2015

Cortes Island Information

Experience Cortes Island

Parks
Maintained Roads
Foot trails or private access
Most "roads" not shown are someone's driveway!
Anchorage
Public telephone
Picnic area
Public toilets
Hydro Pole number
Old homestead site
Von Donop Inlet (Hathayim)
Robertson Lake
Cliff Peak
Wiley Lake
Hathayim Marine Park
Lewis Channel
Quartz Bay
Cork Lake
Carrington Bay
Carrington Lagoon
Blue Jay Lake
IR 8
Junction Point
Protection Island
Boulder Point
The Cove Restaurant
Craft Shop
Squirrel Cove Store
Squirrel Cove
Torkeanum IR 7
Tork
#211
Klahoose Trail
Gov't dock
Coulter Bay
Talbot Way
Coulter Bay
#18
Subtle Islands
Plunger Pass
Sawmill
Olmstead
Seavista
Harbour
Huck
Carrington Bay
Jocelyn
Robertson
Boddington
Cortes Island
Savannah
Norton Drive
Yakka Way
Whaletown Store
Gov't dock & Post Office
Whaletown Rd
Hunt
Milstead
Bayview
Ferry
Whaletown
Whaletown Rd
Larson's Meadow
Squirrel Cove
Huckleberry
Cedar Moon
Gorge Harbour
Gorge Harbour Marina Resort
Floathouse Restaurant
GORGE COMMUNITY HALL
Shark Spit
Thunder
Gorge Harbour Road
Linnea Farm
Cortes Island Library
Anvil Lake
Seaford
Mary Point Road
Tiber Bay Rd.
Tiber Bay
Cortes Motel
Manson's Bay
Taka Mika
Lagoon
Seaford
Easter Bluff
(Ecological Reserve)
Gov't dock
Gunfling Lake
Christensen
Kiwas Park
Cortes Bay
Manzanita
Papp
Tan
Marina Island
Mansons Landing
Mansons Landing Provincial Park
Beach
Austin
Cortes Market
Cortes Museum
Cortes Health Center
Beasely
Charlotte
Hague Lake
Lowe
Red Granite
Juniper Bluffs
boat launch ramp
Mary Point
MANSON'S COMMUNITY HALL
Cortes Café, Post Office (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Rexford
Sutil Point
Belwood
Freeman
Hague
K'was Bay
Bartholomew
Jeffery
Ellingsen Way
Marnie's Bookstore
Natural Food Co-op
Cemetery
Salmonberry
Gov't dock
T'ai Li Lodge
Siskin Lane
Sutil Point
Hank's Beach
Marina Reef
Paukeanum IR 3
Potlatch
Hayes
Sieren
Seascape
Hansen
Dean
Manson
Teacroft
Smelt Bay
Smelt Bay
Sutil Point
Highfield
Little Rock
Twin Islands
Boathouse
Raven
Hollyhock
Smelt Bay Provincial Park & Campground
Chamadaska
South Point
Strait of Georgia
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1
2
3 miles
Sutil Point (Reef Point)

DEAR VISITORS!

Welcome to Cortes Island!

You are now in the territory of the Klahoose First Nation, members of the Coast Salish People. The First Peoples of this land have lived here since the beginning of memory (thousands of years), and as you explore the island, if you know what to look for, you will see evidence of feasts from times passed. The Klahoose people are today actively engaged in land-use throughout their territory; lands which extend far beyond the shores of Cortes. As a non-native person, I am horrified by our colonial actions (some of them ongoing) and committed to working together in a good way for our common future.

I trust it took you some considerable intention to get here - and for that I honour your effort. This community is indeed one of considerable intention. It takes creativity, passion and commitment to live two ferry rides away from town; to carve out a life amongst the trees. The people that choose to make this place home are more self-sufficient and resilient folk. We also take great pride in where we live and contribute to making this community strong.

Having grown up here and lived on Cortes much of my life, I am biased. However, I do think this is a very remarkably place, both in geography and in community. The citizenry is more engaged than I have known anywhere else and our commitment to good stewardship of land and to each other is admirable. I believe that the biggest calamities facing our planet at this time stem from our disconnection with belonging - belonging to place, belonging to nature, and belonging to each other. Although not without our troubles, the fabric of community and belonging on Cortes is still intact - and that is precious beyond measure.

As you meet people here and explore this land, I invite you to explore yourself as reflected back by this place. If you can settle into the darkness and the silence there may be spaciousness within yourself for discovery. Do not shy from the privilege into which you were born or from the gifts you have been given. Use them wisely - for the good of us all.

In gratitude for this land,

Noba Anderson

Elected Regional Director from Cortes Island to local government

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I hope you find this book useful.

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Natural Food Co-op,
Cortes Museum,
Cortes Market,
Hollyhock,
T'ai Li Lodge,
Gorge Harbour Marina and Resort,
Squirrel Cove Art Shop Co-op,
Squirrel Cove General Store,
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Seattle Yacht Club,
and more...
also, in some locations on
Quadra Island and in Campbell River

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EMERGENCIES

AMBULANCE / First Aid / Rescue. 911
HOSPITAL (CAMPBELL RIVER) 250-850-2141
MEDICAL: Cortes Health Centre, 945 Beasley Road 250-935-6718
Monday - Friday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 pm

POLICE / RCMP 911
Non-emergency: Quadra Island 1-250-285-3631
Toll free 1-866-888-0088

FIRE (in-house) 911
Non-emergency: Mansons Firehall 250-935-6779
Non-emergency: Whaletown Firehall 250-935-6600

FOREST FIRE 1-800-663-5555
On most cell phones: *5555
Permits (Burn Registration Line): 1-888-797-1717

SEARCH AND RESCUE Emergency Only, 24 hrs 1-800-663-3456

Marine Mammals in Distress

If you sea marine mammals in distress on the beach, please call the toll-free reporting hotline 7 days a week at . . . . . 1 800 465 4336.

OTHER EMERGENCIES, HELP LINES and WEATHER - SEE LOCAL PHONE BOOK:
Local phone books . . . . . <www.islandphonebooks.ca>
Note
- To call Quadra Island from Cortes – dial *1-250-999-9999*
- To call Campbell River from Cortes – dial *250-999-9999* (considered "local phone")

POST OFFICES

WHALETOWN V0P 1Z0 - at the Whaletown dock
Monday, Wednesday, Friday . . . . . 7:30-10:30 am, 1-4 pm
Tuesday (no mail in/out) . . . . . 9-12 noon
Cut off for mail out 8:30

MANSONS LANDING V0P 1K0 - in Mansons Hall, Beasley Road
Monday, Wednesday, Friday . . . . . 7:30-11 am, 2-4:30 pm
Tuesday (no mail in/out) . . . . . 9-12 noon
Cut-off for mail out 9:00

SQUIRREL COVE V0P 1T0 - in Squirrel Cove Store
Monday - Friday . . . . . 9 am-5 pm

BANK

The closest bank, Costal Community Credit Union, is located on Quadra Island in Quathiaski Cove, 657 Harper Road 1-250-285-3327

CORTES COMMUNITY RADIO . . . . . CKTZ FM 89.5

ATMS

There are three ATMs on the island:
• Squirrel Cove Store • Cortes Market in Mansons • Food Co-op in Mansons

GETTING HERE

There are many ways to get to Cortes Island:

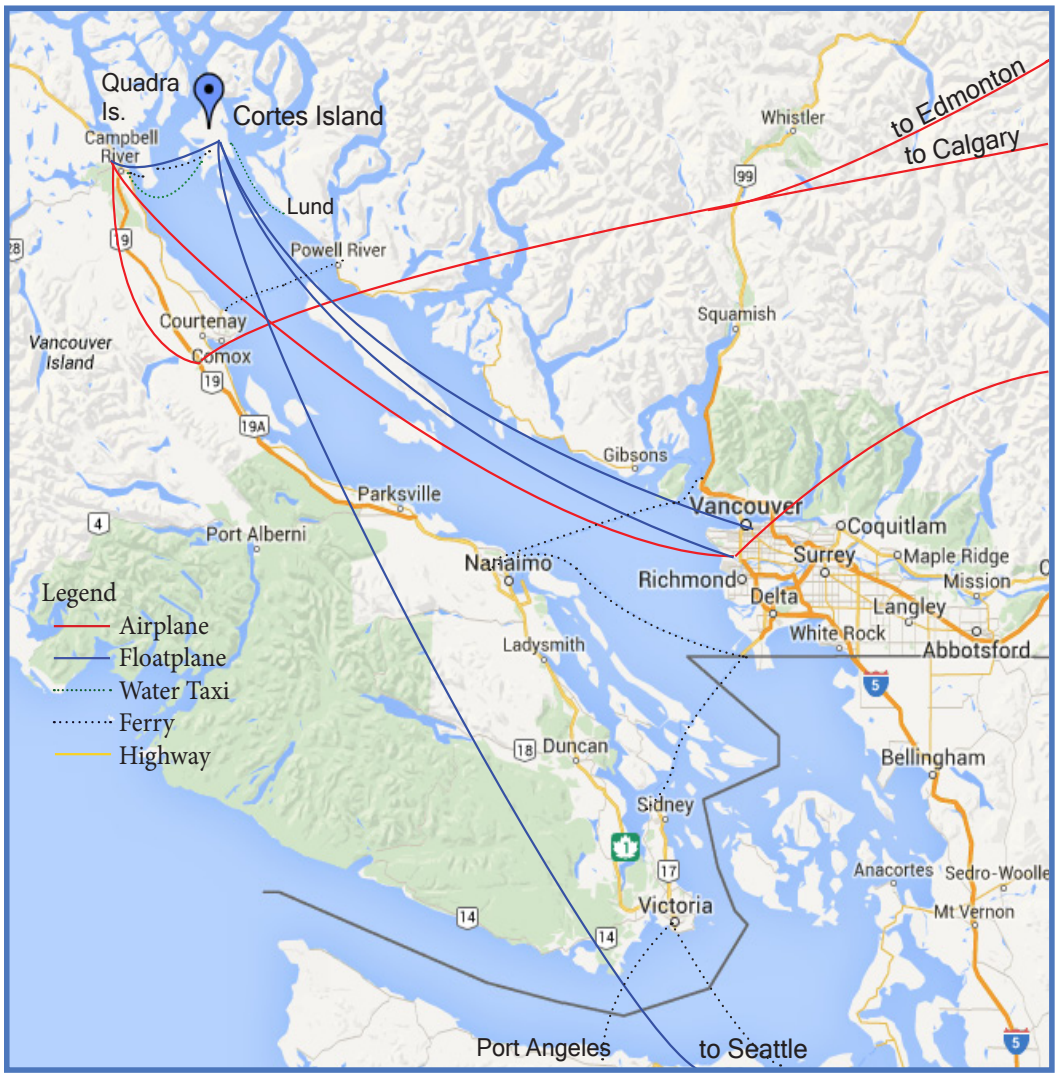
Air
- Central Mountain Air
- Pacific Coastal Airlines
- Westjet

Floatplane
- Corilair
- Kenmore Air Seaplanes
- Van City Seaplanes

Water Taxi
- Cortes Fishing Adventures
- Discovery Launch Water Taxi
- Lund Water Taxi

Bus
- Islandlink
- Greyhound

Local Transport
- Cortes Connection
- 8 Lane Delivery
- Quadra Taxi



While on Cortes, you practically may not need a car. It may be good to bring your bikes with you, or get them here - see **Quadra Bikes** or **Dandyhorse**.

From far away - fly to Vancouver, or Comox, or Campbell River.

-From Comox airport - there is an airport shuttle to take you to Campbell River.
-From Campbell River airport - book your ride with **Cortes Connection**, or take a taxi to the ferry terminal, or use airport shuttle.

From Campbell River, Vancouver, or Seattle - you can take a float plane, **Corilair**, to Cortes.

From Campbell River or Lund - you can take a water taxi. See **Discovery Launch**, **Lund Water Taxi**, or **Cortes Fishing Adventure** information in this book.

From Vancouver - take BC ferry to Nanaimo, drive or bus to Campbell River. Islandlink is a popular bus connection. It takes 2 hours to drive or bus from Nanaimo to Campbell River.

From Campbell River to Cortes - take a float plane, water taxi, or BC ferries. Contact **Cortes Connection, 8 Lane Delivery**, or **Quadra Taxi** to book your local land travel.

Plan 2 hours for Campbell River to Cortes Island trip. Try not to arrive on Cortes too late and try not to plan for the last Cortes connecting ferry, as during summer it may be full.

CORTES COMMUNITY WIFI SOCIETY

... offers computer and printer stations at the Squirrel Cove General Store, the Cortes Market, and the Cortes Natural Food Co-Op. Each computer station also has internet access, but the internet policies vary at the stores. Call Susanna at (250) 935-0347 for more info.

TIDELINE

For local news, community bulletin board, picture gallery, island event calendar, lost and found, e.t.c. see our local community website, Tideline . . . . . <www.cortesisland.com>

OURCORTES.COM AND CIBAT

For general information, maps, photos, trip planning, accomodation, dining, excursions, shopping and MORE see CIBAT website . . . . . <www.cortesislandtourism.com>

The website is dedicated to tourism information. You will find there local tour operators, maps and pictures, more on our community, current events, blogs, phone numbers, businesses, e.t.c.

KLAHOOSE FIRST NATION

For information on Klahoose, First Nations of Cortes Island, see <www.klahoose.org>.

TOURIST INFORMATION BOOTH

- is located downtown Mansons in the Cortes Island Museum and Archives, at 957 Beasley Rd. The information booth has maps and brochures, and can answer your questions: 250-935-6340

LINNAEA FARM

- a host of many activities throughtout the summer - public **disc golf courses**, with golfers meeting every Friday at 2 pm and Dawg Dayz disc golf tournament in August, farm tours, local branch of VIRL library, and much more. For more information email info@linnaeafarm.org or call 250 935 6747.

FIRE AWARENESS,

We are a small island covered with trees and one of our greatest concerns is fire, especially during summer season. We have volunteer fire brigades with fire halls in Mansons Landing and Whaletown.

Please observe the fire ban that is in effect from May 15th on. Call 911 if you see any unattended fires on the island. Thank you for keeping our island safe together with us!

General Fire Safety

• If you are a smoker, when smoking outdoors, dispose of cigarettes and matches properly. Do not toss lit matches or cigarettes out of your car window ever – use your ashtray.

• To use an outdoor stove or barbeque – keep the stove a safe distance away from flammable materials. Make sure briquettes and ashes are cold to the touch before disposing of them.

• To report a forest fire call **1-800-663-5555** or ***5555** from a cell phone.

CANOE, KAYAK & FISHING

You can canoe and kayak on Hague and Gunflint lakes, also in protected waters of Mansons Lagoon. To explore more, contact your local guided tour poviders - **Misty Isles** < www.mistyislesadventures.com > or **Cortes Fishing Adventures** <www.cortesfishingadventures.com/>

BC FERRIES SCHEDULE

Coming to Cortes is part of the fun of being here. Your can fly, drive, bike, hitchhike, take a bus, a taxi, or a water taxi. Check this book's ads for more information on some of our transportation providers, with more on the **Getting Here** page.

When taking **BC Ferries** from Campbell River to Cortes, you pay for a round trip at Campbell River terminal. Mention Cortes Island as your destination. You will be directed to lane 7. Keep one portion of your ticket to show ferry attendant at Cortes ferry.

When coming back from Cortes to Campbell River, you do not need to show your ticket. Arive at least one hour before departure time to claim your space in the line (and go for a coffee to Lloyds Family Ferry Take-out, when waiting.)

There are 2 ferry crossings between Campbell River and Cortes Island.

- 10 min crossing from Campbell River to Quadra Island, Quathiaski Cove terminal, onboard of Power River Queen (85m long, 68 cars and 400 passengers), and
- 45 min crossing from Quadra Island, Heriot Bay terminal to Cortes Island, Whaletown, onboard of Tenaka (47m long, 30 cars, 150 passengers).

On Quadra Island, you will have to drive 8 km from Quathiaski Cove north to Heriot Bay, take a taxi - call Quadra Taxi, or use your bike. Look for "to Cortes Ferry" signs, or just follow the stream of cars from one terminal to the other. There is just enough time allowed for driving from one terminal to the other. And be patient - you are already on the island time. If you miss one ferry, there is another one soon. If you miss the last ferry to Cortes, but there are several cars waiting, chances are, the captain of Cortes ferry will come back to pick you up.

If planning your time is important, please check BC Ferries schedule on-line.

Campbell River - Quadra Island			
Monday to Friday		Saturday & Sunday	
leave Quadra	leave CR	leave Quadra	leave CR
6:20 am *	6:40 am *		
7:05 am *	7:30 am *	7:05 am	7:30 am
8:00 am	8:30 am	7:55 am xS	8:20 am xS
9:00 am !!	9:30 am	8:55 am	9:20 am
10:00 am	10:30 am DC	9:50 am	10:15 am
11:00 am	11:30 am	10:45 am	11:15 am
12:00 am	12:30 pm	11:45 am	12:15 pm
1:00 pm	1:30 pm	12:45 pm	1:15 pm
2:05 pm	2:30 pm	1:45 pm	2:15 pm
3:00 pm	3:30 pm	3:00 pm	3:30 pm
4:00 pm DC	4:30 pm	4:00 pm	4:30 pm !
5:00 pm	5:25 pm !	5:00 pm	5:25 pm
5:50 pm	6:15 pm	5:50 pm	6:15 pm
7:00 pm	7:30 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
8:00 pm	8:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:30 pm
9:15 pm	9:45 pm	9:15 pm	9:45 pm
10:15 pm	10:45 pm FS	10:15 pm FS	10:45 FS

Cortes Island - Quadra Island			
Monday to Friday		Saturday & Sunday	
Leave Cortes	Leave Quadra	Leave Cortes	Leave Quadra
7:50 am *	9:05 am	7:50 am xS	8:50 am xS
9:50 am	11:05 am DC	9:35 am	10:50 am
11:50 am	1:05 pm	11:35 am	1:05 pm
1:50 pm DC	3:05 pm	1:50 pm DC	3:05 pm
3:50 pm	5:05 pm	3:50 pm	5:05 pm
5:50 pm	6:45 pm	5:50 pm	6:45 pm

* Except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
DC Dangerous Cargo-Tuesdays
!! Busy, local traffic

FS - Friday and Saturday only
xS - Except Sunday
! Last connection to Cortes

Feb 9, 2015 - March 31, 2016. Schedule subject to change without notice.

<http://www.bcferries.com/schedules/northern/>

LLOYD'S SEASONAL FAMILY "TAKE-OUT"
260 HARBOUR ROAD, WHALETOWN
(ADJACENT TO THE VEHICLE LINE-UP FOR THE FERRY)

SEASON OPENS MONDAY, MAY 18th, 2015
Hours of Operation:
Will be posted in early May.....stay tuned!

MENU

-A VARIETY OF HOT AND COLD DRINKS, INCLUDING EL SALVADORAN COFFEE FROM BECCA'S BEANS, DIFFERENT TEAS INCLUDING ORGANIC ROOIBOS CHAI AND HONEYBUSH FROM THE "GATHERING PLACE", LOCALLY BAKED GOODS FROM THE CO-OP CAFÉ AND PRE-PACKAGED SNACKS –

Please note that this is not a commercially zoned operation so no fast foods, such as hamburgers and fries, are served from this location. There are also no public washrooms.

Cortes Island Roads:
1 Yakka Way
2 Plunger
3 Savannah
4 Seavista
5 Byers Pt. Rd
6 Harbour
7 Sawmill
8 Huck
9 Bayview
10 Milstead
11 Carrington Bay Rd
12 Talbot Way
13 Coulter Bay Rd
14 Olmstead
15 Jocelyn
16 Whaletown Rd
17 Robertson
18 Hunt
19 Salal
20 Bodington
21 Jimmy Smith Way (Private)
22 Larsons Meadow
23 Geoge Harbour
24 Taka-Mika
25 Lagoon Rd
26 Thunder Rd
27 Seaford
28 Ocean View
29 Tork
30 Forrest
31 Squirrel Cove Rd
32 Cadwell
33 Tiber Bay
34 Mary Point
35 Cortes Bay Rd
36 Manzanita
37 Papp
38 Tan
39 Bartholomew
40 Red Granite
41 Oke
42 Ellingsen
43 Jefferey
44 Salmonberry
45 Christensen
46 Kwas Bay
47 Lowe
48 Freeman
49 Hague
50 Cemetery
51 Sutil Point
52 Rexford
53 Gregg
54 Beasley Rd
55 Charlotte
56 Austin
57 Belwood
58 Siskin (Private)
59 Seascape
60 Tealcroft
61 Manson
62 Highfield
63 Dean
64 Hayes
65 Siereen
66 Potlach
67 Smelt Bay
68 Chamadaska
69 Hansen
70 Raven
71 South Point (Private)
Ha'thayim Marine Provincial Park (Von Donop)
Carrington Bay Regional Park
Whaletown Commons
Kw'as Regional Park
Mansons Landing Provincial Park
Siskin Forest Park
Smelt Bay Provincial Park
Hank's Beach Forest Conservation Park
Siskin Forest Trails
Ferry to Quadra Island
Lewis Channel
Teakerne Arm
Desolation Sound
Sutil Channel
West Redonda Island
Penn Islands
Cliff Peak
Robertson Lake
Wiley L.
Von Donop Inlet
Quarry Bay
Cork Lake
Haywire Bay
Junction Point
Squirrel Cove
Coulter Island
Coulter Bay
Carrington Lagoon
Goat Mtn.
Bluejay Lake
Little Barrett's Lake
Nutshell Lake
Green Mtn.
Subtle Islands
Plunger Passage
Whaletown Bay
Gorge Harbour
Tan Island
Ring Is.
Uganda Passage
Shark Spit
Marina Island
Frog Mountain
Anvil L.
Mansons Landing
Kitten Is.
Cat Island
Gunflint Lake
Hague Lake
Easter Bluff
Wolf Bluff
Cortes Bay
Fabulous Bay
Tiber Bay
Red Granite Point
Mary Point
Windy Bay
Cod Rocks
Poison Bay
Long Tom
North Twin Island
South Twin Island
Echo Bay
Midden Site
Sutil Point
Georgia Straight
Kilometres
0 0.5 1 2
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles
Beach
Mountan
Bluff
Trail (Numbered Description on Reverse Page)
Road (Number References "Cortes Island Roads" Legend)
Stream
Park
First Nations Land
Tidal Waters
Lake
Wetland
Cortes Island Trails:
1 Carrington Trail Network
2 Proposed Whaletown Commons
3 Green Mountain Trail
4 Von Donop/Ha'thayim Provincial Park
5 Gnat Road Beach Access
6 Easter Bluff Trail
7 Katimavik Trail
8 K'was Park Trail Network
9 Red Granite Point
10 Hanks Beach Forest Conservation Park
11 Moonscape Beach access
12 Siskin Forest Park
13 Manson's Landing Provincial Park

PROVINCIAL PARKS

Parks of Cortes Island include Smelt Bay Provincial Park (the only park with camping facilities), Mansons Landing Provincial Park, Von Donop Marine Provincial Park, Hank's Beach, Carrington Park, Whaletown Commons, and Kw'as Park. Some of them offer good trail networks. Trails maps are available at trail heads. Camping is also available in Gorge Harbour Marina, Squirrel Cove (check in the general store), the Laughing Buddha and Hollyhock.

WALKS

The Cortes regional parks system is a wonderful and growing network of trails and protected spaces including beach access trails, the Siskin Lane trail network, Hank's Beach, Carrington, and Kw'as parks. Many small roads lead to private property - stay on trail and respect homeowners' privacy.

Some easy trails:
Siskin Lane trails - a network of easy trails thru Siskin forest, suitable also for bike rides.
Smelt Bay beach and trail - long walk along the beach. You can try from Hank's Beach to Mansons Landing - but this will take you an entire day. Check the tides before you go - and walk at low tide.

Some more difficult trails:
Kw'as Park trails - ecologically-diverse stands of new and old growth forest with some easy, some more challenging parts. You can include a swim with your hike at Swimmers Rock.

Green Mountain (240m) and **Easter Bluff** (180m)-moderately difficult, with great views of BC coast.

There are many more trails to explore. See Trail Map brochure produced by **Friends of Cortes Island** with sponsorship by local businesses and available in local stores, including the map featured on previous page. You can also join Cortes Walking Group - walks start at Mansons Hall parking lot, 9:00 am, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

BEACHES AND BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Hague Lake - sandy, family oriented beach. Park your car at the parking lot on Seaford Road, between motel and Mansons, cross the road paying attention to traffic on the road.

Mansons Lagoon - sandy beach with big tidal differences at the north end of Sutil Point Road.

Hank's Beach and **Brigitte's Beach** - small, but beautiful beaches, accessible on foot or by bike - leave your car at the parking lot at Bartholomew Rd., and walk 20 mins thru the forest.

Smelt Bay Beach - close to Smelt Bay Provincial Park, wide sandy beach, annual Sand Castle Day.

Our beaches can also be accessed thru Beach Access Points.
Seascape Rd. access - at the end of Seascape Rd.
Hayes Rd. access - from Potlach Rd, at the end of Hayes Rd.
Moon Trail access - from Highfield Rd, close to Hollyhock.

SHELLFISH

Beaches of Cortes Island - Mansons Landing, Squirrel Cove, Smelt Bay - are good places for collecting clams and oysters. Your will need a small, long handled spading fork or shovel for digging in the sand, plus shellfish licence, available on-line <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/fishreg.html> - look for Tidal Waters Sportfishing License. For taste of local shellfish, without digging, come to the Oyster Festival in Gorge Marina Resort in May, or Hollyhock dinner preceded with oyster barbecue appetizer (call Hollyhock, to reserve your space - oyster BBQ appetizers are included with some dinners).

SEAFEST ON CORTES

Gorge Harbout Marina Resort

Photos - Jola, Pela, Ania and Jurek

EVENTS

Events are usually posted on the bulletin boards at the stores, Manson's Hall, and at the post offices. They are also announced on Tideline: www.cortesisland.com/tideline, www.ourCortes.com, and in the Cortes Marketer, the weekly flyer available in the Cortes Market.

Check bulletin boards for exact dates and for additional events, as not all information is available at the time of printing this book.

Friday Market in/around Manson's Hall, **Saturday Market** in Gorge Hall, **Sunday Market** in Squirrel Cove - are regular events - to buy local art&crafts, food, fish... Meet the artists and craft people.

Seafest - Oyster Festival - Saturday, May 16, in the Gorge Harbour Marina, 11:30 am.
Lots of fun, music, delicious food. All welcome! Come early! Come on empty stomach!

Creative Spaces: Garden and Studio Tour - Saturday, June 28, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Fundriser for the Cortes Museum and an opportunity to visit local homes, studios, and gardens.

Cortes Day - Saturday, July 18 (date subject to weather). Fun for all! Parade starts at 10:30 am at the corner of Potlach Road and Sutil Point Road. Locals and tourists are welcome to join. From 11:00 am on, all kinds of activities, food and drink at Smelt Bay Provincial Park.

Sandcastle Day - Sunday, August 9, Smelt Bay Provincial Park. Lots of fun for kids of all ages! Come and build a structure on the beautiful sand beach at Smelt Bay. Registration at 9:00 am. Bring your tools. Judging between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm Prizes!

Old Schoolhouse Art Gallery in Whaletown - Fridays 6 to 9, Saturdays and Sundays 2 to 6, from June to August, offers exhibits of local artists. Check bulletin boards for dates and shows.
Gorge-ous Bike Ride & Fun Run - Saturday, ????????, Gorge Harbour Marina Resort, one night free camping with race registration. Come and challenge yourself on an epic mountain bike ride thru the pristine forests of Cortes Island. See <www.facebook.com/gorge.ousbikeride>.

Ocean Campfire Music - Thursdays, Gorge Harbour Marina Resort, 7 pm - music by local musicians.

Quadra Island Studio Tour - second weekend of June. Great opportunity to meet the creative people and explore Quadra Island.

BICYCLE

Cycling is a great way to explore the islands. Traffic is light and the roads are pleasant, scenic, and mostly paved. However, there are lots of hills and curves, so you will be safest and most comfortable on a bike that is in good repair and has a wide gear range. There are also great opportunities for mountain biking and trail-riding: on Cortes Island, **the Siskin Lane trails** are easy and quite flat, while experienced mountain bikers enjoy the more challenging trails around **Carrington Bay**. Quadra also offers a wide range of trail options, from the serene Community Centre trails to challenging 400 m descents around Mt. Seymour.

On Cortes Island, **Dandy Horse Bikes** offers rentals and service: email bicycle@gicable.com. For more info about cycling on Cortes contact carmen@bicyclebuddha.org. **Quadra Island Cycle**, located 250 m south of the Cortes Ferry Depot on Quadra Island, offers repairs, rentals, tours and sales, specializing in electric-assist bikes. Quadra Cycle will drop off bikes at ferry terminals and resorts, and offers free loaner bikes. See www.quadraislandcycle.com.

SHOPPING

There are four grocery stores on Cortes, with more than just groceries:

Cortes Market (250-935-6626)
- in Mansons Landing, with amazing assortment of groceries, beer and wine, and household, hardware and personal care products.

Cortes Natural Food Co-op (250-935-8577)
- in Mansons Landing, with fresh, organic, local vegetables, local meat and seefood (frozen), bakery with products baked on premises, local crafts and more.

Squirrel Cove Trading Co. Ltd (250-935-6327)
- in Squirrel Cove, with fresh vegetables, beer and wine, marine and hardware supplies, gas, and more.

Gorge Harbor Marina in Whaletown - grocery store, local veggies and seafood, wine and beer, gas.

For local crafts, art, books, gifts and more check:

Hollyhock Store (250-935-6576)
- in the south end of Mansons offers large selection of art and craft products, beautiful clothing and interesting books.

Cortes Museum (250-935-6340)
- in Mansons, offers books by local writers and on local topics, postcards, local arts, and it is also a Tourists Information Booth.

Cortes Craft Shop Co-op in Squirrel Cove, offers large selection of local arts and crafts.

Marnie's Books and Homespun (250-204-8228 or 250-935-0212)
- in Mansons, next to Cortes Natural Food Co-op, offers interesting selection of books and local crafts.

Cortes Health Centre in Mansons, check their farmacy for products not found in grocery stores.

Farmers Markets in Mansons, Squirrel Cove, and Gorge - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place Trading Company - is a family owned business located on Cortes Island. The company is committed to organic farming, sustainability and social responsibility. Look for their products in local stores, on-line at < www.gatheringplacetrading.com >, or call 250 287 7571.

LOCAL PRODUCE

You can get local products in the local stores in Mansons (Cortes Market, Food Co-op), Squirrel Cove Trading Company and Gorge Marina Store - Becca's Coffee, frozen salmon, tuna, oyster and salmon cans. Linnea Farm, Food Co-op and Weekend Markets are good places to get fresh, island vegetables.

RECYCLING AND GARBAGE PICKUP

Cortes Recycling Centre is located at 1300 Squirrel Cove Road. Garbage pickup is on Saturday - please place your bagged garbage before 9 am in an animal proof container at the beginning of your driveway, or bring it to the Centre - you can then visit our Free Store! Your recycles (paper, glass, metal, plastic), sorted, will be picked up on the same day. Check < www.cortesrecycles.ca >.

Marnie's Books

In the heart of Manson's beside the Co-op Café & Bakery and the Cortes Natural Foods Co-op

Come in for books, games, art & craft supplies and unique upcycled clothing!

HOURS

Noon to 5PM

OPEN

- ***Summer & December -*** *open every day*
- ***Rest of the Year -*** *Wednesday, Friday, Saturday*

- ✓ BOOKS
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- ✓ GAMES FOR ALL AGES
- ✓ UPCYCLED CLOTHING

Contact

Phone: 250-204-8228 | 250-935-0212

Email: marniesbooks@gmail.com

Location: Manson's Landing

EATING OUT

At the time of printing this book Cortes has a few places to eat-out: restaurants, a cafe, three take-outs... They offer mostly organic food with many items on the menu coming from Cortes produce. A great place to get something to eat&go are also weekend markets in Mansons, Squirrel Cove and Gorge Marina. See below for places to sit down and eat on Cortes, plus some other options...

MANSONS

Cortes Co-op Bakery (250-935-6505)
Mansons Landing, 800 Sutil Point Road, next to Co-op store, open daily, year-around.
Coffee & espresso, locally baked goods, mostly organic ingredients, inside and outside sitting.

Cortes Market (250-935-6626)
Mansons Landing, 809 Sutil Point Road, open year-around. Sandwiches, local baking, outsourced calzones, samosas, sausage rolls and meat pies. Coffee & tea, organic espresso, cappucino and latte.

Market Take-out (250-935-0075)
Mansons Landing, next to Cortes Market, seasonal. Burgers, tea, coffee, ice cream.

Hollyhock (250-935-6576)
Mansons Landing, south end, waterfront, reservation required, seasonal, beautiful garden.
Vegetarian and seafood, no liquor license, but you can bring your own wine.
Call to book your oyster bbq appetizer to complement your dinner (available on certain days only).

WHALETOWN

The Floathouse Restaurant (250-935-6433)
Gorge Harbour Marina, Whaletown, waterfront, liquor license, seasonal, with some winter activities - call for more information, reservations recommended. Great views.

Lloyd's Seasonal Family "Take-out"
Next to Cortes ferry, 260 Harbour Road, Whaletown, Mon to Fri, 9 am - 5 pm, seasonal. Beverages, baked goodies, snacks, limited outside sitting. Nice to visit any time, perfect time for a coffee while in the ferry line-up.

SQUIRREL COVE

Squirrel Cove Take-out
Next to Squirrel Cove Store, seasonal. Affordable fast food menu with difference: local seafood, gluten free items, burgers of all kinds, kids' favs, and much more!

The Cove Restaurant (250-935-6350)
Close to Squirrel Cove Store, seasonal. Great views, waterfront. Reservations recommended.

QUADRA

There are several places to eat-out on Quadra. You will need to leave Cortes early, and come late afternoon, with a 45 min ferry ride both way. If you have time, it is worthy doing, as ferry trip is quite enjoyable. But when coming to Cortes or leaving Quadra, you may visit **Quadra Lovin' Oven and Pizzeria** (1-250-285-2262) - a beautiful pizzeria with a wide selection on the menu, located in the Cove Plaza, 5 minutes from the ferry terminal in Quathiaski Cove (Liquor license, year-around).

While waiting for the Cortes ferry - take a break in Herriot Bay Inn, located close to ferry terminal. You can also leave your car on Cortes, take Cortes-Quadra ferry and go to Herrion Bay Inn for a meal.

Gorge Harbour

1374 Hunt Road

250-935-6433

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Reservations Recommended

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TRANSPORTATION

TAXI: There is no taxi service on Cortes Island.
To get to Quadra Island or Campbell River you can use the local bus Cortes Connection, Quadra Taxi and Tours or Discovery Launch Water Taxi:
Cortes Connection: 250-935-6911
Quadra Taxi and Tours: 1-250-205-0505

For transportation on water, or just for fun - use water taxi:
Discovery Launch Water Taxi: 250-287-7577 - between Cortes and Campbell River.
And why not explore more, while you are here - use Lund Water Taxi to go to Laughing Oyster Restaurant in Lund and have adventure at the same time:
Lund Water Taxi: 1-604-483-9749

Wonderful way to come to or leave Cortes is to take floatplane!
Corilair offers 3 flights per day between Campbell River and Cortes from May through September. During the winter there are mid day flights on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Need to bring large items to Cortes? Call **Lane 8 Delivery Services -** 250-202-6748

GAS: Diesel and boat gas, also regular gas, are available at the **Gorge Harbour Marina** in Whaletown and at **Squirrel Cove Store**.

CAR AND BIKE REPAIRS

There are no car repair shops on the island. For emergency repairs call Richard@250-204-6567, located in Mansons. For bicycle repairs, rentals and sales, or... if you forgot your bike helmet - call Andrew of **Dandyhorse**@250-935-6647 or 250-857-3570, located in Mansons, or **Island Cycles@**250-285-3627 on Quadra Island, close to Heriot Bay.

High Speed Internet on Cortes Island

Twincomm services Desolation Sound and surrounding areas – including Hernando Is., Savary Is., Cortes Is., Bliss landing, Lund, Galley Bay, Mink Is., Refuge Cove, Quadra Is. and Texada Is.

Service on Cortes Island is available in Manson's Landing, Seaford, Cortes Bay, Smelt Bay, Whaletown and Squirrel Cove.

Other Services:

- Satellite Internet Installations
- Home or Business Network Installations
- Web Cam Hosting/Installations
- WIFI Access @ Refuge Cove

TwinComm

For more information:
1-866-446-6004
Visit our website: **www.twincomm.ca**

TWINCOMM

Twincomm is a locally-based internet service provider (ISP) on Cortes Island and serves approximately 300 Cortes customers in the communities of Manson's Landing, Squirrel Cove and Whaletown. Founded in 1999 and named after Twin Islands (south-east of Cortes), Twincomm employs two full-time and two part-time employees along with three casual positions.

Internet services are delivered by a broadband wireless network from internet connections in Campbell River (Vancouver Island), Lund (Mainland) and Manson's Landing. Twincomms' over 550 customers range from Cortes Island, west to Quadra Island, east to Lund, and as far south as Texada Island. We continue to provide competitive internet experiences for residents and visitors of island and rural communities, such as beautiful Cortes Island. Feel free to contact us for your internet needs.

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WI-FI AND CELL PHONE RECEPTION

There is limited/spotty cell phone reception and wireless internet access on Cortes Island. For example, while there is cell phone reception near the landing at the Whaletown Ferry Terminal, there is no cell phone reception just up the hill from this landing. Other sites with cell phone reception can be found in the vicinity of Gorge Harbour Marina and "downtown" Manson's Landing, as well as in many areas near the ocean (i.e., at Mansons Lagoon, Hank's Beach, Smelt Bay, Squirrel Cove, Hollyhock parking lot, et cetera).
Wireless internet is available at Manson's Hall, the Cortes Natural Food Co-op, the Squirrel Cove General Store, and Cortes Market, among other local stores. Some stores may charge a small usage fee for wireless internet access.

The Cortes MARKET

PUBLISHER OF THE CORTES MARKETER

We offer a full line of groceries, fresh produce, meat, deli, ice, dairy - both regular and organic - when possible. Health and beauty products, hardware, office services, DVD rentals, and garden supplies. Phone cards and hunting licences are available. We have a full line liquor store with cold beer and wine.

Our deli has awesome sandwiches made to order. We offer instore baking, outsourced calzones, samosas, sausage rolls and meat pies.

Our organic espresso, cappucino and lattes are made with locally roasted Becca's Beans. We also serve regular coffee and tea.

Keno and 50/50 can be played. We also have a BCLC terminal for 649, Lotto Max, BC49, plus Scratch and Win tickets.

Internet service is available with computers donated by the Cortes Island Wi-Fi Society and we have a hot spot for your own wireless connection.

Cortes Market is the publisher of the Cortes Marketer with Buy and Sell classified, editorials, events and services offered on the island. New editions come out Fridays with all the latest happenings. Pick up your copy at the Market.

We are a home to the Market Take-out offering fish&chips, burgers, ice cream, hot and cold drinks, and more. Ample sitting space available. Call 250-935-0075 for more info, or to place your order.

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We stock charts and maps, fishing gear and licenses, prawn traps and oyster knives. A full hardware store with marine supplies and batteries is on premises.

Fuel available: PROPANE & GAS. **A Gov't. Liquor Store, ATM Machine** and **Post Office** are in the store. Free Wireless Internet Service is accessible.

Our newest addition is **THE FLYING SQUIRELL TAKE OUT.**
An affordable fast food menu with difference:
Local seafood, gluten free items, burgers of all kinds, kid's favs, and much more.

Fuel is available on our dock for high tide boat gas and diesel.

We offer a number of tent campsites at spectacular setting. We have ***Laundromat and Showers*** facilities, a high water dock for floatplane or boat tie-up, a boat ramp for launching and a beach for kayaks / canoes to launch. Overnight parking is available.

The Cove Restaurant: World Class Food, Fantastic View
250-935-6350

Every Sunday, during July and August, there is an ***Outdoor Market*** for local craftspeople, bakers and farmers to sell their products.

Please come by to visit and enjoy our most spectacular view of Desolation Sound.
We are the store with the awesome view.

If you need something, we probably have it; if we don't, we'll get it for you.

Our friendly staff is always happy to make your visit to Squirrel Cove most enjoyable.

SQUIRREL COVE STORE: 250-935-6327

<www.squirrelcove.com>
squirrelcovetrading@yahoo.com

Summer Hours are 9-9 every day except 9-6 on Sunday.

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STORE

The Cortes Natural Food Co-op

is a full-service, member-owned grocery store.
You don't have to be a member to shop ~ *everyone is welcome!*

- Fresh, local & organic produce
- Local & organic eggs
- Dairy & cheeses
- Local salmon & tuna
- Organic & local meat
- Bulk foods
- Local crafts & gifts
- Vitamins & health products
- Body care products, tinctures & remedies
- Household products
- The latest DVDs for rent
- Ice cream, snacks & treats

"Visit the Heart of the Village"

Summer Store Hours:
9AM to 8PM Daily 10AM to 7PM Sunday
250-935-8577

Everyone Welcome

CAFE & BAKERY

The Cortes Natural Food Co-op

is the place to meet friends, enjoy great coffee and tasty treats and pick up freshly baked bread.

- Fresh bread & baked goods
- Daily breakfast & lunch specials
- Locally-roasted coffee & espresso drinks
- Gluten-free & special diet options
- Pizza on Friday evenings
- Local & organic ingredients
- Comfortable seating indoors & in courtyard
- Regular summer events
- Wi-Fi available

CORTES
NATURAL FOOD
CO-OP

Downtown Mansons Landing

Summer Cafe Hours:
9AM to 3PM Daily
250-935-6505

CHILD CARE

Need child care while on Cortes? Call Odette at Creative Children's Programming & Child Care, offering Child Care by a licensed educator/guide, at Larsen's Meadow (a garden home in the forest).
See Facebook page Harvestsong Child Care: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harvestsong-Child-Care/476294405753334?ref=hl.

CORTES BODYWORKS

There are wonderful yoga and bodyworks studios on the island. While on Cortes indulge yourself and take a session or two with local practitioners! See ads in this book and check Hollyhock.

CHURCH SERVICE

There is an Anglican church service every second Sunday at 2:30 in the Church St. Saviour by the Sea in the Cortes Bay. Occasionally there is also a church service in the Whaletown church - please refer to Cortes Marketer and Tideline notices.

WOLVES ON CORTES

There are wolves on Cortes. We need to follow some rules to keep us, and wolves, safe:
1. **Never feed wolves**.
2. **Do not feed deer or raccoons.**
3. **Keep yourself safe.** HAZE wolves, wave your arms to make yourself look bigger, shout loudly and use nisemakers.
4. **Keep your pets safe.** Dogs must be leashed when walked. Do not leave pet food outside. Do not take your dog when walking in natural areas frequented by wolves - Carrington Bay, Von Donop Inlet, Hank's Beach, Marina Island, etc.
5. **Practice good animal husbandry.** All livestock must be secured by sturdy fence.
Report wolf sigtings to the FOCI office@250-935-0087

"WHALETOWN"

Lyrics by Rick Bockner
To the tune of Petula Clark's "Downtown". Enjoy!

When the bustle of Mansons is getting you down, you can always go To Whaletown

There isn't a whale and there isn't a town. That's how we got our name

Whaletown

Listen to the rythm of the ferry traffic passing
Watch your neighbour's dog and all the wildlife he's harassing

The Wilderburbs

The folks are much older there, so you can start up your chainsaws, they can't even hear.
In Whaletown - where all the lights are out
Whaletown - not much to shout about

Whaletown - You're going to waste some time here.
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Write a fat novel while you wait for the ferry up in Whaletown- what fun!
Or perhaps you can forage for some shrooms and blackberries as you head
back home - ho hum.

You can meet a cougar while out walking in the Commons
Or have your mind adjusted by one of our local shamans

A Healing Place

Six weeks in the summertime.
Then the fall rains begin and the people all whine.

In Whaletown - Listening to CBC
Whaletown - Beer and a DVD
Whaletown - Your kind of community

Whaletown - Less than it claims to be
Whaletown - Land of the old Hippie
Whaletown - It's always 4:20
Whaletown - You going to waste your life here.

There are three settlements on Cortes: **Whaletown** at the ferry dock, including Gorge Harbor Marina, **Mansons Landing** with its sandy beaches, and **Squirrel Cove**, an anchorage facing Desolation Sound. There were times, not long ago, when these three settlements were not connected by roads, and to get from one to another one would need to take a boat. The "anonimosity" between these settlements still exists now, althouth these are more of a joke at present times.

Rick Bockner lives in Whaletown.
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Gathering Place

Gathering Place is our family business on Cortes Island, BC. We live in community and work toward a more sustainable world everyday. We source organic teas, spices, sea salt and dried fruit directly from family farms and co-operatives in Canada and around the world. We meet every one of our partners face to face, shake their hands, and visit their farms so that we can deliver the freshest, tastiest products directly to you from the farmers who grew them. We donate 1% of our sales to local grassroots projects, preserving our forests and oceans, as well as to children in need in India and South Africa.

Thanks for supporting our local, family business! With Gratitude!

♥ *Lovena and Ryan Harvey*

To purchase our products, shop at Local Stores or go to our website!

www.gatheringplacetrading.com

Gathering Place Trading Company

250-287-7571

Canada & BC certified organic by PACS 16-658

Friends of Cortes Island | FOCI

Friends of Cortes Island Society (FOCI) is a charitable organization that has operated on Cortes for over 25 years. We deliver ecological stewardship and educational programs that promote environmental resilience through community responsibility.

CURRENT PROJECTS

~ Marine Stewardship & Foreshore Monitoring ~

~ Educational Resource Library ~

~ Maintenance of K'was Park, Carrington Bay Park and the Hayes, Gnat, Moon, and Seascape Beach Access Trails ~

~ Watershed Sentinel Magazine Publications ~

~ Lake Stewardship: Water Quality Monitoring of Hague & Gunflint Lakes ~

~ Stream Stewardship ~

~ Trail Mapping ~

~ Environmental Youth Programs ~

The FOCI Office and Resource Library is located beside Manson's Hall and is open on FRIDAYS from 12-3pm. Come say hello or contact us by phone at: 935-0087

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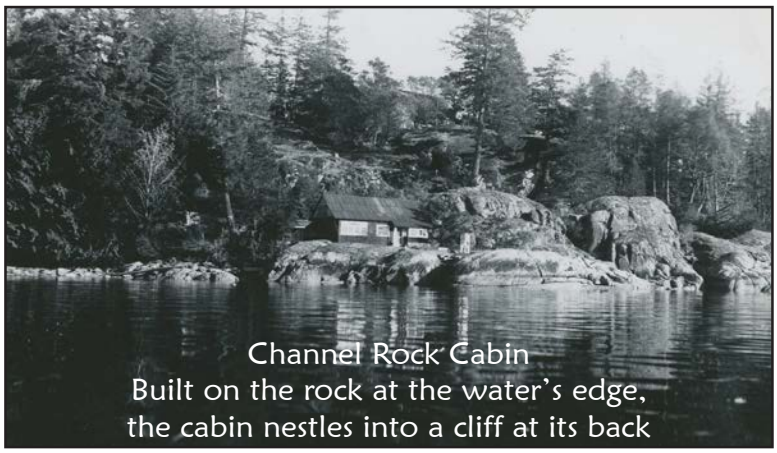
GILEAN DOUGLAS

Boaters navigating the passage between Shark Spit and Cortes Island may notice a small cabin perched on a large rock at the water's edge. This is Channel Rock, home for 45 years to Gilean Douglas – a charismatic woman, widely known as a poet and nature writer, who was also a talented photographer and journalist, an accomplished gardener, an intrepid adventurer, an astute politician and a feminist ahead of her time.



Channel Rock Cabin
Built on the rock at the water's edge, the cabin nestles into a cliff at its back

Gilean Douglas was born in 1900, the only child of a wealthy Toronto family. Her childhood was one of privilege, but she was orphaned at the age of 16 during the turmoil of World War I. Opportunities for women were changing and Douglas, with her strong will and spirit of adventure, was determined not to be limited by expectations of class and family. "I wanted to get out in the world and not be sheltered all my life and marry one of the boys of good family who always seemed a bit stupid to me," she wrote.

By the time she turned twenty, Douglas had worked on a farm, in a factory and at a newspaper. At the age of 21 she embarked on an adventurous trip across the continent in a Model T Ford with her first husband. (Douglas was to marry four times; two of her husbands took her last name.) During the 1920s and 1930s, she became an accomplished free-lance writer and photographer and began to make a name as a poet.

Gilean Douglas

In 1938, after the break-up of her third marriage, Douglas moved to an isolated cabin on the Coquihalla River. The cabin was miles from the nearest settlement. Getting there required a trek along a mountainous trail, then a ride across the river on a cage suspended from a cable. While Douglas had always enjoyed camping and other outdoor activities, her life had been in cities. With this move, Douglas found the sense of home she had sought, but failed to find, in marriage. "I was led—what else can I call it in light of my seemingly foolish decisions?—away from the city, away from the crush of people and out into the quiet and aloneness of the natural world, the world where I am truly at home. Where there is timelessness, where mystery is everyday." (The Protected Place)

Douglas began writing about her life in the wilderness, but had trouble finding a publisher – there was disbelief that a woman could be living the life she described. She started sending manuscripts out under the name Grant Madison, and much of her nature writing, including her first book, River for My Sidewalk, came out under this name. ("Grant Madison" also wrote about women's issues in articles such as "Can You Marry and Live".)

In 1947, Douglas' mountain cabin was destroyed by fire. Once again without a home, she bought a 138-acre waterfront homestead on Cortes Island sight unseen and moved there in 1948 with her fourth husband. The marriage ended in 1954 but Gilean Douglas lived there until her death in 1993. Channel Rock became the "protected place" from which she drew inspiration, where she composed her words, grew her food and participated in community.

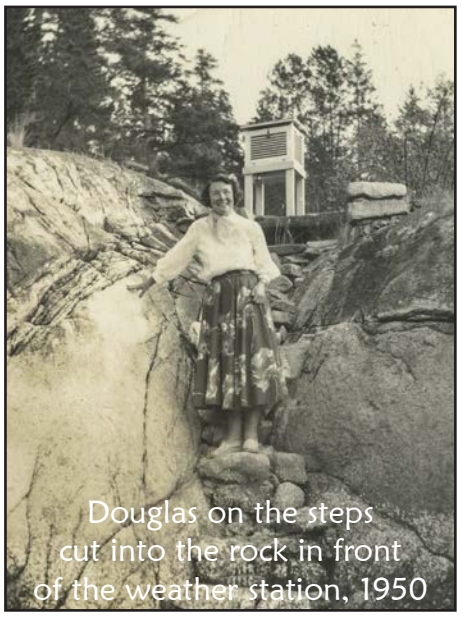
When Douglas arrived, less than four hundred people lived on Cortes. Channel Rock, which to this day can be reached only by walking trail or boat, was isolated even by island standards

The three-room cabin had no electricity or hot running water; there was an outhouse but no bathroom. A trail through tall fir trees led to a large garden and orchard. Douglas, a skilful gardener, grew much of her own food as well as produce and plants to sell.

Douglas' mornings at Channel Rock were dedicated to writing, no matter what else was happening in her life. She was as a writer from the earliest age – her first poem appeared in a newspaper when she was seven years old – and her decades on Cortes saw the publication of three books of nature writing (two of them dating from her years in the mountains) and eight books of poetry. Starting in the 1960s, her writing focused increasingly on her life at Channel Rock. From 1961 until 1992, she wrote a monthly column, "Nature Rambles", for the Victoria Times Colonist. These columns were the source of her book about her life on Cortes, The Protected Place, published in 1979.

Douglass dressed for the trail, 1950

Though she cherished the solitude of her life at Channel Rock, Douglas had a strong ethic of public service and took an active part in community life. In 1969 the arrival of ferry service and hydro brought great changes to the island, and Douglas began to channel her energies into local politics. She served as the island's representative on the Regional Board from 1968 to 1978 and played an important role in charting the land use policies designed to guide development. Not surprisingly, her sense of custodianship of the land led her to be an advocate for environmental protection and conservation. As a member of local government as well as through her writing, Douglas hoped to inspire the love and concern for the natural world that would lead to its protection.



Douglas on the steps cut into the rock in front of the weather station, 1950

Douglas' ideas of respect for nature, conservation and voluntary simplicity anticipated attitudes current today, and she found new friends and allies in the young people who began moving to the island in the 1970s as part of the back to the land movement. "I like these young people very much, and many of the things they believe I believe also. As I tell them, I am so glad that the world is catching up with me! What they are practicing of simple green-earth living, organic eating and peaceful, friendly ways, I have believed in all my life," she wrote in her 1970 Christmas letter.

In her last years, Douglas' thoughts turned increasingly to preserving the nature which sustained her, especially her beloved home ground of Channel Rock. The year before she died, Douglas finalized the sale of Channel Rock to buyers who agreed to her strict conservation covenants. Today Channel Rock is an off-grid coastal retreat and conservancy with a beautiful permaculture garden where her vision lives on.

[To find out more about Gilean Douglas, visit the Cortes Island Museum. The Archives is home to the Gilean Douglas fonds, a large collection of papers, manuscripts and photographs created by Douglas, and the Gift Shop has books by and about Gilean Douglas for sale.]

Written by Jill Milton, a long time resident of Cortes Island, a good friend of Gilean Douglas and the Literary Executor for Douglas's estate.

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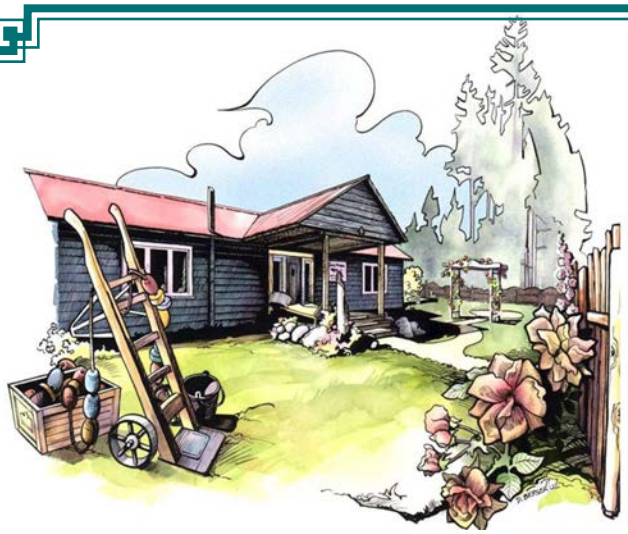

Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society

957 Beasley Road
Box 422 Mansons Landing BC V0P 1K0

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Summer Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.
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www.cortesmuseum.ca

Want to know where the best beaches or hiking trails are?

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The Museum hosts a Tourist/Visitor Information Booth with maps, brochures and magazines (available always on the covered porch)

The **Museum Building** is history itself. It served as the local store next to the dock at Manson's Landing from 1940 until 1995 after the lagoon area was designated as a Provincial Park. The old store building was fitted with wheels, pulled up the hill and installed on a corner of Firehall No. 1 property.

Exhibits showcase the **History of Cortes Island** and include a pioneer kitchen, local birds & mammals, a fishboat model, **First Nations Artifacts** and stories, plus photos from homesteading settlers. The Von Donop Shed in the garden stores a variety of logging equipment used in earlier days on Cortes. New feature exhibits are installed each year. A permanent display of the whole island is being compiled and developed.

The **Museum Shop** sells books, art cards, CDs, and some local art and handcrafts. In addition, the Museum's Comfy Corner has many albums of old photographs and stories from early settlers. Come in, relax, and browse.

The Museum sponsors **Special Events** such as "**Walks and Talks**" and "**The Creative Spaces - Gardens, Studios & Workshops**" tour in mid-June that are advertised on local bulletin boards, and in the weekly Cortes Marketer.

The Museum's **Heritage Garden** preserves pioneer plants. Heritage roses transplanted from old homesteads bloom with other plants such as wisteria, and old-time apple trees. This garden reflects settlement history on Cortes, featuring a range of plants introduced to island gardens before the 1950s. It's a fragrant and colourful place to rest and "set awhile" on benches or a picnic table.

Come sail with us on historic cruises. The Museum Society offers exciting **Cruises in Desolation Sound** waters aboard the charter vessel ***Misty Isles***, owned by Cortes residents Samantha and Mike Moore. From May to September this 43-foot motor schooner sets out on different one or 2-day adventures into the stunningly beautiful waters surrounding Cortes Island. Skipper and naturalist Mike Moore offers fascinating background details and entertains guests with First Nations legends and tales of early European exploration. For details on these summer trips, see local bulletin boards and publications or www.cortesmuseum.ca. Phone or visit the Museum for details or to register.

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Wed, June 3	Sat, June 6	Sat, Aug 15	Wed, June 17	Wed, Aug 12
Mon, June 8	Mon, June 15	Thurs, Aug 20	Wed, June 24	Fri, Aug 21

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Wed, July 2	Sat, Jun 20	Mon, Aug 24	Sun, June 28	Wed, Aug 26
Wed, June 17	Tue June 23	Sat, Aug 29	Wed, July1	Sun, Aug 30
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ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS!

The Cortes Island Museum and Misty Isles Adventures team up to offer these spectacular natural and human history tours!!

- May 22 & June 13th. The flowers are in bloom as the sea-lions growl on Mitlenatch! Mating gulls and nesting cormorants- this island is a happening place! $120 Tax included.
- June 21st. Departing from Cortes Bay, Misty Isles will cruise through Desolation Sound enroute to Dinner at the Laughing Oyster Restaurant. Bring Dad along for Father's Day, the longest day of the year! Cost is $95 Tax included for transport only. Guests pay for their own meal at the restaurant.
- July 29th. The tides are right this day for Misty Isles to navigate the famous tidal rapids of Surge Narrows and The Hole In The Wall as we circumnavigate Maurelle Island. With its narrow channels and backdrop of mountains, this is a beautiful area to explore. $120 Tax included.
- July 31st, A low tide exploration of the extensive reefs between Hernando and Savary Islands on this 0.6 metre tide. Mike will wear his snorkel gear to bring up creatures from the depths. Bring rubber boots and your curiosity! $120 Tax included.
- Aug 6th, Desolation Sound Wrangellia Geology. Stories of tectonic collision, upheaval, glaciation, isostatic rebound, xenoliths, dykes and the forces that shaped our coastal home. $120 Tax included.
- Aug 14th & Sept 10th, During late summer, the hundreds of yachts that visit Desolation Sound begin to head home and peace returns to this area of soaring mountains and warm waters. Captain Mike tells stories of the First Nations people, explorers and pioneers. $120 Tax incl.
- Aug 22-23rd, First Nations pictographs reflect echoes of the past. Over two days, we will look at some examples of Coast Salish rock art in the Desolation Sound area.

Call the Museum at (250) 936-6340 or email cimas@twincomm.ca to register.

OYSTERS

Cortes Island is known for its excellent oysters. The species native to this area, the Olympia oyster (*Ostrea conchaphila)*, smaller and slower growing, was replaced by the Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*) brought here from Japan some 80 years ago.

Habitat

Oysters can be found in intertidal areas attached to the rocks, animal shells, or to any submerged structure. They can live in sheltered waters up to 40 m deep. Larvae often settle on the shell of adults, and great masses of oysters can grow together to form **oyster reefs.** The optimum salinity for Pacific oysters is between 20 and 35 parts per thousand (Cortes has about 30 count). They are also very temperature tolerant and can withstand a range from -2 to 35°C. The trend in oyster culture is off bottom growing, by using ropes suspended from the rafts or floats.

Life cycle and Sex

Adult oysters reach their reproductive prime at about 3 years of age. In order for an oyster to spawn, they must eat naturally occurring phytoplankton in the water column and invest that energy into creating a gonad, which will be either eggs or sperm.

Oysters usually reach maturity in one year. They are hermaphroditic. During their first year, they spawn as males by releasing sperm into the water. As they grow over the next two years and develop greater energy reserves, they spawn as females by releasing eggs. An increase in water temperature to about 20°C (68 °F) prompts a few oysters to spawn. This triggers spawning in the rest, clouding the water with millions of eggs and sperm. A single female oyster can produce up to 100 million eggs annually. The eggs become fertilized in the water and develop into larvae. Larvae are tiny ovoid creatures (1/15 mm long), floating in the water current. In about two weeks they develop a foot, with which they attach (glue) themselves to a suitable location. The larvae then undergo a complete metamorphosis of internal anatomy and become what we call spat: oysters less than 25 mm (1") long.

Traditionally, oysters are considered to be an **aphrodisiac.** They are rich in amino acids that trigger increased levels of sex hormones. Their high zinc content aids the production of testosterone.

Our Brent Petkau (The Oysterman, <www.theoysterman.com>) recommends the Royal Courtesans, so affectionately harvested by him in waters around Cortes Island.

The oyster is considered by some ethicists to be an appropriate food choice for those concerned with animal rights, arguing it is acceptable to eat oysters due to their **lack of a central nervous system** and the generally sustainable and environmentally friendly way in which they are raised and harvested. Regarding environmental impact, 95% of oysters are sustainably farmed and harvested, feed on plankton (very low on the food chain), and in fact improve the marine environment by removing toxins. As such, farmed oysters are listed as a "Best Choice" (highest rating) on the Seafood Watch list.

The oyster spat start to feed and put all of their energy into shell growth by secreting calcium carbonate obtained from the water column. The oyster becomes a juvenile at one year of age, and officially becomes an adult at year three *(so, they may have a drink now!)*. Oysters on a beach typically grow up to an inch per year. This is dependent on salinity, the quality of the water column and the amount of plankton feed available. In higher salinity areas, oyster tend to grow faster. Generally, food abundance triggers oysters to develop female gonads, otherwise - male. Male oysters are smaller in size.

Potpourri

Oysters are filter feeders, drawing water in over their gills. Suspended plankton and particles are trapped in the gills and transported to the mouth, where they are eaten, digested, and expelled as feces. Oysters feed most actively at temperatures above 10 °C (50 °F). An oyster can filter up to 5 L of water per hour. Oyster filtration can mitigate pollutants in the water, i.e. reduce excess sediment, nutrients, and algae blooming.

Multiple studies have shown individual oysters are capable of filtering up to 50 gallons of water per day, and thus oyster reefs can significantly improve water quality and clarity.

It is estimated that one acre *[e.g. 100 x 40 m stretch of a low tide beach]* can produce nearly 750,000 oysters, which could filter up to 150,000 m^3 of water daily *[providing a full daily filtration for the sample area at an assumed 2 m average depth].*

Assimilation of nitrogen and phosphorus into shellfish tissues provides an opportunity to remove these nutrients from the environment.

Despite filtering large amounts of water to feed and breathe (exchange O_2 and CO_2 with water), oysters are not permanently open. They regularly shut their valves to enter a resting state, even when they are permanently submersed. In fact their behavior follows very strict rhythms according to the relative moon and sun positions. During neap tides (smallest height difference between high and low tide), they exhibit much longer closing periods than during the spring tides (the sun and moon are aligned causing the greatest tide diference).

Common oyster predators include crabs, sea birds, sea stars, racoons, and humans. Unharvested Pacific oyster can live up to 30 years and reach 40 cm (16") in length.

Food

Unlike most shellfish, oysters can have a fairly long shelf life of over one week. However, their taste becomes less pleasant as they age. Oysters should be refrigerated out of water, not frozen, and in 100% humidity (covered with a damp towel or cloth; the round cup side of the oyster should face down). Oysters stored in water under refrigeration **will open**, consume available oxygen, and die.

Oysters should be eaten alive, or cooked alive. The shells of live oysters are normally tightly closed or snap shut given a slight tap. **If the shell is open, the oyster is dead, and cannot be eaten safely.** Some dead oysters, or oyster shells which are full of sand may be closed. These make a distinctive noise when tapped, and are known as 'clackers'. Cooking oysters in the shell kills the oysters and causes the shells to open by themselves.

Oysters can be eaten on the half shell, raw, smoked, boiled, baked, fried, roasted, stewed, canned, pickled, steamed, or broiled, or used in a variety of drinks. Eating can be as simple as opening the shell and eating the contents, including juice. Butter, salt, and hot sauce are often added. In the case of oysters Rockefeller, preparation can be very elaborate. They are sometimes served on edible seaweed, such as brown algae.

To France, with love

In 1968 and 1969, the entire stock of France's native oysters (Portuguese type) was ravaged by gill diseases and pollution to near extinction (the Torrey Canyon oil tanker spill disaster in English Channel, March 1969). In desperation, they started looking for a strain resistant type with which to rebuild their industry. Finally, in 1972, they came to the best place - to Cortes Island for our Pacific oyster.

Over the next year or two, some forty locals were participating, collecting oysters in Gorge Harbour, scrubbing and packaging them in 70 lb sacks. *"Robbie Graham would haul a semi-trailer load to Vancouver, then return for a second load while the first was being treated with a formaldehyde solution to kill flat worms. There were strict time constraints with stiff penalties for late delivery, so every shipment was delivered precisely on time. It took two semi-trailer loads - 1100 bags for a total of 77,000 lb of oysters- to make up half a load on a DC-8 bound for France via the polar route."* The other half was needed for extra fuel.

In all, 200 tonnes of oysters were successfully delivered this way from Cortes (at 96% survival rate!), and the French were very successful in breeding - the oysters that is. Over 90% of their most famous aphrodisiac originated from Cortes Island.

Care should be taken when consuming oysters. Purists insist on eating them raw, with no dressing save perhaps lemon juice, vinegar, or cocktail sauce.

Be aware that oysters can contain harmful bacteria - they are filter feeders, so will naturally concentrate anything present in the surrounding water. The rule of thumb - "don't eat them if there is no 'R' in the month" - is somewhat helpful, as the taste is not great then (spawning season) and the probability of poisonous contamination increases substantially (warmer waters).

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- Harvest when the oysters are still underwater, or on a receding (outgoing) tide
- Refrigerate immediately after harvesting; use ice pack and a cooler (less than 4°C) till that time

Eating raw shellfish increases the risk of infection. Cooking shellfish will destroy harmful organisms and prevent illness, however will not destroy some toxins like Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning from Red Tide.

Opening oysters, referred to as **oyster-shucking**, requires skill. The preferred method is to use a special oyster knife with a relatively thick and long blade, typically 8 cm (3") or more, to slide in between the closed shells to sever the muscle holding the shells shut. Heavy gloves are necessary; apart from the knife, the shell itself can be razor sharp. Whereas professional shuckers require less than 3 seconds to open the shell, some non-professional eaters need even less than that to swallow the oyster...

[To find more, visit Cortes Island Museum for a collection of books, photographs and past exhibit material on shellfish of Cortes.]

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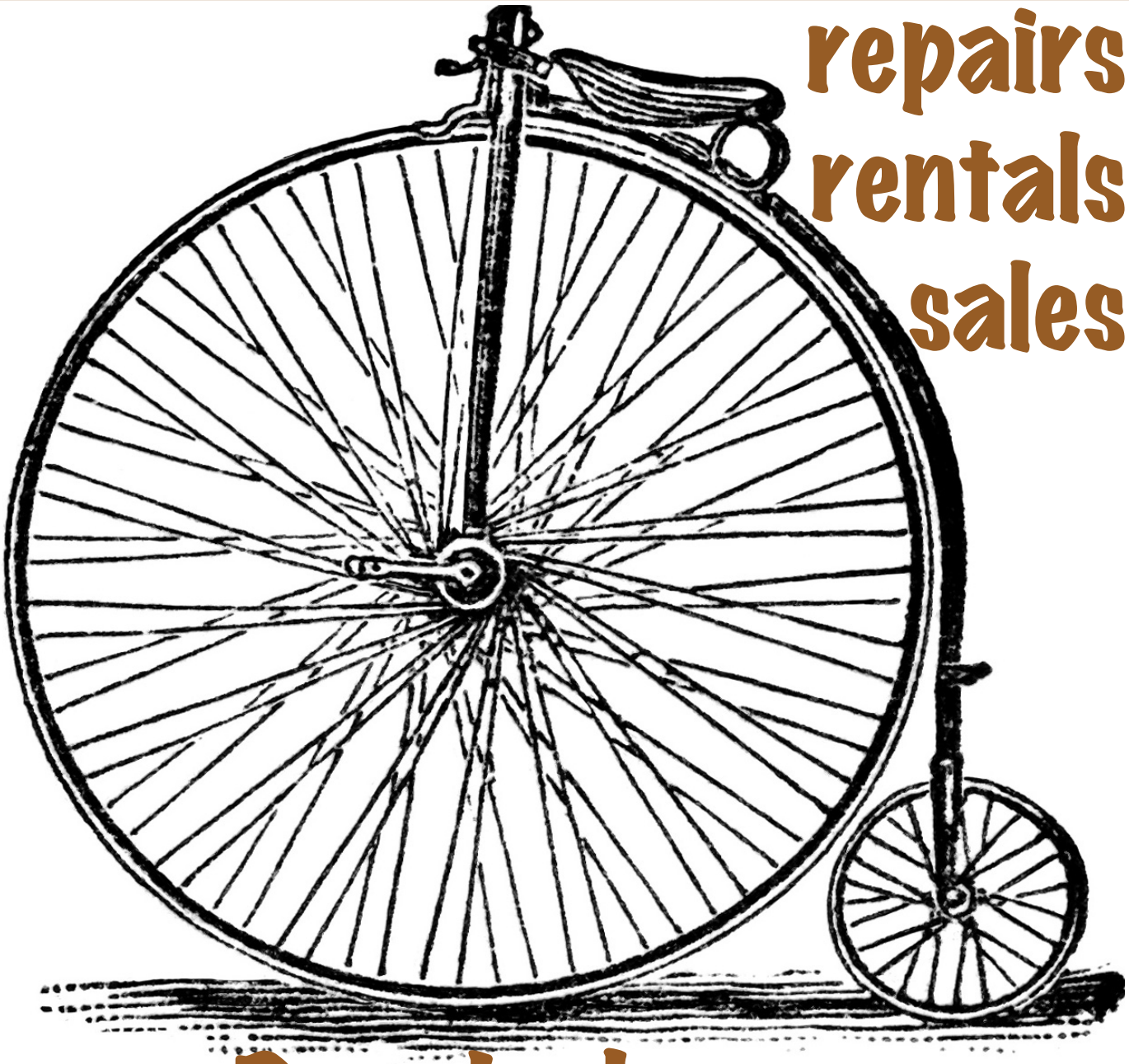

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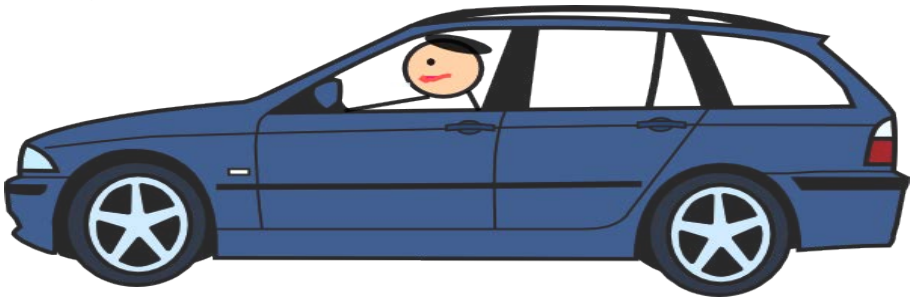

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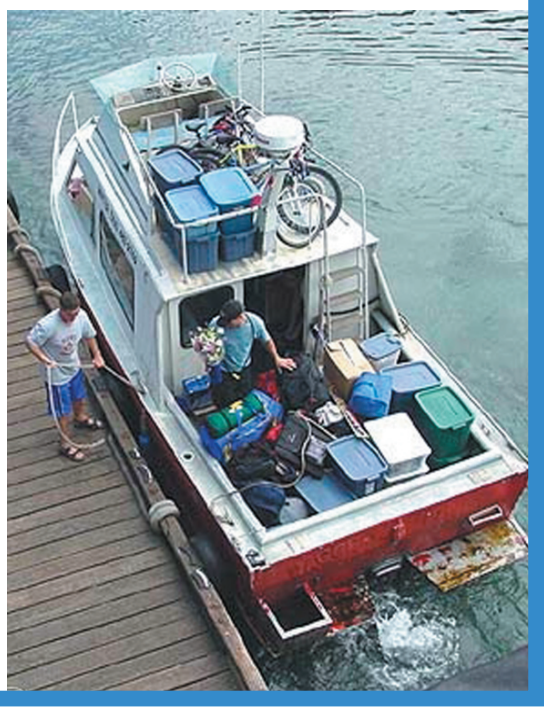

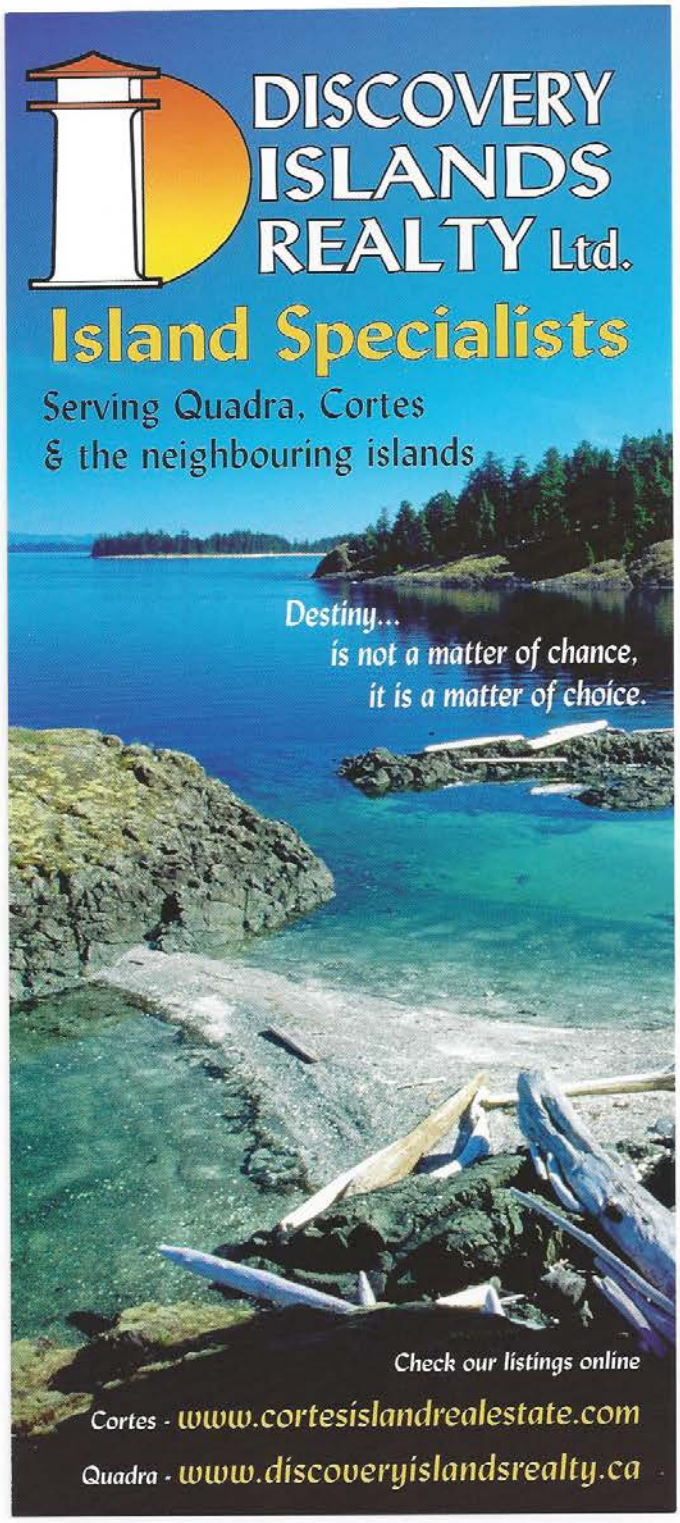

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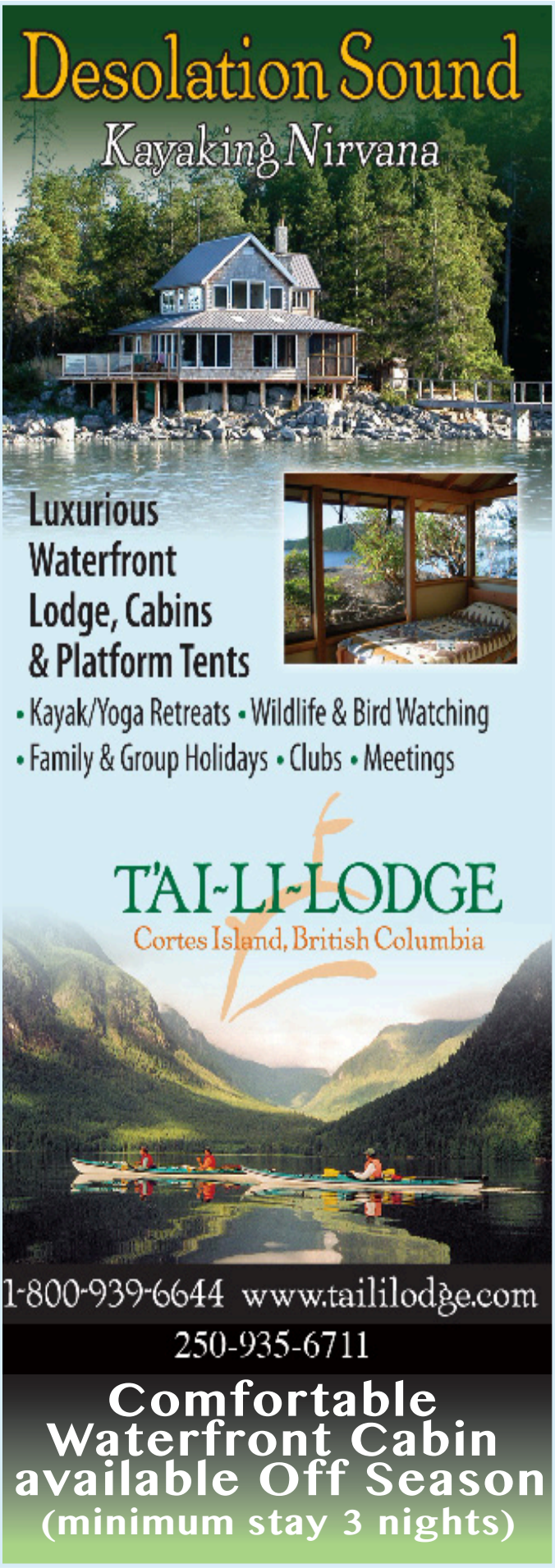

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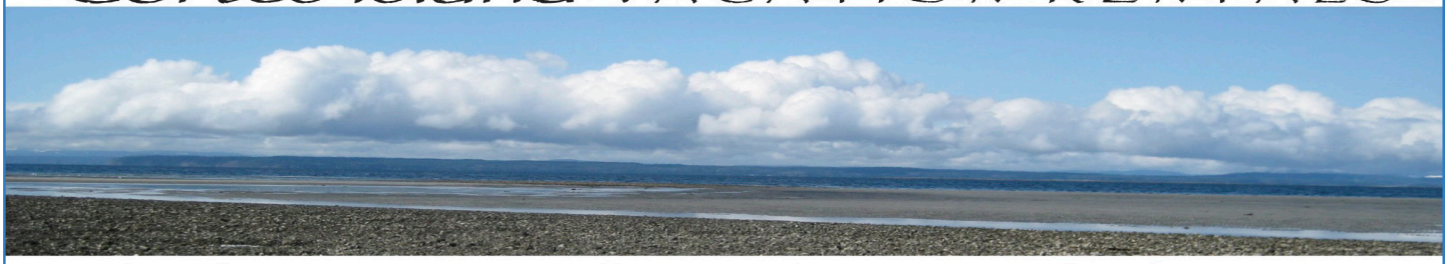

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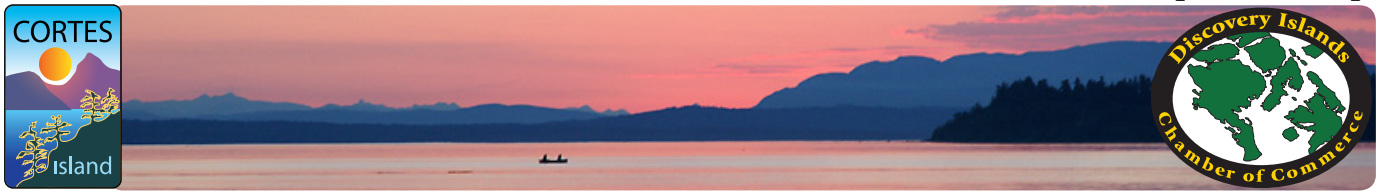

CIBAT, a committee of Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce, is a community group formed to drive economic and holistic community development and to initiate activities that promote business and the island as a whole.

"Our goal is to promote Cortes Island as a year round tourist destination that leaves visitors with a positive experience while supporting a vibrant local economy. We represent a variety of rental accommodations, eco-tourism providers, shops, restaurants, grocery stores, marinas, and other services that cater to visitors."

The success of this non-profit organization in creating a stronger economic future for our island depends on diverse and active membership of all local businesses.
For general information, maps, photos, trip planning, accommodations, dining, excursions, shopping and MORE, plus a schedule of events and festivals, check Cortes Island Business and Tourism at
<www.ourCortes.com>
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or at the Information Centre at the Cortes Island Museum in Mansons Landing (250-935-6340).

These businesses made the information book possible.
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Past Issues
(Collect Them All)

Two species of frogs live on Cortes Island:

The **Pacific Chorus Frog** (also known as Tree Frog) *Pseudocaris regilla* (formerly *Hyla regilla*) is a locally common small frog of highly variable colouration (from bright green to beige and brown), best recognized by its black eyestripe. It is a good climber and spends much of its time in shrubs and trees. During breeding season, it can be found in a variety of aquatic habitats and, sometimes, in great numbers. The breeding call of the Chorus Frog is very loud and is the most frequently used "tropical jungle sound" in Hollywood movies.

It is presently not considered of conservation concern.

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The **Northern Red-legged** Frog *Rana aurora* is a medium sized reddish brown frog, deriving its name from the red colour on the underside of its hindlegs.

It prefers shaded bodies of water and does not congregate in large numbers. Its breeding call is seldom heard, since, curiously, it is emitted as a low-pitched stutter while the frog is underwater.

It has been declining over much of its range and is blue-listed in BC and considered of special concern by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC).

Cortes Island used to have a fair-sized population of **Western Toads** *Anaxyrus boreas* (formerly *Bufo boreas*), but no more. The species is in decline in a variety of places, mainly NW USA, but, obviously, also in parts of BC. It is yellow-listed and considered of some conservation concern.