

# THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Bamfield roadside ceremony commemorating the lost lives of two U. Vic. Students in a bus crash.

**They have come a long way!** The Bamfield First Responder team was formed in 2015 by BVFD Captain **Amelia Vos**. After establishing a team of certified EMR's and First Responders, the need for a proper patient transport vehicle became a priority. Through determined negotiations and partnership with B.C. Ambulance and B.C. Emergency Health Services, Captain Vos worked toward obtaining a decommissioned ambulance to provide safe and effective service to the community. BVFD is proud to announce that the new Bamfield Emergency Medical Response Unit (EMRU) has arrived in town and will be put into service! A big thanks to all Chiefs and community representatives for their support in the project. *Amelia Vos. Photo Bruce Patterson of BC Ambulance Services. He has been my main partner and champion in this endeavor.*

## Premier outlines a path for Bamfield Road.

November 14, 2019 – Premier **John Horgan** lived up to a promise made in September and travelled the Bamfield Main road to Anacla to discuss the province's report and future upgrades. Horgan said he was pleased to see all of the stakeholders at the table, including Western Forest Products, Mosaic, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Port Alberni Mayor **Sharie Minions**, Bamfield director for Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District **Bob Beckett**, and MLA **Scott Fraser**. [www.bamfielder.ca](http://www.bamfielder.ca) for HFN news release.

### Holiday Events.

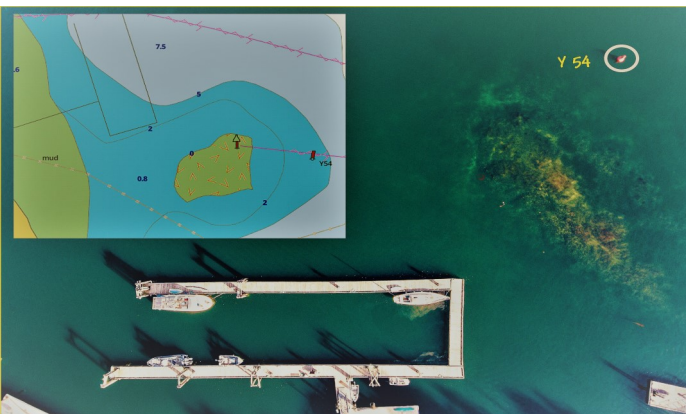
Bamfield Community Hall Christmas Social, Rix Centre, 7 December, 7 pm.

Bamfield Christmas Craft Fair, Rix Centre, 8 December, 10 am:- 2 pm.

Bamfield Community School Christmas Concert, School, 19 Dec., 7 pm.



## Navigational neglect endangers many boaters. Who is liable?



To the left, a recent aerial photo of the Bamfield Harbour Authority dock in west Bamfield showing the reef outside the dock. For unknown reasons, last year the day-marker in the reef was removed and not replaced (See inset map showing previous position of marker). Since then **MANY** vessels, sometimes one or more a day at the height of the boating season, have grounded and sustained damage. How many more vessels will be damaged before something is done? Are lives in danger?  
*Marc Phillips*

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](mailto:ldruehl@island.net). *The New Bamfielder* is a free but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl

**Family celebrations.** **Stella Wenstob** and the Wenstob clan would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate our numerous November birthdays and **Timothy Masso's** graduation from UVic, at the Fire Hall. Special thanks to **Ron** and **Deb** at the motel, as guests and family from out of town slept comfortably at Kingfisher Lodge. And much gratitude to the wonderful hospitality of the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department – especially **Alex, Gordy, Lisa, Dan, Nancy, Phil,** and **Rose!** Photo by **Trent Masso** of **Jessie, Hjalmer, Cinkwa, Timmy** and **Trent** at Timmy's November convocation from the UVic Education Department, receiving his Nuu-chah-nulth Language Proficiency Diploma – at the tender age of 16! **Stella Wenstob**



**Community Spirit Brings Bossoms.** Flowers continued to bloom along the Boardwalk and in the Parks into late November as our weather was so mild, but now fallen leaves are being tucked around shrubs for the freezing nights ahead. Lots of clean-up and volunteer workers have been weeding, gathering seed, dividing and transplanting their favourite perennials which hold the promise of spring, summer and autumn foliage and flowers for 2020. Check out Eileen Scott Centennial Park, the Boardwalk and Westside Zen Garden. A big thank you to all the passionate gardeners for their donation of plants, bulbs and 'time' who make this happen! Join us. *Jane n Bob*

**Ouch\***

***She got him glasses,***

***So he could read the writing on the wall,***

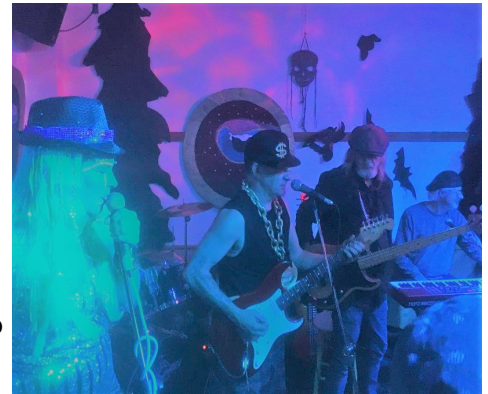
***And she was gone!***

***Louis Druehl, Port Desire, May 8 May 1994***

This is filler. Please contribute to BMB

**Out in the cold.** Thirteen Community Affairs attendees retreated from the locked school to the Fire Hall, where they learned that the BCAS directors had agreed to limit grants-in-aid to \$5000. A motion was passed that grants greater than \$5K would require a popular vote to go forward. **Bob Beckett**, Reg. Dir. noted the ACRD had recognized **Linda** and **Larry Myre's** contributions. He described meetings related to the road, emphasising an emotional stop by Premier **John Horgan** and company at the bus crash site (see photo front page), declaring, "...the deaths of the two students, **John Geerdes** and **Emma Machado**, will not be in vain." There will be an ACRD Zoning Bylaw review (see [planning@acrd.bc.ca](mailto:planning@acrd.bc.ca)). Funding to complete the parking project may be available from Gas tax and UBCM grants. **Stefan Ochman** noted the HFN/Bamfield Community Forest will be putting in a 1 km meridian trail for public access. **Donna Dunn** noted we now have a computerized heart monitor; all but two students have received flu shots, and a Health Care Aide has been hired by VIHA for Bamfield. *Abstracted from Liz Issac's minutes.*

**Bamfielders & Friends Party!** The Fire Hall Halloween dance was a great success! We had a sold out house and were rocked with a reunion of the **Broken Group!** Many great costumes. The best were **Kelly Clement's** viper and **Stella Wenstob's** fab job on her Queen of Hearts. Cheers! *Phil Lavoie*



**NURSE SAVES PATIENT'S LIFE AS BOAT UPSETS.** A Red Cross nurse transporting an expectant mother by boat from Bamfield, V.I. to Port Alberni saved her patient's life when the boat got into difficulty, it was revealed today by a delegate to the BC Red Cross convention in Hotel Vancouver. Miss **Heather M. Moore**, secretary of the tiny Red Cross Branch of 182 members at Bamfield, reported this as one of the outstanding instances of what outpost nurses have to contend with. The nurse, Miss **E. Knowlton**, Red Cross attendant at the small hospital at Bamfield was called to look after the woman and started with her to Port Alberni. The two women were making their way along the Alberni Canal when the boat got upset and had to be abandoned. The nurse was able to reach a raft which she manoeuvred into position for the patient and both women remained on the raft until another boat coming through the canal picked them up. Reported 75 years ago, submitted by *Judith Phillips*.



**Lest we forget.** Friends gathered at **Eileen Scott's** on Remembrance Day to acknowledge Canadian forces' sacrifices over the years. In past years, we met at the Community Hall and observed the eleventh hour with a ringing of the Hall bell, shared memories and had snacks and coffee/tea. At the last Hall celebration of Remembrance Day, when we went to ring the bell, we discovered it was gone!



**We need a Hall and a Bell! L.Druehl**