

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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**Doomed Trio Saved by Alert Lighthouse Staff.** On June 30<sup>th</sup> Eddie Johnson's boat, *Ka-Ka-Win*, flipped at Cape Beale. The two passengers were thrown free but Eddie was trapped in the cabin. "I found an air pocket, caught my breath, and found my way out. It was all so confusing." When asked what went wrong, Eddie replied, "The wave came up on the left side of the boat. I would have turned into it if I had seen it." The Hoo-ay-aht call such waves *Chup-Meek*. The three clung to the boat and shouted and whistled for help. Eddie thinks it was the whistle that caught the lighthouse staff's attention. The light keepers contacted the Coast Guard and 18 minutes later the rigid-hulled inflatable boat, with **Don Amos** and **Juan Burak**, arrived in the area and were guided through the fog by the lighthouse staff. Eddie was air-lifted out of Bamfield to the West Coast General Hospital in Port Alberni where he was treated for four broken ribs and abrasions. After a few days he was discharged and is now recuperating in Port Alberni.

Eddie is thankful that people were manning the lighthouse. "If those guys weren't there we probably wouldn't have survived." Don Amos has seen 6-7 rescues led by the Cape Beale lighthouse folks. And Eddie's final words, "**Everything happens so fast...have a life jacket on, with a whistle.** L. Druehl

**A Whale of a Tale.** A basking shark got snared in *Summer Wages'* gill net at Sarita, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. **Tom Joe**, skipper, **Mitch McPhee** and **Sandy Lawlor** observed this event. The shark broke free of the gear. This is a rare sighting for Barkley Sound. (I last saw a basking shark in Kelp Bay in the late 1960s.) On the 12th of August, 2014, a basking shark was observed in Puget Sound. Earlier, these giant plankton feeders were savagely slaughtered to keep nets safe. L. Druehl, photo *Sandy Lawlor*. For the full story: *Basking Sharks*, New Star Books, by Scott Wallace & Bamfield's Brian Gisborne



**A True Loss.** Linda Haylock, a born and raised Bamfielder, leaves her husband, **Clifford**, sisters **Marie Jacques** and **Carol Sant**, cousins **Suzanne** and **Katharine Jennings**, and mountain and village friends. She loved the outdoors, skiing and hiking with Cliff and working in their yard on Burlo. Self-taught, she became an accomplished and sought after artist. I always felt there were mythical beings hidden in her water colours. She

**A private Bamfielder passes on.** Artist, wife, friend  
**Linda Haylock, née Ostrom**  
(21 February 1955—3 August 2014)



**Wild Roses, 1994, Linda Haylock**

assured me there were no such creatures, but now I'm not sure. Linda, rest with the snow flakes and flower blossoms. L. Druehl, photo *Marc Phillips*



### **Three Major Events.**

**Sept. 6.** Celebrate the 75th year of Bamfield Hospitals: a tea. 1-3 pm, 245 Boardwalk \$5, and a bake table sale.

**Sept. 15.** Community Affairs discussion of Fire Department's request for a \$5000 grant for fire hall improvements. 7:30 pm, School. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) to see application.

**Sept. 20.** Oysters, Authors & Ale, a celebration of the written word, food, drink, and friends. 6:30 pm, Rix Centre. \$20.

**Win 1 of 3 books autographed by BC's Nobel Laureate, Alice Munro. Raffle tickets (\$1) available at the Market & the School! Drawings at Oysters, Authors & Ale bash, 20 September. It is rumored Alice no longer autographs books.**

**1st Pachena Bay Campground Sandcastle Event** (August 15-17) featured the amazing **Craig Mutch**, sand and ice sculptor. There were demonstrations and twelve families joined the sandcastle contest. Prizes (everyone won!) were what ever you wanted from the campsite gift shop (mostly camping gear and clothing). Craig's centre piece was Raven over Moon with Orca. L. Druehl, photo *H. Djouboulian*



**The Jennings' Garden Tour.** A wander through the Jennings' garden in May proves that Bamfield is Rhododendron heaven. When she started planting them, **Ebba** apparently said, "I hope they like it here." Decades later hundreds of varieties jostle for space and delight the visitor with their infinite colours and shapes. Over by the Handkerchief Tree, Ebba's favourite, a two-toned pink and peach beauty that **Kath** calls CIS, was fading a little, but the Axel Olson's waxy red blossoms were making a spectacle of themselves. Two nearby Cinebarre species or wild rhodies, have hardly noticeable bell-shaped flowers. The white, scented Loderi, orange Marmalade (grown by Ebba from seed), the yellow Hoteri, Creamy Chiffon with its double flower, Paprika Spice, all jostle for attention. The centerpiece of the garden is a pond that **Leonard** created by damming Mabens' Creek. **Suz** says little cutthroat lived there in the old days, but now there are only sticklebacks. Thanks for the tour, Kath and Suz, and for carrying on your parents' labour of love. *Judith Phillips, collage M. Phillips*



**Ocean wanderer invades Barkley Sound.** *Verella* (Jack Sail-by-the-wind) are sea jelly-like but are composed of many individuals, each with a special function (sail, prey capture, feeding, etc.). The arrival of these purple-sailed, iridescent animals has heralded a good glass float harvest. *L. Druehl, photo R. Hopkins*



**Catherine's Sept. Events**  
 6th- Bamfield Hospital 75th Anniversary tea, Boardwalk Hospital 1-3pm  
 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Toastmasters, 7pm, School  
 10th, 17th, 23rd - Yoga and Meditation  
 15th- Community Affairs, 7:30pm @ School  
 20th- Oysters, Authors & Ale, 6:30pm @ RIX, BMSC  
 27th-29th- Bamfield/Anacra Burns (a pleasant surprise!?)  
*C. Thompson, BCSA Coordinator*

**LET'S HEAR YOUR OPINIONS!**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the 2 best employees a lady could ask for. **Fiona Hawkes** and **Emma Scholefield** have been amazing assets to the BCSA this summer. Emma planned and led 5 weeks of fun summer camps for our kids and Fiona spent hours organizing our Archives and assisting **Heather Cooper** in creating this year's Museum exhibit. What an amazing summer at the BCSA. *Catherine Thompson*

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to [ldruehl@island.net](mailto: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*

**Bamfield's traffic jam.** On July 31 the roads feeding the four-way stop were choked by 84 vehicles parked along the road sides. On the Bamfield road there was room for one-way traffic only and our fire truck would be hard pressed to pass through. **Roger Demontigny** has suggested that parking be confined to one side of the Bamfield, Frigate and Pachena roads, thus allowing two way traffic. *L. Druehl*



**Place-Based Learning.** **Tracy L. Friedel**, Faculty of Education, UBC, and her 16 Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre students explored what it means to engage with the idea of place-based learning in Huu-ay-aht territories. This involved touring Diana Island archeological digs, the clam gardens in Grappler (ancient HFN terracing to enhance clam production), learning local efforts of the archiving history from **H. Cooper** and local kelp product production from **R. Hopkins** (Canadian Kelp). The students developed locally relevant lesson plans. These plans are available to local educators. *L. Druehl, www.bamfielder.ca* for fuller account of Place-based learning.)



**A Step Closer.** August 14th' Bamfield Official Community Plan open-house had 19 signed in but more were in attendance. Generally, most of the questions and comments were positive. We answered questions about development potential of private properties, septic/sewage disposal improvements, protection and development of existing and proposed parks and trails, heritage conservation, development permit areas and more. And I think our cookies were appreciated. We will have a second public hearing, hopefully in September. *Charity Hallberg Dodds, Planning Assistant, ACRD. Thanks for the attention. ed*

**Save Our Manned Lighthouses so the Keepers can Save Us.** Increased charter, sport fishing, cruising, and kayak and canoe traffic in Barkley Sound require more, not less, vigilance. The rescue of 9 from a capsized boat near Nanaimo on 25 August, and the recent rescue of 3 at Cape Beale was the result of lighthouse keepers being first responders. They are there 24/7. *L. Druehl*