



**BC BOATING WEEK PROCLAIMED AUGUST 24-30**  
*Kick-Off Event Scheduled at Oak Bay Marina*

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**Vancouver, BC** – Through the advocacy of Boating BC Association, the Province has proclaimed August 24-30 as BC Boating Week – an occasion that will be kicked-off with a day of family-friendly activities at Oak Bay Marina.

BC Boating Week provides the perfect opportunity to highlight the significance of the recreational boating sector, showcase the many opportunities that exist for anyone to get on the water and enjoy the boating lifestyle, and reinforce what it means to be a responsible boater.

A launch event will take place August 24 from 11:00-3:00 at Oak Bay Marina where a number of activities are planned, including: a charity barbeque in support of Oak Bay Marine Search & Rescue; paddle board demonstrations by Olympian Simon Whitfield; Discovery Island shuttle tours from Ocean River Sports & Adventure; live music, and; a fishing derby at the Oak Bay Marina fish station.

“We couldn’t be more pleased to partner with Boating BC on this event,” said Oak Bay Marine Group Chief Operating Officer Brook Castelsky. “We hope this event helps to make our community aware of the numerous ways in which people can access and enjoy the water.”

Further details are available on the Facebook [event page](#), created for this occasion, or at: <https://boatingbc.ca/events>.

“BC is host to some of the most spectacular boating in the world and we want everyone in the province to experience the magic that boating in BC offers,” said Boating BC President Don Prittie. “It doesn’t matter what kind of boating you enjoy; you are guaranteed to build lifelong memories with family and friends.”

There are opportunities for anyone, regardless of age or income to get on the water. For first-timers, rentals are abundant and can include power boats, personal watercraft, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards with no experience or certification required. The issue of safety is one the Association takes very seriously and strongly encourages everyone operating a boat to be well-trained and informed.

To view opportunities to get on the water, visit: [www.boatingbc.ca](http://www.boatingbc.ca)

To view boating safety requirements, visit: <https://www.boatingbc.ca/cpages/safe-boating#safety-requirements>.

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