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Welcome to BC's Nautical Days!

**I'm excited to welcome you to one of
Comox's favourite summer traditions!
Join us for the Opening Ceremonies,
enjoy the Grand Parade, live
entertainment, delicious food, local
vendors, family activities, and
spectacular fireworks.**

**I'll see you at the Opening Ceremonies
and along the parade route.**

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WELCOME

to the 68th Annual Comox Nautical Days



On behalf of the Comox Nautical Days Society, our volunteers, sponsors, community partners, entertainers, exhibitors, local businesses, and the Town of Comox, welcome to the 68th Annual Comox Nautical Days.

For 68 years, Nautical Days has brought our community together to celebrate everything that makes Comox special. It's a weekend where neighbours reconnect, families make lasting memories, visitors experience our waterfront, and thousands of people gather to enjoy one of Vancouver Island's favourite summer traditions.

This year's festival is filled with the events you've come to know and love, including the Pancake Breakfast, Bullhead Fishing Derby, SailFest, the Artisan Market, live entertainment on two stages, the Classic Car Show, Build, Bail & Sail, the Comox Nautical Days Parade, and the spectacular Quality Foods Fireworks over Comox Harbour. We're also excited to welcome new experiences that continue to make the festival engaging, inclusive, and fun for all ages.

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of

our volunteers, the generosity of our sponsors, and the support of our community partners. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, talent, and resources to make this celebration possible year after year.

Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning to continue a family tradition, I encourage you to explore the festival, discover something new, support our local artisans and vendors, enjoy the outstanding entertainment, and most importantly, spend time with the people around you. Community is at the heart of Nautical Days, and we're grateful you've chosen to celebrate with us.

Thank you for being part of the 68th Annual Comox Nautical Days. I hope you enjoy a safe, memorable, and fun-filled BC Day long weekend, and I look forward to seeing you around Marina Park.

See you at the waterfront!

Mark Berge

Festival Director
Comox Nautical Days Society

Comox Nautical Days 2026

Festival Guide



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00–11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast (Comox Valley Hospice Society)

8:30–11:30 AM Bullhead Fishing Derby

10:00 AM–4:00 PM SailFest

12:00–12:20 PM Opening Ceremonies (Main Stage)

12:20 PM Bullhead Fishing Derby Prize Presentation

1:00–3:00 PM Artsphere Community Print-Making Experience (Arts Tent)

Throughout the day Main Stage entertainment, Sails Stage performances, Artisan Market, Food Vendors, Kids' Activities



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00–11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast (Comox Valley Hospice Society)

10:00 AM–4:00 PM SailFest

10:00 AM–12:00 PM Multifaith Worship Service

11:00 AM–6:00 PM Mermaid Experience

12:00 PM Fish Toss

1:00–3:00 PM Artsphere Community Print-Making Experience (Arts Tent)

Throughout the day Artisan Market, Food Vendors, Family Activities

5:50 PM Pirate & Nautical Costume Competition Prize Presentation

Evening Main Stage entertainment



MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00–11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast (Comox Valley Hospice Society)

10:00 AM–2:00 PM Classic Car Show

10:30 AM Comox Nautical Days Parade

11:00 AM–6:00 PM Mermaid Experience

11:30 AM Main Stage entertainment begins

12:00 PM Taoist Tai Chi Demonstration (Community Zone)

1:00 PM Build, Bail & Sail Races

10:00 PM Quality Foods Fireworks with Eagle Radio / Vista Radio simulcast





FESTIVAL EVENTS

THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING AROUND EVERY CORNER AT COMOX NAUTICAL DAYS.

Whether you're here for the music, the waterfront, family activities, great food, or long-standing traditions, we hope you'll explore, connect, and enjoy everything the festival has to offer.

Welcome to the 68th Annual Comox Nautical Days!



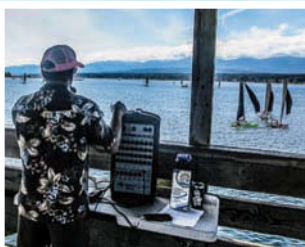
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

There's no better way to start a Nautical Days morning than with a hearty pancake breakfast overlooking Comox Harbour. Hosted by the Comox Valley Hospice Society, this much-loved tradition runs from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day of the festival. Bring your family, meet up with friends, and enjoy a great breakfast while supporting an organization that provides compassionate care throughout our community.



BULLHEAD FISHING DERBY

For generations, the Bullhead Fishing Derby, proudly sponsored by Robbins and Company, has been part of what makes Nautical Days feel like Nautical Days. Children 12 and under are invited to cast a line and enjoy a relaxed morning on the water before gathering at the Main Stage for prize presentations following Opening Ceremonies. Whether you land the biggest catch or simply enjoy the experience, it's a wonderful way to kick off the weekend.



SAILFEST

Presented in partnership with Compass Adventure, SailFest returns on Saturday and Sunday, giving visitors an opportunity to experience sailing, learn from local enthusiasts, and discover why so many people fall in love with the wind, the water, and the coastline we call home.



ARTSPHERE COMMUNITY PRINT-MAKING EXPERIENCE

Drop into the Arts Tent and discover your creative side with Artsphere's free Community Print-Making Experience. Participants of every age are invited to create their own original artwork using hands-on print-making techniques before taking home a one-of-a-kind festival keepsake. No experience is necessary, just curiosity and a willingness to create.

FESTIVAL EVENTS



MERMAID EXPERIENCE

Step into a little seaside magic with the Mermaid Experience, returning on Sunday and Monday. Meet Jessica Pearson's enchanting mermaid, snap a memorable photo, and help support the Fanny Bay Salmonid Enhancement Society through donations. It's a magical stop for children and adults alike.



PIRATE & NAUTICAL COSTUME COMPETITION

Ahoy, mateys! Dust off your pirate hat, captain's jacket, sailor outfit, or create your own nautical masterpiece and join one of the festival's most entertaining traditions. Participants of all ages are welcome, with prizes awarded Sunday evening just before West Coast Boogaloo takes the stage.



37TH ANNUAL BUILD, BAIL & SAIL

Equal parts engineering challenge and comic entertainment, the 37th Annual Build, Bail & Sail, presented by Central Builders' Courtenay, has become one of Nautical Days' signature events. Teams race against the clock to build cardboard boats before launching them into Comox Harbour to see whose design survives the journey. Some boats glide, some sink, and every race is unforgettable.



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Take a walk through automotive history during Monday's Classic Car Show. Featuring beautifully restored classics, custom builds, and vehicles from across Vancouver Island, it's an opportunity to admire craftsmanship, chat with passionate owners, and enjoy one of the festival's longest-running attractions.

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FESTIVAL EVENTS



COMOX NAUTICAL DAYS PARADE

Community spirit takes centre stage as the Comox Nautical Days Parade winds its way through downtown on Monday morning. Expect colourful floats, marching groups, classic vehicles, local organizations, and plenty of smiles as thousands gather to celebrate together. Arrive early, bring a chair, and enjoy one of the highlights of the long weekend.



QUALITY FOODS FIREWORKS

There's no better way to close another unforgettable Nautical Days than beneath a sky filled with fireworks. Beginning at 10:00 p.m. Monday, the spectacular Quality Foods Fireworks display lights up Comox Harbour in a breathtaking finale, accompanied by a live simulcast from Eagle Radio / Vista Radio.



ARTISAN MARKET

Stroll through one of Vancouver Island's favourite outdoor artisan markets, featuring more than 100 talented makers and creators. From hand-crafted jewelry and pottery to woodwork, textiles, paintings, gourmet treats, and unique gifts, the Artisan Market is the perfect place to discover something special while supporting local artists and small businesses.



FOOD VENDORS

Come hungry! Nautical Days features a delicious variety of food vendors serving festival favourites alongside international flavours, fresh local ingredients, sweet treats, and refreshing beverages. Whether you're grabbing lunch between activities or enjoying dinner before the evening entertainment, there's something for everyone.



ECO TEAM

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Look for the ECO Team Sponsored by Aurum Solar Ltd. throughout the festival grounds. Working alongside members of the Youth Climate Corps, the team helps visitors recycle, compost, and reduce waste while keeping Marina Park clean and beautiful. Every small action helps make Nautical Days a more sustainable celebration.

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KIDS & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

From the youngest festival-goers to lifelong Nautical Days fans, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Explore the bouncy zone, meet a mermaid, create artwork in the Arts Tent, try SailFest, enjoy live music on two stages, browse the Artisan Market, and spend the day making memories by the water. **Best of all, admission is free.**



MULTIFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Meet Your Spiritual Neighbours at the Nautical Days Multifaith Worship Service on Sunday, August 2, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Join representatives from a variety of religious and spiritual communities from across the Comox Valley for a welcoming gathering celebrating community, compassion, and connection. Whether you're curious, already connected, or simply looking for meaningful conversation, everyone is welcome.



TAOIST TAI CHI® DEMONSTRATION

Discover the gentle movements and health benefits of Taoist Tai Chi® during a free community demonstration on Monday at noon in the Community Zone. For more than 50 years, Taoist Tai Chi® volunteer instructors have been helping people improve balance, build strength, reduce stress, and experience greater well-being through mindful movement. Everyone is welcome to stop by, watch the demonstration, ask questions, or learn more about beginning their own journey toward better health.



BEER GARDEN

Take a break, reconnect with friends, and enjoy a refreshing beverage in the Nautical Days Beer Garden. Hosted by the Vancouver Island Adapted Snow Sports Society, the Beer Garden offers a relaxed place to unwind and soak in the energy of the festival while taking a break from exploring Marina Park. Every purchase helps support the Society's work to provide adaptive snow sports opportunities for individuals of all abilities throughout Vancouver Island.

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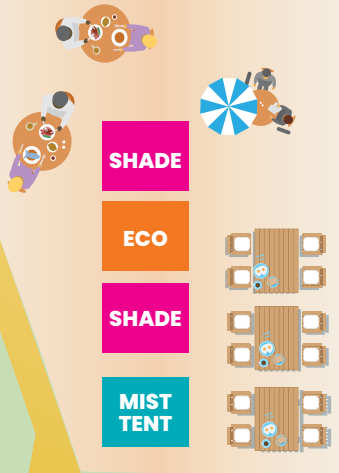
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- L. CSWM Waste Reduction Education
- M. Island Edge Contracting Ltd.
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- O. The Cat Advocates Teaching & Saving Society. "CATS"
- P. MARS Wildlife Rescue
- Q. Sunrise Veterinary Clinic
- R. Town of Comox Bird Team
- S. Mermaid Experience

FOOD VENDORS

- 1. Pupuseria las gemelas
- 2. Phat Parrot on the Fly
- 3. Bubbles & Bites
- 4. Laliberté Cheese & Gourmet Pantry Ltd
- 5. The Little Snowflake Factory
- 6. Surfside fish and chips
- 7. Bigfoot Donuts
- 8. Lemon Heaven
- 9. The Pretzel Guyz
- 10. The Big Scoop Ice Cream
- 11. Pink Moon Cafe



To Music & Food Trucks

- 1. The Unleashed Dog Boutique
- 2. Edoyledesigns
- 3. Pressed Events Magnets
- 4. EMPTY
- 5. Pacifica Pine Needle Baskets
- 6. Hornby Island Soap
- 7. Living Earth Pottery
- 8. Coastal Roots Art
- 9. Cara Leanne Art
- 10. Gala Knits
- 11. Collections by Estelle
- 12. Sarcastic Cotton

ARTISAN AND CRAFT SHOW

13. Island Ivory

14. Frank Armich Unique Woodworking

15. The Hat Emporium

16. Beaver House Fudge Co.

17. Carol's Cottage Creations

18. Jaja Pottery & Funky Firsts Creations

19. Doodle Baby Gifts

20. Lane Way Naturals

21. Rox Designs Jewelry

22. Taryn's Cloth Creations

23. T-Rex Stone & Bone

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25. The Mustard Lady
26. Hey Bestie Studio

27. 222 Designs

28. Wildflower Dyes

29. Linda Gooding Art

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31. Lone Wolf Wood Co.

32. Desperately Sewing Susan

33. Terra Flora Jewelry

34. Doggy Teeth

35. Dabit Designs

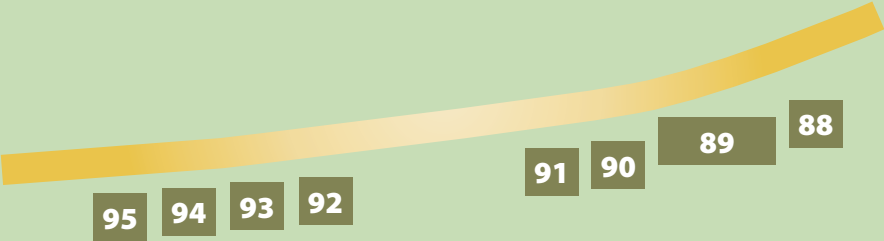
36. Oka Studio Designs

37. Kiley Granberg Art Jewellery

38. Textile Edit

39. Debbie Kennell

40. North Island Creations



41. Lavender Lampworks & Pottery

42. Bullock Artwork

43. The Crimson Fire Sauce Company

44. Long Lake Studio

45. Misguided Spirits Craft Distillery

46. Tal-Glow Skincare

47. Alex Wilson Design

48. Quilt Time Creations

49. Cat's Eye View Design

50. Alderlee Bees Creative & Supply

51. Rosehill Pottery

52. Reggie Graham

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58. Original Rebels

59. Red Brick Publishing

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61. Salt & Moon

62. Emilie Anine

63. Yvonne Acheson Artwork

64. Maggie Ziegler Art & Design

65. Buttonwood Crafts

66. Holistic Healing

67. Lunar Bliss

68. Northwest by Nature

69. Tru Creations

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84. Kennison Arts

85. Crafty Badger Design

86. The Candy Shoppe Boutique

87. The Cure Hot Sauce Company

88. Van Isle Clayworks

89. Hooked with Love

90. Heather Soos – Nature in Art

91. Westcoast Woodcreations

92. Sherabo Organics Inc.

93. Cabin 41 Candles

94. Bella Bonita Handmade

95. Nicola North Art

96. Felt a Bird on it

97. Chriscrafts

98. Lynsey Paterson

99. Earth Light Pottery

100. Wildwood Creations

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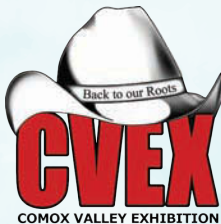
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Live Entertainment Schedule



SATURDAY, AUGUST 1



Main Stage



12:00–12:20 PM
Opening Ceremonies



12:20–12:40 PM
Bullhead Fishing Derby
Prize Presentation



1:00–1:50 PM
Fanfare



2:05–2:55 PM
Christy Vanden



3:10–4:00 PM
Tightrope



4:15–5:05 PM
Mimic



6:20–7:10 PM
The Lorne Rangers



7:25–8:15 PM
Thunder Road



8:30–9:30 PM
The Ryder Bachman Band

Sail Stage



9:00–10:00 AM
Stefan Nadon



10:10–11:10 AM
Marie-Clo



11:20 AM–12:20 PM
Spencer Hiemstra



12:30–1:30 PM
Nathan Senner



1:45–3:00 PM
Nicole Pederson



Live Entertainment Schedule



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

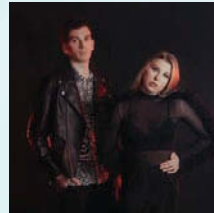
Main Stage



1:00–2:00 PM
Rock Cod



2:15–3:15 PM
Generation Gap



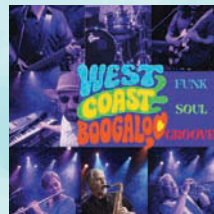
3:30–4:30 PM
Velavox



4:45–5:45 PM
The Alley Flowers



5:50 PM
**Pirate & Nautical
Costume Competition**



6:00–7:00 PM
West Coast Boogaloo



Sail Stage



9:00–10:00 AM
Patricia Lynn



10:10–11:10 AM
Alick Mac



11:20 AM–12:20 PM
Jamie Junger



12:30–1:30 PM
The Ryder Bachman Band



1:45–3:00 PM
Nathan Senner

Live Entertainment Schedule



MONDAY, AUGUST 3



Main Stage



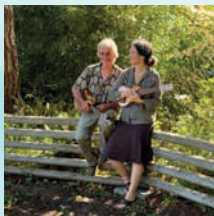
11:30 AM–12:25 PM
Tidelines Jazz



12:30–1:20 PM
Laurie Tinkler Dancers



1:30–2:20 PM
Easy Street Duo



2:35–3:25 PM
Dogwood Bloom



3:40–4:30 PM
Jamie Junger



4:45–5:35 PM
The Sharp Seven



5:50–6:20 PM
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6:35–7:25 PM
**Angelica &
The Challengers**



7:40–8:30 PM
Cloud District



8:45–10:00 PM
The Taxmen

Sail Stage



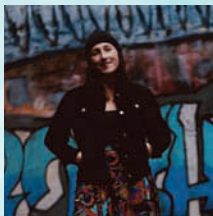
9:00–10:00 AM
Fast Track



10:10–11:10 AM
Fanfare



11:20 AM–12:20 PM
Mary Murphy & Paul Keim



12:30–1:30 PM
Amy Muloin



1:45–3:00 PM
Oktiv 6

38TH ANNUAL BULLHEAD DERBY

Saturday, August 1

At the Government Wharf in Comox. 8:30 – 11:30 am



FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

ALL children in the derby receive an entry into the prize draws!
Awards Presentation & Draws at 12 Noon at the Marina Park Stage

WINNERS MUST BE IN THE PARK AT 12 NOON TO CLAIM PRIZES

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Parent or guardian required to sign liability waiver.
Rods, gear, bait & lifejackets must be provided by entrants.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, and their legal guardian, in consideration of their being allowed to participate in the Comox Nautical Days Bullhead Derby ("the Event"), hereby agrees to obey all rules or guidelines of the Event, and to follow all directions of all persons duly authorized to regulate the conduct of the participants in the Event.

The entrants, and their legal guardian, hereby acknowledge that, in consideration of their being allowed to participate in the Event they agree to release, and do hereby release, Robbins & Co., CV Harbour Authority Canada, the Nautical Days Committee, and their respective assigns, tagents and employees (the Organizers) from any and all liability for any loss or damage or injury, including claims for negligence, arising out of the participation by the entrants in the event and agree that the Organizers will not be responsible under any circumstances for any loss or dam age due to any cause, including negligence, that is or may be suffered by the entrants as a result of their participation in the event the entrants, and their legal guardians, agree to indemnify and save harmless the Organizers from any claim that area or may be brought against the Organizers as a conse quence of the participation by the entrant in the Event.

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To the 2026 sponsors, volunteers, and the staff at the Comox Harbour Authority who once again, have shown overwhelming support.

FREE TRANSIT ON BC DAY (AUG 3)

BC Transit and the Comox Valley Regional District are pleased to announce free transit fares for August 3, 2026. Regular service on Saturday and Sunday. Special service on Monday, August 3rd. View the schedule and plan your trips online at bctransit.com/comox-valley.

There will Accessible Parking behind Town Hall. There will also be a drop off zone behind the Town Chamber building on Beaufort Ave.

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