

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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THE BAMFIELD FOOD BANK, IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY, NEEDS NON-PERISHABLES: PASTAS, SAUSES, PEANUT BUTTER, AND OTHER CANNED EASY-TO PREPARE ITEMS. THANK YOU!



Lest We Forget. A smart looking Rick Mcleod at the Remembrance Day celebration held at the school, looking carefully you can see the poppies on his tie! Over 40 people attended, thanks **Steve Clarke** for organizing this great event. Marc Phillips, photo too.

Ken's Fishing News. November was a month with strong winds and big waves but the start of our winter Chinook fishing. We managed to get the odd one fishing in front of Brady's beach. The winter fishing should pick up this month and fish will be found from Brady's to the Whistle Buoy. Fish near the bottom for best results. Prawn fishing is good right now and will only get better as winter goes on. Watch for the good weather, and we will see you out there. Tight Lines! Ken Bodaly, Rocky Point

A Holiday Poem to Bamfield. Thank you, those that feed our feral cats, scoop poop from the boardwalk, teach our kids, bail our boats, sit on never ending meetings, practice fire fighting EVERY Wednesday, run our parks, the roads association, the recycle depot, community gardens and lord only knows what else, and those who sell us screws, limp celery, and flats of beer, and those who save our lives on wild seas and sew us up and licks our stamps, and the invisible non-resident property owners and transparent politicians, and those that run our auctions, pot lucks, Fire Daze, and Whisky Nights and Poker Evenings and Yoga Sessions, and those that prepare us for the BIG-ONE, and our potters, artists and musicians, and those that keep our boats running, and the whiners and nay-sayers, all who make up BAMFIELD, when you add ten feet of rain! Louis Druehl



Official Opening of the CCG's National RHIOT School, October 27th, 2012. Assistant Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard for the Western Region, **Vija Poruks**, announces the official opening of the Coast Guard's new National Advanced Boat Operations training centre, co-located at the Bamfield Coast Guard Station. The event was attended by representatives from CCG, DFO and the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue as well as the local community. C. Evans. photo M. Phillips

Dear Readers, Thank You!

The New Bamfielder mentoring program is sponsoring 8 Bamfield School students for 10 one-on-one half-hour piano lessons by **Ali Marsman**. TNB funding for these 80 lessons covers the period November 1 to January 31, 2013.

Hopefully, Dear Readers, you will make possible music lessons from 1 February to the end of the school year.

The talented **Ali** expects to advance the students through preliminary music theory, with an introduction to grade 1 piano. She is also volunteering music reading lessons for the students and introducing our pre-schoolers to music. Ali writes poetry. Her first books, *'Heal With Me'* and *'Our Journey Goes On'* took her across our country presenting motivational workshops and speeches. Ali has received awards for her writing and has been profiled in magazines and on radio and TV. Her goal is to obtain a Doctorate of Music. L. Druehl



Ali Marsman and some of her piano students. photo Catherine Thompson

Wanted freezer-burned fish or shellfish for the good cause of feeding our display and research animals. In this way, we can avoid trawling for fish and, instead, use fish that have already been caught and might otherwise go to waste. It is a great way to make space in your freezer for Christmas!! If you have anything, send me an email and I will arrange pickup. **Kelley Bartlett**, Animal Care Coordinator, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre. kbartlett@bms.bc.ca

Old Base Doomed. Work continues at the Coast Guard Station with a new breakwater float being built for RHIOT on the north side of the property. Hopefully, this skookum float will protect the government and General Store floats. Tenders are out for the new Operations Building with demolition/ construction scheduled to start in the Spring. If any locals would like to walk through the old base before it goes down, give us a call (250-728-3322) and drop by. Clay Evans



The first of several pilings in support of the CCG breakwater float. photo L. Druehl



Shiver me timbers, well done—over 30 minutes of Blasts, Whizzes & Kabangs—Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department (with financial aid from Bamfield Community Affairs, Bamfield Community Hall, BVFD Auxiliary & the Chamber of Commerce). photo L. Druehl

Catherine's December Events

- 1st Christmas Craft Fair noon-3pm, School
- 12th Cranberry Christmas Community lunch, School , \$5.00
- 14th Christmas Bird Count , contact Anne Stewart 250-728-3496
- 15th Community Hall Society Members Social, Rix Centre
- 20th Student Christmas Concert, School
- Cookie exchange and caroling, TBA
- Catherine Thompson**, Bamfield Community School Assoc



Roseline's Venices



Roseline's Bamfield

A Wharf & A Marina. Thirty-four Bamfielders, attending the November Community Affairs meeting, explored challenges facing the Fishermen's Marina and the West Wharf. **Lorraine Gill** and **Michelle Fung** (Transport Canada) sought community interest in taking over the west government wharf: the wharf, in first rate condition, would be passed on to a community group with sufficient funds to maintain the structure for 25 years. The wharf would be operated on an agreed upon policy for two years. After that, the community group would be free to change policy (fees, types of use, etc.). **Barry Otterson** opined the wharf, that has limited income potential, should be considered as an access point and operated by Transport Canada. The Regional District has submitted a letter of intent to Transport Canada, regarding the takeover of the wharf. This will allow interested parties access to details of the wharf system.

Robin Richardson and **Gaurav Sandha** (Small Crafts & Harbours) outlined the operation and associated problems of the Fishermen's Marina: The marina is leased by the Bamfield Harbour Authority Corporation from Small Crafts. BHA operates the marina, setting fees, types of uses, and improvements as a non-profit organization. Small Crafts maintains the system and may contribute to improvements. BHA has imploded, with the majority of directors resigning. Apparently the issue was their inability to resolve conflicts with upland owners. Small Crafts is concerned that BHA be viable, with a compliment of 5-6 dedicated directors and riparian problems resolved. Lively discussion exposed raw feelings, misconceptions or not, and a desire to go forward. **Sheryl Mass** is wharfinger, and **Wendy Lukas** and **Jerry Gassner** are remaining directors. Others are needed! BHA has a membership of about 20 people. Bamfielders may apply for membership. Our Reg. Director, **Eric Geall**, offered to serve, provided he could report on all actions by BHA. This may prove problematic particularly where real-estate issues and such are concerned.

Some opinions: Bamfield has two public marinas: Fisherman's Marina (Bamfield Harbour Authority) and the Centennial Park Marina (Park/ Regional District), and the need for marina facilities at the foot of Nut-hatch Road. Sense dictates these be operated as one. **John Mass** noted the BHA is not restricted to the Fisherman's Marina. **Lukas** said our harbour authority, by virtue of its membership in the Harbour Authority Association of BC, has access to government funding and grants, liability insurance for structures & directors, and professional workshops. **Lynne Sweeting** sensed a desire by those in attendance to move forward and vitalize our harbour authority for the good of the community. (see www.bamfielder.ca for BCAS detailed minutes.) L. Druehl

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl