



## Boating BC Announces 2018 Grant and Sponsorship Recipients

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**Vancouver, B.C.** – Boating BC Association is contributing \$21,500 in grants and sponsorships this year to support a host of initiatives that will positively impact recreational boating in British Columbia. The Association distributes funds made available to not-for-profit organizations through proceeds from the Vancouver International Boat Show to support capital infrastructure or events that will positively impact recreational boating in BC.

Recipients of the 2018 Boating BC grants and sponsorships are:

### Sponsorships:

- Variety, the Children’s Charity – \$2,500 to support the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boat for Hope for each of its three events in Vancouver, Victoria and Kelowna.
- BC Yacht Brokers Association – \$2,500 to support BC Boat Show at Port Sidney Marina.
- Georgia Strait Alliance - \$2,500 for Clean Marine BC; an eco-certification program for marinas & boating facilities to implement and promote environmental best practices.
- Pacific Salmon Foundation - \$1,500 for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Galiano Salmon Classic fishing derby in support of salmon conservation.

### Grants:

- BC Sailing Association – \$2,500 for the purchase of a sailing simulator that will be used at community events to promote sailing for children and in sailing lessons and training programs.
- BC Yacht Brokers Association - \$2,500 to support the transition of the BC Boat Show to a new venue in 2018.
- Oliver Parks & Recreation – \$2,500 to purchase boating equipment for Our Kids CANoe!, giving kids access to boating from Oliver’s main beach during the summer months.
- Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue – \$2,500 to support the Kids Don’t Float PFD Loaner Program in the Nanaimo area.
- SeaChange Marine Conservation Society – \$2,500 to support signage for boaters to encourage good stewardship in critical fish habitat in four regions of the Strait of Georgia: the Gulf Islands, Howe Sound, Burrard and Sechelt Islands.

“Part of Boating BC’s mandate is to invest in the industry at a grassroots level. In their own way, the organizations that have received a grant or sponsorship are helping to promote water safety, improve education or they are increasing access to and participation in the boating lifestyle,” Don Prittie, Boating BC President. “To each of the non-profit groups and their volunteers who do such valuable work, our Association offers its deepest congratulations.”

For more information on the grants and sponsorships program, visit: <https://www.boatingbc.ca/cpages/grants-and-sponsorships>

**About Boating BC Association:** Boating BC Association represents the recreational boating industry across British Columbia and is comprised of more than 300-member businesses. The Association offers counsel on business and governance issues, as well as representing and advocating on behalf of the boating industry to all levels of government.

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