkameen River, which was high, I was terrified of the rushing water! However, I was lucky enough to be partnered with a young Czech man who turned out to be an awesome paddler. With an experienced paddler in the stern, I had a blast – we surfed and eddy turned and arrived at Bromley Rock triumphant (and dry). That day sealed the deal for me: I was hooked on whitewater!!

This story exemplifies all the things I love about the Beavers: the training, the mentorship and support of experienced club members to get new paddlers out on the water. You never know where the journey will take you. Since then, I have paddled the Bowron Lakes, Sayward Forest & Powell River canoe routes as well as rivers in the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Scotland and all over BC. I paddled with friends, families, Beavers and on guided trips. I have taken courses, became an instructor and now helped

with the annual Basic Paddlers training when I can. I never expected to become a whitewater paddler when I joined the club, but canoeing brings me so much joy. I am so grateful to the Beaver Canoe Club for enabling me to start my journey of exploration and discover a passion for this sport!



Camping on Alouette Lake Thanksgiving weekend



Rogers Wave, Seymour River, North Vancouver



Flying into Rabbit Kettle (Nahanni River)



Sayward Forest route (Vancouver Island)



**Expressions of Interest wanted for:
Kootenay Rivers Week
Aug 1 to 8 2026**

This is a week of gr 2 and 3 rivers for paddlers with solid whitewater skills.

It takes months to plan and will only go ahead if we can put together a core group of committed paddlers.

If you think you want to go, say so now!

Contact: trips@beavercanoeclub.org



WHAT TURNS A PARTY INTO A GALA?

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#1 A GREAT VENUE:

THE BURNABY LAKE PAVILION!

#2 BEAUTIFUL DECOR:

GOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT including custom-made centrepieces: A tandem canoe (Gemini-seating style...) stirring up phosphorescence as it bounces (upright) through frothy, curling waves. One of these \$50-valued displays can be yours if won in the evening's draw.



BONUS: Post-gala the assembly can be re-used: 13" ceramic planter; two outdoor (waterproof) flameless, flickering candles; string of 30 LED fairy lights; golden charge plate, and 40m of curl ribbon to decorate your gifts throughout 2027.



Join us! Saturday, 28 November



BROKEN ISLANDS 2026

MAY 25 TO JUN 1

There is still room for more on this 8-day paddle through the islands along the edge of the wild Pacific Ocean!

Contact: trips@beavercanoeclub.org

MEMORY RECALL REQUIRED!

The challenge: Each month an article or picture in the RETRO CORNER of Beaver Tales will take you back in time. Next issue, a simple question is asked.

The point? To explore and expose the wonderful history of our 50 paddling years.

The win? Correctly answer all eight questions at the Golden Gala in November.

The reward? Winner of the "I know it all" draw will receive a gift certificate to a company founded about the same time as BCC--Lee Valley Tools!

Retro Quiz # 3

Who produced this documentary for the National Film Board of Canada?

- a) Carey Robson, *Seymour Interlude*
- b) Bill Mason, *Path of the Paddle*
- c) Dan Burnett, *Eddy Turns*
- d) Leo Dickinson, *Canoeing Down Everest*

(Hint: answer can be found in the April issue! All 2026 Beaver Tales issues are in the members only section of the Beaver Canoe Club Web Site)

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Hi Paddlers

Free Canoe

I have a cedar strip canoe that is looking for a new home. I was gifted it from a friend's estate. Unfortunately, I possess none of the skills needed to bring the boat back to life.

It needs some work and TLC. It is homebuilt and 18.5' long with a beam of 36" and a depth of 12". The closest to a model would be a "cruiser". It looks to be a fast boat.

If anyone is looking to get into a fixer upper and learn/practice some repair skills, this could be the boat for you.

Should you be interested, drop me a text and I can send some pictures. It is currently stored outside under a tarp.

Cheers

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