

The Coast Salish Story (1974-2025)

Much of this history was collected in a series of virtual interviews with BC Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island and Washington State paddlers Scott Borle, Ruth Matson, Ron Dickinson, Mike Billy Sr, Ivan Wayne Morris, Dave Oreiro, and Grace Morissette. Additional details were provided by various False Creek Racing Canoe Club (FCRCC) and Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club (JOCC) alumni and many other individuals with familiarity of the events of the early years of outrigger canoeing in Canada. Official records on Results for Canada / California / Hawaii / IPCF / IVF events prior to 2000 are becoming increasingly difficult to locate in order to confirm historical events / results.

A first preface about the structure / content of this document. This document, as is the case with all CORA Club / Region Legacy Documents, contains a chapter dedicated to each canoe club that has embraced outrigger canoeing, even if that canoe club does not own any six-person outrigger canoes. Each chapter has a set of sections: Background / Overview / History; Outrigger and/or War (Indigenous) Canoe Fleet; Outrigger Canoe and/or War (Indigenous) Canoe Events; Venues; Achievements / Milestones; Luminaries (optional). These CORA Club / Region Legacy Documents are about the contributions by clubs / individuals towards the growth of outrigger canoeing in Canada. Although this document covers each Coast Salish First Nations canoe club that has embraced outrigger canoeing, the Coast Salish First Nations may have a long / storied history with regards to war (Indigenous) canoeing. The focus in this document is about how war (Indigenous) canoe racing led to contributions by Coast Salish First Nations towards outrigger canoeing.

A second preface about the organization of this document. Each of the chapters about the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs indicates the Coast Salish First Nations canoe club name and a First Nation that the Coast Salish First Nations canoe club may or may not be associated with. This portrayal may be true for many of the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs, but not necessarily true for all of them. It is recognized that there are crews (Team Cascadia, Team FreeLance, Team Pacific Northwest, Ninjas) who are not necessarily affiliated with a particular outrigger canoe club, yet have paddlers from various outrigger canoe clubs and manage to secure outrigger canoes for races on an as needed basis. As the content of this document evolves, we will endeavour to clarify whether a Coast Salish First Nations canoe club is associated with or sponsored by a particular First Nation, or whether they are a Coast Salish First Nations canoe club consisting of like-minded individuals from various walks of life.

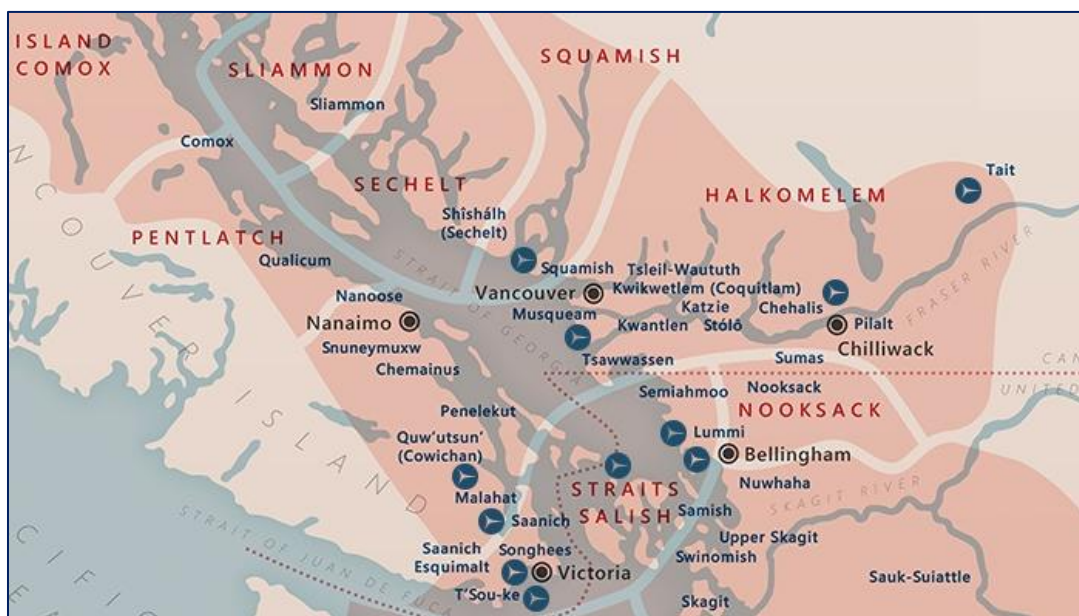
A third preface about the precedence of this document. There are chapters for 11 Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation is the first chapter. There are several reasons for this:

- Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation is first on the geographical progression around the Salish Sea.
- Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation has been participating in war canoe racing since at least 1974 (as per available documentation) and has been a dominant club on the war canoe racing circuit.
- Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation has been participating in international outrigger canoe racing since at least the mid-1980s (as per available documentation) and this includes attending Molokai Hoe and IPCF / IVF World Sprints Championships events from the mid-1980s.
- Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation has been participating in Pacific Northwest outrigger canoe racing since at least 2011 (as per available documentation) and this includes CORA Cup Series Championships events as well as PNWORCA Winter Series Small Boat Racing events.
- Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation has gone to great lengths to have their canoeing achievements published.

A noteworthy observation from the CORA Historical Committee in compiling this CORA Legacy document, has been the prevalence of youth engagement / development among the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs. There is a multi-generational aspect to the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs that has seen ongoing and increasing participation by youth paddlers in outrigger canoeing events. Very few CORA Clubs have youth engagement / development programs, yet the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs continue to foster participation by youths in war canoeing and outrigger canoeing events.

In March 2008, the Stz'uminus First Nation representative George Harris proposed renaming the nearby Strait of Georgia as the Salish Sea, an idea that reportedly met with approval by BC's Aboriginal Relations Minister Mike de Jong, who pledged to put it before the BC cabinet for discussion. Renaming would require a formal application to the Geographical Names Board of Canada. The name was formally adopted as of the Throne Speech opening the BC Legislature on February 9, 2010. The Salish Sea name has been used by the Coast Salish Gathering, a trans-boundary organization of Coast Salish leaders, since 2007. The Salish Sea name was originally proposed by Bert Webber from Bellingham, Washington in March, 1989, for the Strait of Georgia, Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca and all adjoining waters. [001]

The term "Coast Salish" refers to a language family, including two dozen distinct languages and many dialects, and is used to indicate the cultural group of Indigenous peoples who speak or spoke these languages. The Coast Salish-speaking peoples have lived in what is present-day western Washington and southwestern British Columbia for more than 10,000 years. Their geographic territory includes the lands bordering the Salish Sea - Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, Gulf Islands, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the Strait of Georgia - as well as the Pacific coast of Washington and northern Oregon. Each tribal group has its own name for themselves. Many tribal names today, such as Tulalip and Muckleshoot, refer to reservations where peoples from many different tribal groups have come together to live. [002]



Adapted from Salishan Languages Map by Deborah Reade. Original map by Deborah Reade for the Stonington Gallery with later modifications based on research by Barbara Brotherton for the Seattle Art Museum.

The Coast Salish peoples are a group of ethnically and linguistically related Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast, living in the Canadian province of British Columbia and the US states of Washington and Oregon. They speak the Coast Salish languages and Tsamosan languages. The term "Coast Salish" is used to refer to the speakers of fourteen contiguous Salishan languages on the western coast of North America. This definition sometimes extends to include the nearby communities of speakers of the Salishan languages Tillamook and Nuxalk. [003]

The Stó:lō, alternately written as Sto:lo, Stó:lō, or Stó:lō, historically as Staulo, Stalo or Stahlo, and historically known and commonly referred to in ethnographic literature as the Lower Fraser Salish, are a group of First Nations peoples inhabiting the Fraser Valley and lower Fraser Canyon of British Columbia, Canada, part of the loose grouping of Coast Salish nations. Stó:lō is the Halqemeylem word for "river", so the Stó:lō are the river people. The first documented reference to these people as "the Stó:lō" occurs in Catholic Oblate missionary records from the 1880s. Prior to this, references were primarily to individual tribal groups such as Matsqui, Ts'elxweyeqw, or Sumas. [004] [005]

The "Coast Salish Region" for the purposes of this story is defined as encompassing all Coast Salish paddling venues on Vancouver Island, Vancouver Coastal, and Fraser Valley that have embraced outrigger canoeing.

Coast Salish Paddling Clubs

The club legacies that CORA had compiled in past years had been very much about individual clubs (False Creek, Lotus, Jericho, Penticton, Ocean River, Comox, Pemberton) with some "cross-over" references to other canoe clubs where there were connections. The "*Coast Salish Legacy*" is quite different. There is much literature that connects Vancouver Island / BC Lower Mainland under a "*Coast Salish Region*" such that the Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs from this area (Vancouver Island / BC Lower Mainland) - even though there are long distances between Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs - should be combined into a collective "*Coast Salish Legacy*" document. The connections between these Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs - war (Indigenous) canoe races, tribal canoe journeys, outrigger canoe racing - all form threads through these Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs. This chronicle has a "Chapter" individually for each Coast Salish First Nations canoe club that has embraced outrigger canoeing, within this document the "*Coast Salish Legacy*".

Roots / Threads / Chapters

This chronicle is intended to capture unwritten history of outrigger canoeing in the "*Coast Salish Region*" from 1974-2025, as records from prior to 2000 are becoming more and more scarce. The history of outrigger canoeing in the "*Coast Salish Region*" is linked with the steadily increasing participation by Coast Salish individuals / crews in Pacific Northwest outrigger canoe racing events, the steadily increasing participation by Coast Salish individuals / crews in international outrigger canoe racing events, and the acquisition of outrigger canoes by Coast Salish First Nations. There are sixteen paths / threads / chapters that converged to lead to the development of outrigger canoeing in the "*Coast Salish Region*".



Please note that the eleven chapters on Coast Salish First Nations canoe clubs are based on a geographical progression. The story begins at southern Vancouver Island to cover Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) and Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC). The story then travels northward along the east coast of Vancouver Island to cover Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) at Chemainus, then Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) and Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) at Nanaimo. The story then travels across the Salish Sea via the Straight of Georgia to cover North Van Canoe Club (NVCC). The story then travels up the Fraser River to Chilliwack and the Harrison River and Cultus Lake to cover River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC), Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF), Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC), Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC), and Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC). [011]

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10. **North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation**
11. **River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) / Skwah Nation**
12. **Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) / Sts'ailes Nation**
13. **Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) / Skowkale Nation**
14. **Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) / Sumas Nation**
15. **Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) / Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe**
16. **Team Coast Salish**

War (Indigenous) Canoe Races Chapter

The name "war canoe" was used by travellers going back as far as the 1500s. Spanish, Portuguese, French, British, and other explorers used it basically any time they saw a bunch of Indigenous men in a big canoe. For decades, paddling regattas across Canada have featured an official event called war canoe, in which 14 crewmates kneel and paddle as one in a long boat, with the coxswain standing and steering at the back. Nine lanes of canoes, fifteen athletes rest on one knee, paddling with fierce determination as they make their way to the finish line. While technically called C15, this Canadian sport is more commonly called war canoe. Canada has the only National Sport Organization (NSO) with a war canoe event. It doesn't exist in any international competitions. Traditional Indigenous versions of "war canoe" are very different from the version sanctioned by Canoe Kayak Canada, the sport's national governing body. Canoe Kayak Canada's war canoe and Indigenous "war canoe" are completely separate practices. Indigenous "war canoe" is not standardized and isn't necessarily about competition. Each Indigenous practice is unique to the family and the culture. [101]

It is hard to imagine the magnitude of one of the earliest canoe races documented, held in New Westminster in 1865 by Frederick Seymour (governor of the Colony of British Columbia) to honour Queen Victoria's birthday. On the Queen of England's birthday in 1864 Frederick Seymour, BC's first governor of the united mainland and Vancouver Island colonies, ordered all Indigenous nations to gather in New Westminster and participate in a war canoe race, which later became an annual event. An estimated 3500 arrived in hundreds of canoes. While the Indian Act prevented Indigenous peoples from gathering and participating in potlatch ceremonies and other group events, annual war canoe races were permitted since they were viewed as being in line with colonial sports and competitions. Colonizers considered canoe racing to be a sport, not a cultural activity. For Indigenous peoples, the canoe remained a spiritual practice on water and beyond. Since travelling and gathering are essential elements of Indigenous culture, it is unsurprising that canoe racing increased during assimilation. Canoe racing, which is integral to Coast Salish culture, existed before colonization but became formalized in the late-19th century as entertainment for white spectators. During the potlatch ban that lasted more than 60 years, war canoe races allowed First Nations to gather and socialize. [102] [103]

Every year, canoe races are held across the Mainland, Vancouver Island and Washington State and paddlers gather in First Nations communities and clubs from around the region to compete in a variety of races celebrating culture, inspiring generations, and thrilling hundreds of spectators. Many canoe clubs are closely tied to a First Nation or are made up of members from nearby First Nations. There is no age limit for competitors with races often grouped in age category heats. People watching a race from the beach cheer on their favourite club by calling out the name of the canoe they have in that race. They also cheer for the canoes that are coming in last, encouraging them to keep going. [104]



War canoe races are a seasonal rite of passage where neighbouring Indigenous communities come together in a series of races that are both friendly competition and a connection to the past. The 2025 race schedule was made up of 20 events which started in May and ran through September. To help competitors get to those races, BC Ferries provided \$10,000 dollars in travel. It was one of the larger in-kind travel donations offered under the company's community investment program. The war canoe races offer a glimpse into what is a much longer, and deeper relationship with the war canoe. They were the main source of transportation connecting coastal communities to the mainland and were integral for hunting and fishing. BC Ferries invests in non-profit groups and community organizations to generate a beneficial social and environmental impact. BC Ferries engages coastal communities and employees to identify community and social investment opportunities in environmental education, health and sport, and vibrant communities. Depending on the

initiative, BC Ferries may provide in-kind travel, partner with non-profit organizations on the delivery of programs and services, or encourage employees to volunteer and participate. [105] [106] [107] [108]

Both the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) and the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Racing Canoe Association (PNWORCA) recognize that there are challenges for members who embrace both outrigger canoe racing and dragon boat racing, given that there is much overlap between the outrigger canoe racing and dragon boat racing circuits. This means that quite often, outrigger canoe event organizers will recognize that potential participants will have to choose between attending an outrigger canoe racing event or a dragon boat racing event on the same date. Both the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) and the Pacific Northwest Outrigger Racing Canoe Association (PNWORCA) recognize that there are challenges for members who embrace both outrigger canoe racing and war canoe racing, given that there is much overlap between the outrigger canoe racing and war canoe racing circuits. This means that quite often, outrigger canoe event organizers will recognize that potential participants will have to choose between attending an outrigger canoe racing event or a war canoe racing event on the same date. This overlap between outrigger canoe racing and dragon boat racing circuits occurs in both Eastern Canada and Western Canada. But this overlap between outrigger canoe racing and dragon boat racing and war canoe racing circuits is most prevalent in the Pacific Northwest where there has been a full set of outrigger canoe racing and dragon boat racing and war canoe racing events for many years from May through September.

Tribal Canoe Journeys Chapter

The resurgence of Tribal Canoe Journeys began alongside Expo 1986 under the leadership of Frank Brown of the Heiltsuk Nation. It is a voyage that brings together paddlers from all walks of life across generations. Canoe families represent unique nations and voyage nation-to-nation in an act of cultural continuity that transcends imposed colonial boundaries. [151]

The revival of the Annual Tribal Canoe Journeys happened during the Centennial celebration for Washington State and the highways of the ancestors have been re-opened with annual Tribal Canoe Journeys. It was during this time in 1989 that Mr. Frank Brown of the Heiltsuk Nation (Bella Bella) challenged all canoes to *Paddle to Bella Bella* in BC. Each year, nations along the west coast of what is now called North America respond to the call from the host nation to come to celebrate, to feast, and to share culture. Each year, nations cross the invisible international boundary that settler-colonial governments erected between relatives. Borders have become imaginary lines that demarcate territories, at the same time that they are violent spaces that affirm imperialism, dispossession, and discriminatory practices of belonging within nation-states. Before each canoe family lands at their final destination, they honor traditional protocol by requesting permission from each host nation to come ashore. Over the journey, nations come together in celebration of cultures, feasting together and sharing songs and dances. [152]



The Tribal Canoe Journey traces its roots to July 1989, when 15 Tribes completed the first modern-day *Paddle to Seattle*, arriving at Golden Gardens Park as part of Washington State's centennial celebrations. The event, initiated by Emmett Oliver of the Quinault Indian Nation, aimed to revive traditional canoe travel, honor ancestral pathways, and strengthen intertribal connections. Since then, over 30 Tribal Canoe Journeys have been held, each hosted by a different Nation. [153]

In July 2025, Stz'uminus First Nation welcomed seven ocean-going canoes as part of the annual Tribal Canoe Journey, a cultural tradition that has united Indigenous coastal nations for decades. Community members gathered on the shores to greet the canoe families, who had paddled for almost 6 hours from Snuneymuxw. [154]

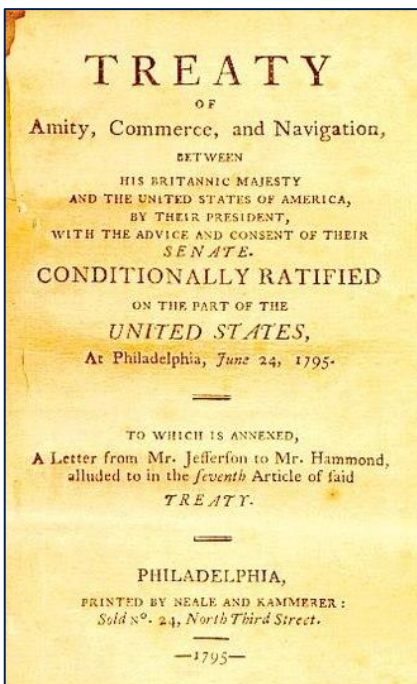
Pulling Together Canoe Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing understanding between Public Service Agencies and Indigenous Peoples by canoeing the traditional highways of rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. The Pulling Together Canoe Society organizes and helps First Nations throughout BC host and plan the annual Pulling Together Canoe Journey. The journeys and other events are designed to bring people together, foster cultural exchange, and promote outdoor activities. The Pulling Together Canoe Journey has been hosted by dozens of different First Nations throughout BC. Each one brings a bit of their own culture and protocols to the journey and outstanding hospitality. The Pulling Together Canoe Journey was inspired by the 1997 Vision Quest Journey along the BC West Coast, which saw Indigenous Peoples and the RCMP visiting Indigenous communities along the way. Since 2001, Indigenous communities have partnered with police and other provincial and federal agencies, including RCMP, the Vancouver Police Department, and the Royal Canadian Navy, for the Pulling Together Canoe Journey. [161] [162] [163] [164]



Canoe Builders Chapter

Although this legacy document focuses on Coast Salish First Nations that have embraced outrigger canoeing, it is important to note that the rich heritage of War (Indigenous) Canoes building has experienced a revival in recent decades, as only a handful of Native men had the skills to build a good War (Indigenous) Canoe for battle in races. The sections on North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Events and North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Luminaries provide background and references on how Mike Billy Sr of Squamish Nation (North Vancouver Canoe Club), who is also a seventh-generation master carver, and Dickie Louis, from Musqueam Nation (Celtic Sunset Canoe Club), have contributed to the revival of War (Indigenous) Canoe building. It is also known that Keith Point worked with Western Canoeing and Kayaking, and used fiber glass and canoe building in his repertoire and became very good at making War (Indigenous) Canoe paddles and contemporary single and double bend outrigger paddles out of cedar for many paddlers and crews. It is believed that the first laminated canoes came out of the Rainbow Canoe Club with the late Peter Seymour when it became harder to find good clear cedar trees. Likewise, it is understood that Roy Edwards out of Ladysmith, built probably 90% of the War (Indigenous) Canoes in his lifetime that all the First Nations paddled.

Jay Treaty Chapter



The Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, commonly known as the Jay Treaty, was signed in 1794 between Great Britain and the United States. It is known for the provision (Article III) that allows Indigenous people from Canada to freely enter the United States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration. Article III of the Jay Treaty explicitly acknowledges that Indigenous nations existed long before the establishment of the Canada-U.S. border and that their movement across it should not be restricted. For an individual to qualify as a Jay Treaty entrant, the United States government requires proof of possession of at least 50% Indigenous ancestry. The Canadian federal government does not recognize the reciprocal provision as binding. For many Indigenous Peoples whose homelands long predate the Canada-U.S. border, the right to free and unimpeded movement across this artificial line represents an important continuation of community, culture and kinship. [181] [182] [183]

Article III of the Jay Treaty enables First Nations paddlers to freely cross the International Boundary from Canada into the United States on Tribal Journeys via the Salish Sea from Vancouver Island down to Puget Sound, as well as Canoe Journeys via inland waters, such as the Okanagan Nation Canoe Journey via Osoyoos Lake from Osoyoos BC down to Oroville WA. [184]

International Va'a Federation - Race Rules - Sprints - 3. Eligibility - c., states that "*Each competitor may only participate with a team from the Member Federation of his or her citizenship or, in the case of a Member Federation being only part of a nation, residence in that Member Federation area. However, a competitor who has been a new or temporary resident in another Member Federation area for at least six (6) months, immediately prior to the start of the event competition day, may represent that new or temporary Member Federation area if they so choose.*" [185]

However, Article III of the Jay Treaty provides that Native Indians born in Canada are entitled to freely enter the United States for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration. This may be interpreted to mean that Native Indians born in Canada may be entitled to compete for Team USA (USAORCA) at IVF World Sprints / Distance events. However, the Jay Treaty does not provide that Native Indians born in America are entitled to freely enter Canada for the purpose of employment, study, retirement, investing, and/or immigration. This subtle distinction may be interpreted to mean that Native Indians born in America may not be entitled to compete for Team Canada (CORA) at IVF World Sprints / Distance events.

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation Chapter



The W̱SÁNEĆ People are Salt Water People. The Sea is very important to the W̱SÁNEĆ way of life. Traditionally the W̱SÁNEĆ People had homes throughout the San Juan Islands and on the east and north coasts of the Saanich Peninsula. W̱SÁNEĆ lands went east through the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands and northeast across Georgia Strait to Boundary Bay. W̱SÁNEĆ territory included the Saanich Inlet and deep into the forest lands on its west side. On the Saanich Peninsula itself, W̱SÁNEĆ land went south as far as PKOLS (Mount Douglas), and from there across to W̱QENNELEŁ (Mt. Finlayson) and SELEKTEŁ (Goldstream). W̱SÁNEĆ (Saanich Peninsula) was the headquarters because this is where the W̱SÁNEĆ People built their permanent winter homes. [201] [202]

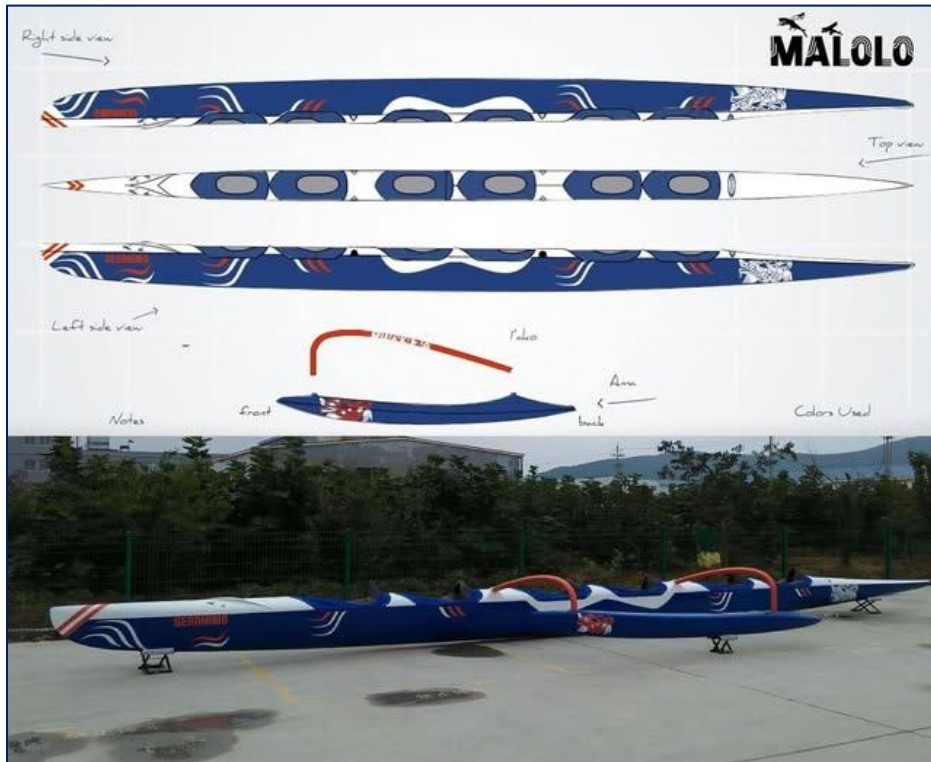
This story begins in the early 1970s. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) of Tsartlip First Nation from Brentwood Bay is an amazing story of local athletic achievement, against incredible odds. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) was established in the early 1970s by Ivan (once a world-class rower) and Madeline (Henry) Morris of the Tsartlip First Nation for their 4 sons (Wayne, Leonard, Howard, and Bruce) and 2 daughters (Sylvia and Ivy) to compete in the traditional war canoe races held by First Nations up Vancouver Island and on the BC Lower Mainland. Currently, 4 generations are part of the club. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) was formed by 10 men from the Saanich area. Wayne Morris Sr, Leonard Morris Sr, Howard Morris, Bruce Morris Sr, Russell Henry, Thomas Henry, Harvey Henry, Curtis Sam, Alec Sam, and Vernon Tom were the men who paddled with Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) in the first year in the early 1970s. They have been a paddling juggernaut on the Coast Salish canoe race circuit since the early 1970s. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) competed in events all over the world. They raced in the 6.5-hour Molokai Hoe race, went to New Zealand to race against traditional canoes from New Zealand in 1990, and they also competed in the 1992 Sacramento IPCF / IVF World Sprints with Leonard Morris Sr (Len Jr's father) as part of that team. The Blue Canoe (Geronimo Canoe), as it is called, has dominated for many years in all categories of racing from men's, women's, and buckskin (16 & under). Leonard Morris Sr (now retired and manager) dominated the men's single racing for many years; his son Leonard Morris Jr then started dominating and still does today in men's single, but with competition from Leonard Jasper Morris III, up and coming to also claim the title. Every summer, Indigenous canoe clubs from around the Salish Sea



gather in coastal and inland communities to compete in canoe races. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) attracts paddlers from many families on the Saanich Peninsula. [04] However, their crews have primarily come from the Morris family. In recent years it has been increasingly prohibitive to race because of the high cost of travelling (ferry, gas, camping, and food) with teams of over 2 dozen people and large canoes. As a result, the number of canoe clubs and paddlers has suffered. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) training relies on a lifetime of traditional paddling in war canoes. Len Morris Jr represents a continuation of this multi-generational paddling family with grandparents Ivan and Madeline (Henry) Morris, with father Leonard Morris Sr, with wife Ashley Morris and now son Jasper Morris and daughter Sakora Morris. [203]

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation would acquire one Puakea Malolo Unlimited OC6 in 2017 and one Kai Wa'a Hydra Unlimited OC6 in 2025. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.



Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) White-Blue-Orange-Deck / Blue-Hull Puakea Malolo OC6



Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) White-Blue-Deck / White-Hull (96) Kai Wa'a Hydra OC6

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Events

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) / Tsartlip Nation has hosted the Geronimo Canoe Club Water Festival on Brentwood Bay with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in late-September for many years, with the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) sponsoring various events. The Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) was founded by the late Ivan Morris and late Madeline Morris (Henry) of the Tsartlip First Nation in 1974, but the oldest occurrence of the Geronimo Canoe Club Water Festival is unknown. [221] [222] [223]

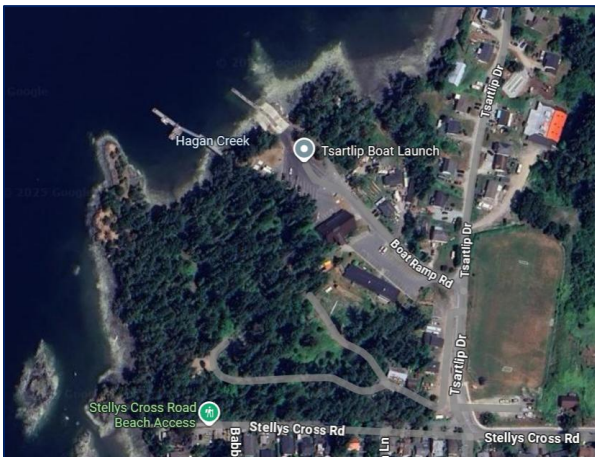


In Summer 2021, Pacific Peoples' Partnership (PPP) and their Northern Host and Ambassador the Geronimo Canoe Club officially launched the inaugural Paddle 4 Pacific awareness and fundraising campaign from Tsartlip Territory on the Coast Salish Sea (North Pacific). Participants in the ceremonial campaign launch included the Morris Family and their Geronimo Canoe Club located in Tsartlip territories. Paddle 4 Pacific provides communities, families, and friends, an opportunity to enjoy a paddling activity outdoors while raising awareness and funds for Pacific Peoples' Partnership (PPP) - a charity that supports Indigenous and South Pacific communities. [226] [227] [228]



2021 Paddle 4 Pacific Raising Awareness And Funds For Pacific Peoples' Partnership (PPP)

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Venues



The Tsartlip First Nation Admin Office is located at #1 Boat Ramp Road, Brentwood Bay, BC V8M1N9. It is believed that the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at #1 Boat Ramp Road, Brentwood Bay BC V8M1N9. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of canoes in the parking area adjacent to #1 Boat Ramp Road. [231]

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Achievements / Milestones

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) social media has substantial mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) has demonstrated support for cross-border PNWORCA OC6 long-distance events by truck-topping their OC6s to attend The Gorge, Da Grind, and Pacific NorthWest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC). Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. The history of Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) was historical memories in decades of wins at war canoe races. The following is a chronological table of known achievements:



- 1974 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) started
- 1983 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers with steersman / captain Ivan Wayne Morris attend 1983 Molokai Hoe and place 33rd Overall
- 1984 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers with steersman / captain Ivan Wayne Morris attend 1984 Molokai Hoe
- 1990 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers as Coast Salish Canoe Club with steersman / captain Ivan Wayne Morris attend 1990 Auckland New Zealand IPCF World Sprints Championships
- 1992 ~ Ivan Wayne Morris sits on the International Polynesian Canoe Federation (IPCF) Board Of Directors as Hugh Fisher's alternate
- 1992 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers with Team Canada including Len Morris Sr attend 1992 Sacramento IPCF World Sprints Championships
- 2011 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 2nd Place Overall at 2011 CORA Cup Series Championships Jericho event (1st appearance by Geronimo in a CORA Cup Series Championships event)
- 2012 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 4th Place Overall at 2012 CORA Cup Series Championships Jericho event
- 2013 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2013 CORA Cup Series Championships Vernon event
- 2015 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2015 CORA Cup Series Championships event
- 2016 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2013 CORA Cup Series Championships Gibsons event
- 2017 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr attends 2017 PNWORCA Winter Series Small-Boat Championships event competing V1 Men Masters 40+ and Places 1st Overall
- 2017 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Spec V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2013 CORA Cup Series Championships Harrison Lake event
- 2017 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 2017 Tahiti IVF World Distance Championships
- 2017 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr with Team Canada attends 2017 Tahiti IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Open and Places 13th Overall
- 2019 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 2019 Australia IVF World Distance Championships competing V6 Men Open and Places 12th Overall

- 2019 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Jasper Morris with Team Canada attends 2019 Australia IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Junior 19 and Places 6th Overall
- 2019 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr with Team Canada attends 2019 Australia IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Open and Places 11th Overall
- 2019 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr with Team Pacific Northwest attends 2019 Molokai Hoe competing V6 Men Masters 40+ and takes Silver
- 2020 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) qualified as a pre-determined crew to go to the 2020 Hilo IVF World Elite & Club Sprints in Hawaii
- 2021 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) as ambassador hosts Paddle 4 Pacific Fundraiser
- 2022 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr with Team Canada attends 2022 UK IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Master and takes Bronze
- 2022 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Jasper Morris with Team Canada attends 2022 UK IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Junior 19 and takes Gold
- 2022 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr with Canadian Masters Mixed V6 crew attends 2022 Volta De Ilhabela De Canoas Havaiana in Brazil and take Gold
- 2023 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Len Morris Jr inducted into Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame
- 2025 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) as ambassador hosts Paddle 4 Pacific Fundraiser
- 2025 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) hosts Brazil IVF Distance World Championships Fundraiser For Beachkids (Joseph Seward, William Morris, Nick Morris, Jacob Seward, Keira Seward, Alex Morris)
- 2025 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Keira Seward with Team Canada attends 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Women Junior 16 and Places 9th Overall
- 2025 ~ Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) paddler Joseph Seward with Team Canada attends 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Junior 19 and Places 7th Overall

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Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) at 1990 / 1992 / 2017 / 2019 / 2022 ICF / IVF World Championships Events

Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC) Luminaries



Geronimo! "It is a way of life!" What better way to recognize the achievements and history of **Len Morris Jr** and the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC). As a Masters 40+ paddler, Len Morris Jr has already realized a remarkable set of accomplishments that will only continue with each passing year. This is long overdue recognition not only for Len Morris Jr, but also for the unheralded achievements of 4 generations of the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC). In a 2016 interview with CBC, Len Morris Jr speaks on how winning the qualifying event for Open Men V1 at 2017 Tahiti IVF World Distance was the culmination of generations of paddling. Morris found his love for canoeing when his grandparents, Madeline and Ivan, established the Geronimo Canoe Club (GCC). The grandparents started the club, and then the parents took it over, and now it is the turn for the 3rd generation to keep the tradition running. And years later, Len Morris Jr is passing on the same skills to his own son Jasper Morris and daughter Sakora Morris. [291] [292] [293]

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) / Tsawout Nation Chapter

Saanichton Bay has historically been, and continues to be, significant to the Saanich peoples of Tsawout. The bay provided shelter from the prevailing southeast gales of winter, was a year-round source of food, and also played an integral role in the Tsawout economic, societal, social, and spiritual life. Because of these reasons, Saanichton Bay was one of the main winter village sites of the Saanich peoples, and that is why Tsawout "Indian Reserve" is located there today. It is important to mention that the people of Tsawout were not stationary at Saanichton Bay year-round, though this was Saanich people's "headquarters". The Saanich people's territory includes the Saanich Peninsula, south to Mount Douglas, across to Mount Finlayson and Goldstream. In addition, the Southern Gulf Islands, reaching to Point Roberts, and San Juan Islands, constituted what is the Saanich Peoples traditional territory. The Tsawout and Saanich people's traditional territory is the lands and seas that are traditionally used throughout every season. The Horne and Underwood families have been an integral part of the Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) and the Tsawout Nation. [301] [302] [303]



Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) / Tsawout Nation, as is the case with a number of Coast Salish First Nations, has had outrigger canoeing paddlers and CORA individual members, but does not have any six-person or four-person outrigger canoes. Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) / Tsawout Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) Events

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) / Tsawout Nation has hosted the Tsawout (Days) War (Indigenous) Canoe Races on Saanichton Bay with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in mid-Summer for many years, with the Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) sponsoring various events. The oldest known social media mention of the Tsawout (Days) War (Indigenous) Canoe Races is from 2022. [321] [322] [323] [324] [325]

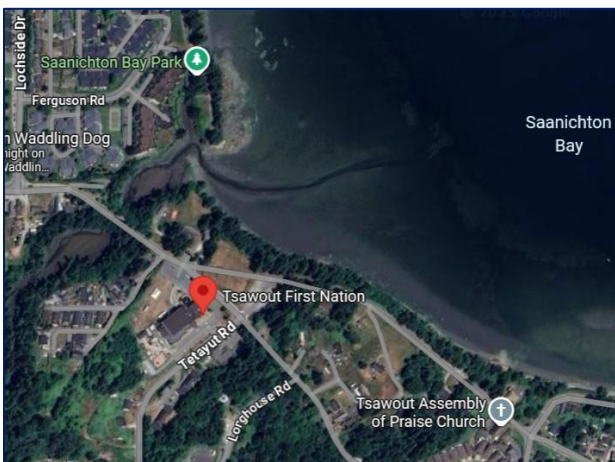
2022 War Canoe Race Schedule			
Month	Day(s)	Race	Location
May	7 - 8	OPEN	
	14	OPEN	
	21 - 22	River Spirit Canoe Races	Chilliwack Landing, BC
	28 - 29	Nooksack Days	Bloedel Donovan Park, WA
June	3 - 5	Cultus Lake Water Sports	Cultus Lake, BC
	11 - 12	Musqueam Canoe Races	Musqueam, BC
	18 - 19	Sasquatch Days	Harrison Hot Springs, BC
	18 - 19	Malahat Canoe Races	Malahat, BC
	24 - 26	Stommish	Lummi, WA
July	2 - 3	North Van Canoe Races	Ambleside, BC
	9 - 10	Ninwu Days	Wjolep, BC
	16 - 17	Sqewlets Days	Sqwakum Park, BC
	16 - 17	Tsawout Canoe Races	East Saanich, BC



Tsawout Canoe clubs raced on the Cecelia Sarah 11 man this weekend. First for many of them.

2024 Tsawout (Days) War (Indigenous) Canoe Races

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) Venues



The Tsawout First Nation Admin Office is located at 7728 Tetayut Road, Saanichton, BC V8M2E4. It is believed that the Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) has their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at 7728 Tetayut Road, Saanichton, BC V8M2E4. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of canoes in the parking area adjacent to 7728 Tetayut Road on the shores of Saanichton Bay. [331]

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) Achievements / Milestones

Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events over the course of several years. Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Cecelia Sarah Canoe Club (CSCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. The 2024 Queen Lili'uokalani Race Blog shows a Cecelia Sarah crew looking for a few ladies to complete their crew. This section is to be updated with further research. [341] [342] [343] [344] [345]

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) / Stz'uminus Nation Chapter

Stz'uminus First Nation are a Coast Salish People who have lived around the Salish Sea for thousands of years. Ladysmith is located on the Traditional Territory of Stz'uminus First Nation (the original spelling for "Chemainus"). Stz'uminus territory stretches over 1,200 hectares which includes four reserves; Say-la-quas 10, Squaw-hay-one 11, Oyster Bay 12, and Chemainus 13. At present there are 1300 members of Stz'uminus First Nation with half living on reserve and the other half living in various urban areas. Ancestors of Stz'uminus settled around this area's waterfront thousands of years ago because it was a sheltered area rich in fishing and hunting. The harbour was ideal for the Coast Salish seasonal patterns of habitation and migration. Families travelled the coast and across to the mouth of the Fraser River for fishing and hunting. The Stz'uminus are well-known for their war canoes. The vessels can range from 19 to 52 feet long. They are made of cedar and hand carved. Each carries a crew of 11. Today, their tradition of the canoe is kept alive with annual races held at Kulleet Bay. Crews travel from May to August each year to compete in various races along the BC coast all the way South to Washington State. The Seymour, Harris, and Sampson families have been an integral part of the Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) and the Stz'uminus Nation. [351] [352] [353] [354] [355]



All through 2017, Ladysmith, together with every community from coast to coast, reveled in national pride as Canada participated in numerous events to honour this land Canadians all love so much during Canada 150 celebrations. Ladysmith's most enduring Canada 150 project is the Salish Wind, a beautiful red cedar canoe carved by elder and master carver Manny Sampson with the help of his brother Elmer, and many others from Stz'uminus in 2017. The canoe represents the beginning of a neighbourly partnership between Stz'uminus and Ladysmith residents. While the Salish Wind was being carved over six months, members from the nation, along with others from Ladysmith, had opportunities to participate in the effort and to learn about the process. The canoe sits atop waves by chainsaw carver Dan Richey. The piece, which truly exemplifies the spirit of Naut-sa Mawt (Working Together in the Coast Salish language), has been permanently installed at Transfer Beach for all to enjoy. [357] [358] [359]



Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) / Stz'uminus Nation would acquire one Clipper Advantage OC6 in 2022. This Clipper Advantage OC6 acquisition has been substantiated by Lynne Smith of Western Canoeing, as she noted that the Clipper Advantage OC6 was acquired by a group known as "For The People" from Chemainus. This red-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6 has not been seen at any Canadian outrigger canoe races or on social media. Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) / Stz'uminus Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) Events

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) / Stz'uminus Nation has hosted the Stz'uminus (Days) War (Indigenous) Canoe Races on Kulleet Bay as well as Shell Beach with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in early-September for many years, with the Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) sponsoring various events. The oldest known social media mention of the Stz'uminus (Days) War (Indigenous) Canoe Races is from 1969. [361] [362] [363]



1969 Stz'uminus Nation Eleven Man War Canoe

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) Venues



The Stz'uminus First Nation Admin Office is located at 3951 Shell Beach Road, Ladysmith, BC V9G1K6. It is believed that the Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at Kulleet Bay Road, Ladysmith, BC V9G1H9. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of canoes on the beach adjacent to the Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) venue at Kulleet Bay Road [371]

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) Achievements / Milestones

Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events over the course of several years. Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. It is known that Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints / Distance events in recent years. The Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. This section is to be updated with further research. [381] [382] [383] [384]

"In August 2024, a remarkable group of under-16 athletes from the Stz'uminus/Cowichan Rainbow Canoe Club (RCC) showcased their skills at the prestigious Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii, a renowned international outrigger competition. Competing in an OC6 canoe over an 8-kilometer course, this was the team's first experience racing outrigger canoes, having previously focused on traditional canoeing throughout the summer. Among the six-member crew, Stz'uminus community members Maleah Harris, Bryce Edwards, and Danielle Edwards made a significant impact, ultimately securing a bronze medal. This achievement has opened new avenues for the young athletes and fueled their passion for outrigger racing. In early October, they continued their success by clinching first place in the OC6 U19 category at the 2024 Victoria-Gorge Bridges race. From October 19-21, the team faced a significant challenge as they tried out for the World Distance Championships in Vancouver, coinciding with severe weather conditions due to an atmospheric river. Undeterred, the athletes completed their time trials under challenging circumstances, with the possibility of racing in Brazil on the line. In the Junior 16 OC1 category, Danielle Edwards finished first, followed closely by Maleah Harris in second place. Bryce Edwards placed fourth in the Junior 19 OC1 category. The community is beaming with pride as they continue to strive for excellence. While awaiting evaluation results for the Brazil competition, their achievements thus far have left a lasting impression." [385] [386] [387]



Stz'uminus/Cowichan youth paddlers leveraged their success in 2024 outrigger canoe racing to follow the lead of Duncan's Ellashani George, who raced at the 2023 Samoa IVF World Distance Championships, and the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships. Stz'uminus/Cowichan youth paddlers Vivianna Peters, Maleah Harris, Sarah Elliott, Peter Elliott, Bryce Edwards, Phoenix Elliott, and Danielle Edwards with their fellow paddler James Sullivan were among a contingent of 32 paddlers selected to represent Team Canada at the 2025 Rio IVF World Distance Championships. The Stz'uminus/Cowichan youth paddlers train / race in the Rainbow, Lady Lavina, and Salish Warrior war canoes all summer. The crew selected to race Womens Junior 16 V6 16Km included Danielle Edwards, Phoenix Elliott (Cowichan), Sarah Elliott (Cowichan), Maleah Harris (Ladysmith), Keira Seward, and Vivianna Thomas. Keira Seward was selected to race Womens Junior 16 V1 12Km. The crew selected to race Mens Junior 19 V6 16Km included Bryce Edwards, Peter Elliott, Nicholas Morris, William Morris, Joseph Seward, and Jacob Seward. Joseph Seward was selected to race Mens Junior 19 V1 12Km. "This journey is far more than just a race - it is a sacred opportunity to carry their ancestral teachings across the ocean, honouring their culture, their communities, and the water that connects us all. These young paddlers are living out the values of discipline, unity, and cultural pride as they train daily - on land and sea - while balancing school, employment, and family responsibilities. They have committed countless hours to prepare physically, mentally, and spiritually, racing every weekend and training year-round." said Rhonda Elliott, parent of Cowichan paddler Sarah Elliott. [388] [389]



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Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation Chapter

The Snuneymuxw are a First Nation of the Coast Salish People. Snuneymuxw Territory is located in the centre of Coast Salish territory on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and the Fraser River in the Canadian province of British Columbia. Snuneymuxw territory encompasses one of the most productive and resource rich areas at the heart of the Salish Sea. Snuneymuxw First Nation is one of the largest Nations in BC with a population of approximately 2000 people. The Snuneymuxw are one of the few Nations that have a pre-Confederation treaty with the Crown – the Sarlequun Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854. The language of the Snuneymuxw is Island hul'q'umi'num', and is one of the twenty-three Salishan languages of southwestern Canada and the northwestern United States. The hul'q'umi'num' language has three principal dialects: Upriver (Stalo), spoken in the vicinity of Chilliwack; Downriver, spoken at Katzie, Musqueam, and Tsawwassen; and Island hul'q'umi'num' which, in addition to Snuneymuxw, is spoken by the Nanoose, Chemainus, Penelakut, Cowichan, Halalt, and Lyackson First Nations. [401] [402]



The Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC), founded in 2002 by Chief Mike Wyse of Snuneymuxw First Nation, began as a paddling team for youth aged 16 and under. The chief remembered a bunch of 14-15-year-olds along the shoreline, waiting their turn for a canoe, and he wanted to find a way to help them embrace the sport. As participants aged out, the club established adult teams. After winning three consecutive Canadian Championships, Island Brave represented Team Canada at the 2025 IVF World Distance Championships in Rio de Janeiro in August. [403] [404] [405]

Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

The Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation Outrigger Canoe Fleet was documented in the "*The Nanaimo Story*", but is also included in this CORA Legacy document for completeness. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation would acquire one Bradley Lightning OC6 in the late 2010s and one Puakea Malolo Unlimited OC6 circa 2021 one Giblin Vortex Unlimited OC6 circa 2021 and one Kai Wa'a Hydra Unlimited OC6 in 2025. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.



Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Bradley Lightning OC6 With Grey-Deck & White-Hull & White Hawaiian Hawk Ama



Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Puakea Malolo OC6 With Green-Deck & Green/White-Hull & Green Ama



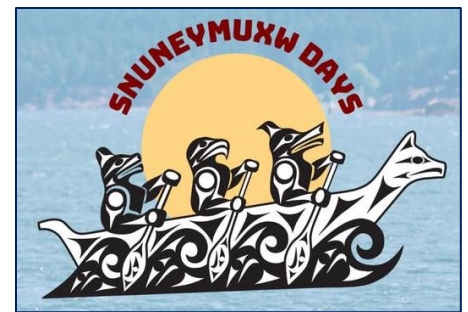
Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Giblin Vortex OC6 With Yellow-Deck & Yellow/Black-Hull & Yellow Ama



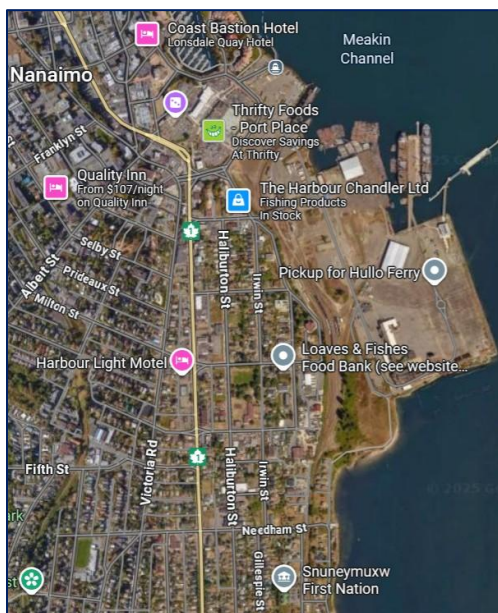
Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Kai Wa'a Hydra Unlimited OC6 With Green/White-Hull & Green Ama

Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Events

Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation has hosted the Snuneymuxw Days War (Indigenous) Canoe Races on the Nanaimo waterfront with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in late-July for many years, with the Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) sponsoring various events. Snuneymuxw Chief Mike Wyse founded the Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) in 2002, but the oldest occurrence of the Snuneymuxw Days War (Indigenous) Canoe Races is unknown. The Snuneymuxw Days War (Indigenous) Canoe Races were held for several years before the COVID Global Pandemic, and then returned in 2021 after a year of public health restrictions. The 2023 Snuneymuxw Days event had a new format that featured war canoe races, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, vendor market, food trucks and much more. The idea was to build on war canoe races that had been staged previously, while offering more things for a wider range of people to enjoy in a family-friendly, drug and alcohol free setting. The 2024 Snuneymuxw Days was a follow-on to the 2024 Coast Salish Games, with events including soccer, track and field, paddling, and basketball, with competitors between the ages of 7 to 16. The Snuneymuxw Days 2025 was the third annual summer festival hosted by Snuneymuxw First Nation, as 12 visiting canoe clubs participated in canoe races, and hundreds of people from as far as Hope BC, gathered to take in the war canoe races, enjoy comfort food such as Indian tacos, a basketball tournament, a jam session at the Snuneymuxw Longhouse, as well as a kids zone and marketplace. [421] [422] [423] [424] [425] [426]



Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Venues



The Snuneymuxw First Nation Admin Office is located at 668 Centre Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R4Z4. It is believed that the Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes



at 730 Shoreline Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9R4Z4. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of canoes in the parking area and on the beach adjacent to the 730 Shoreline Drive address on the Nanaimo waterfront. [431]

Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Achievements / Milestones

Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has demonstrated support for cross-border PNWORCA OC6 long-distance events by truck-topping their OC6s to attend The Gorge, Da Grind, Pacific NorthWest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC), and the Bellingham Classic. It is known that Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints / Distance events in recent years. The Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. The following is a chronological table of known achievements:

- 2002 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) started
- 2023 ~ Snuneymuxw Days for the 1st year adds an extensive set of events to supplement war canoe races
- 2023 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Unlimited V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2025 CORA Cup Series Championships Lotus event
- 2024 ~ Snuneymuxw Days for the 2nd year adds an extensive set of events to supplement war canoe races
- 2024 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Unlimited V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2025 CORA Cup Series Championships Penticton event
- 2025 ~ Snuneymuxw Days for the 3rd year adds an extensive set of events to supplement war canoe races
- 2025 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) Unlimited V6 Men Open 1st Place Overall at 2025 CORA Cup Series Championships Comox event
- 2025 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) crew (Allen Wyse, Carl Good, Derrick Seward, Edward Good-Wyse, James Wyse, Michael Wyse) with Team Canada attends 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance Championships competing Open Men V6 and Places 11th Overall
- 2025 ~ Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) paddler Michael Wyse with Team Canada attends 2025 Brazil IVF World Distance Championships competing V1 Men Open and Places 17th Overall

[436] [437] [438] [439]

What started as a youth program over 20 years ago has evolved into a local First Nation trying to become the fastest people in the world to paddle a canoe. Snuneymuxw First Nation chief Mike Wyse first formed the Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) team for youth in 2002 as a paddler and coach, and said it is a dream come true to see them reach this level of success. Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) has a stellar track record, capturing three consecutive Canadian Championships (2023, 2024, 2025), and qualified for Brazil at tryouts in Vancouver in October 2024. The Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) team competes on the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) circuit and knows the level of competition will be much higher at an international race. With an intense four-days-a-week training schedule and competing in the War Canoe circuit on weekends, the seven-man team is made up of Wyse's three sons and nephews, cementing those strong family bonds through sports and dedication. Training for Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) members includes laps around Saysutshun (Newcastle) Island, ranging between 15-20 kilometres per session. Team Canada outrigger teams do not receive government funding and must cover their own costs to compete, so the team appealed to the community to help them fundraise. A documentary series funded by Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) followed Snuneymuxw's Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) as they trained for the 2025 IVF World Distance Championships in Brazil taking place in August 2025, where they represented Team Canada. [440] [441] [442] [443] [444] [445] [446]



Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) / Snuneymuxw Nation Chapter

The Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) had been a mystery until an in-person interview with an individual who has raced with Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) in the past provided first-hand insights on their history / background. This club has existed since at least 2016 and attended the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in 2018 and 2023. This club has attended CORA sanctioned events since at least 2019. Yet there are no online mentions of where this club is based. What was learned during this in-person interview was that Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) is based out of Nanaimo Town 1, also known as Reserve No. 1, (AANRC number 06815) located in the Nanaimo District on Nanaimo Harbour adjacent to the city of Nanaimo. Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) is an association of paddlers who participate as Womens / Mixed crews in six-person outrigger canoe races, with crew members drawn from Snuneymuxw Nation and other Coast Salish First Nations.

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC), as is the case with a number of Coast Salish First Nations, has had outrigger canoeing paddlers and CORA individual members, but likely does not have any six-person or four-person outrigger canoes, as it is understood they share the six-person outrigger canoes owned by Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC).

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) Events

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, given that some Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) members are associated with the Snuneymuxw Nation, it is likely that Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC) and Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) have collaborated on hosting the Snuneymuxw Days War (Indigenous) Canoe Races.

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) Venues

The Snuneymuxw First Nation Admin Office is located at 668 Centre Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R4Z4. It is believed that the Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) has the fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes that they share with Island Brave Canoe Club (IBCC), at 730 Shoreline Drive, Nanaimo, BC V9R4Z4.

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) Achievements / Milestones

Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of several years. Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Proud Mary Canoe Club (PMCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. This section is to be updated with further research. [481] [482] [483] [484] [485] [486] [487] [488]

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation Chapter



Squamish Nation is comprised of descendants of the Coast Salish peoples who lived in the Vancouver area, Gibsons, and the Squamish River watershed. Squamish Nation's oral histories state they have existed within their traditional territory since time immemorial. Squamish territory includes nine communities stretching from North Vancouver to the northern area of Howe Sound. Their language is Skwxwú7mesh snichim (Squamish language). After contact with European settlers, 16



Squamish-speaking tribes united to form Squamish Nation. The founding document states, "Squamish Nation of Indians on July 23, 1923 unanimously agreed the only solution for good government was to consolidate the nation revenues, reserves equally for the people and to have a council comprised of the 16 Chiefs." The Nation continues to be governed by a combination of elected officials and hereditary chiefs. Squamish society is, and always has been, governed by complex laws and rules based on family, status, and spiritual rights. The North Vancouver Canoe Club (NVCC) teaches canoe culture to Squamish Nation members and other Indigenous people for purposes of cultural enhancement, and provides opportunities for paddle making and canoe building. [501] [502] [503] [504] [505]

Canoe pulling is an important part of Squamish Nation culture and a powerful community builder, according to Mike Billy Sr, a lifelong participant who is a driving force behind the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) and strong supporter of the Lil Geese. A crew of teenage girls from Squamish Nation known as the k'émk'emay, or Lil Geese, started participating in the ancient practice of war canoe racing. The team trains on the shores of North Vancouver, from the water at the foot of Bewicke Avenue in North Vancouver, practicing their strokes and building up their power to be ready for races. The competitions give the girls a common goal to work for and encourages healthy lifestyles, pulling together along a new path while also following the paddles strokes of their ancestors with the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC). [508]



North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation would acquire one Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6 circa 2000. This has been substantiated by an out-dated version of the CORA Canoe Registry from 2010. This Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6 has not been seen at any Canadian outrigger canoe races or on social media. North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Events

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation has hosted CORA Sanctioned Racing Events in 2007 / 2008 / 2009, namely the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Outrigger Canoeing Sprints. North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) / Squamish Nation has also hosted the Ambleside War (Indigenous) Canoe Races on the North Shore of the Burrard Inlet, with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in mid-Summer for many years, with the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) sponsoring various events. The oldest known social media mention of the Ambleside War (Indigenous) Canoe Races is from 1984. [511] [512] [513]



Ambleside Canoe Races

Ch'tl'am (Ambleside Beach) /
Swáywey' (Creek at the Duck Pond)



2024 North Van (Ambleside) War Canoe Races

Note the following excerpt from the 2024 Ambleside War (Indigenous) Canoe Races Flyer: "On July 23, 1923, Squamish Chiefs declared to the Canadian Government that we are all one, always have been, and always will be One Nation. In December 1983 an agreement was signed returning cut off lands at this area back to Squamish Nation. In July 1984 Squamish Nation & NVCC proclaimed our continued presence at Ch'tl'am and hosted the 1st Annual Ambleside Canoe Races. Canoe Cultures has existed since time immemorial. There is evidence of races being held as far back as early as the 1880s and legend tells us our ancestors were able to tie their canoes to the top of Nch'kay' (Mount Garibaldi), the tallest mountain in our territory during the Great Flood. Canoe racing is a sacred cultural tradition and has proven good medicine for the soul. It reminds our People to be proud of our history and honour our ancestors. It connects communities and teaches valuable, sometimes lifesaving lessons. Lessons learned on the water create strong minds and hearts, that transfer into life on land."

On July 23, 2023, the Squamish Nation celebrated 100 years since sixteen Squamish Nation villages amalgamated to become the modern Squamish Nation. The Squamish Nation organized a month of events in July 2023 called Squamish Days Festival and held the 100th Amalgamation Day Festival, an all-ages free event at Ambleside Beach, West Vancouver that Squamish Nation Members and the public were invited to attend. [521] [522] [523] [524] [525] [526] [527] [528] [529]



The ancient practice of war canoe racing is a significant component of Coast Salish culture and instrumental in building community, provides a means to socialize and gather, and is a tradition that dates back thousands of years. Official Indigenous canoe races had not been held in False Creek for over 100 years, but that changed when the Four Fires Festival canoe races were presented in September 2022 for a weekend of celebration. Canoe Cultures, an Indigenous-led non-profit that is dedicated to passing down canoe-building skills, brings together First Nations clubs from up and down the west coast of North America to compete in canoe races. Four Fires Festival at Concord Community Park in Northeast False Creek is an Indigenous Cultural Festival, featuring war canoe racing, as well as, traditional and contemporary Indigenous performers and artisans, plus customary foods. The co-organizers of the Four Fires Festival are local canoe carvers Mike Billy Sr of Squamish Nation (North Vancouver Canoe Club), who is also a seventh-generation master carver, and Dickie Louis, from Musqueam Nation (Celtic Sunset Canoe Club). The 2023 edition of the Four Fires Festival returned in July to False Creek at Concord Community Park in Vancouver BC. The 2024 edition of the Four Fires Festival returned in September to False Creek at Concord Community Park in Vancouver BC for National Day of Truth And Reconciliation. [531] [532] [533] [534] [535] [536] [537] [538] [539] [540]



North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Venues



The Squamish First Nation Admin Office is located at 320 Seymour Blvd, North Vancouver, BC V7J2J3. It is believed that the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at 12 Bewicke Ave, North Vancouver, BC V7M3G3. CORA Board Members have visited the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC), and Google Maps Satellite imagery shows the North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) boathouse adjacent to the North Vancouver waterfront. [545]



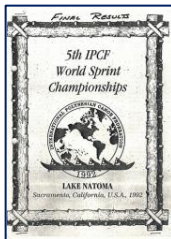
North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Achievements / Milestones

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. The Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website results indicate that North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) had fielded crews in CORA sanctioned events and CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) would field a crew for the 2025 Lotus Iron event that finished 4th Place Mens Overall, which may showcase the return of a top North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) to outrigger canoe racing. It is worth noting that Mike Billy Sr of the Squamish Nation collaborated with the Vancouver Fijian community and Ron Dickinson of Spirit Of Aloha Racing (SOAR) to have a cross-cultural exchange and canoe blessing at Ambleside in West Vancouver in the fall of 2003 of the 2 Fijian V6 canoes brought to Canada by Ron Dickinson after the World Outrigger Canoe Sprints in Fiji in 1998, as documented in the "*The Sunshine Coast Story*". Mike Billy Jr generously volunteered his time to speak at the CORA Town Hall (10 November 2024 4PM Pacific): *Not All Who Wander Are Lost*, as a Guest Speaker on behalf of Ron Dickinson. His personal account of having known Ron Dickinson for much of his life, shared insights on the character of Ron Dickinson that had contributed to his induction into the Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame. Mike Billy Sr has been the Lead on the Canoe Cultures Program since 2021 and has been a co-organizer of the Four Fires Festival since 2022. Many thanks to Mike Billy Sr for providing personal accounts of North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) achievements from 1992-2025, as well as historical photos of canoe races in Burrard Inlet from 1876. [551] [552] [553] [554] [555] [556] [557] [558] [559]



The following is a chronological table of known achievements:

- 1992 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 1992 Sacramento IVF World Sprints Championships
- 1994 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 1994 Western Samoa IVF World Sprints Championships
- 1994 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Canadian crew attend 1994 Catalina Channel Crossing placing 3rd Overall
- 2000 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 2000 Townsville IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2003 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) would attend 2003 Gibson's Iron placing 1st Mixed
- 2004 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 2004 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2008 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers with Team Canada attend 2008 Sacramento IVF World Sprints Championships
- 2007 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) hosts CORA Sanctioned North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Outrigger Canoeing Sprints
- 2008 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) hosts CORA Sanctioned North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Outrigger Canoeing Sprints
- 2009 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) hosts CORA Sanctioned North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Outrigger Canoeing Sprints
- 2014 ~ Catherine Billy of North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) would race with Pacific North West at 2014 Rio IVF World Sprints
- 2014 – 2025 ~ North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) paddlers would attend 2014 Queen Lili'uokalani, 2023 Queen Lili'uokalani, 2024 Catalina Channel Crossing, 2025 Catalina Channel Crossing, and 2025 Molokai Hoe



April 14, 1994 – January 1, 0

1994 IPCF VI World Sprints Apia Harbour, Western Samoa

In 1994 at the sixth IPCF World Sprints 190 paddlers from from 13 clubs throughout New Zealand competed against paddlers from the USA, Canada, Australia and other Pacific Nations. NZ paddlers won twenty-one medals, equal with that of Tahiti in the medal count and pearly winning the championships. Corrina Gage again taking a silver and Raipoa Brightwell (Matahi's wife) taking a bronze in the Opens Womens OC-1. Aaron Herbert of Nga hore Hore won Gold in the J19 OC-1. Spence and Gene Pospisil also of Nga Hore Hore taking home the gold and bronze medals in the J16 OC-1.

August 12, 2000 – January 1, 0

2000 IVF IX World Sprints Townsville, Australia

In Townsville at the sprint champs New Zealand won 9 gold medals including Nancy Rae Tarawa in the J16 Women V1, Adam Te Purei J16 Men V1 and Ken Pospisil Senior Master Men V1. New Zealand finished third on the medal tally after Tahiti and Hawaii.



North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) at 1992 / 1994 / 2000 / 2004 / 2008 IPCF / IVF World Championships Events



North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) 2025 Lotus Iron Unlimited Men Open 3rd Place

North Van Canoe Club (NVCC) Luminaries



Mike Billy Sr (hereditary name Lemxacha), with parents Cedric and Penny Billy, is a 7th generation Skwxwú7meshskwxwu7mesh canoe carver who is creating a significant fleet of new dugout and cedar strip canoes for local First Nations, including the North Vancouver Canoe Club on Skwxwú7meshskwxwu7mesh Nation, while teaching apprentices, guests and visitors about the traditions, tools and techniques used. The projects serve as a multi-generational and multicultural opportunity for learning about traditional skwxwu7mesh ways regarding the canoe and its significance to the Squamish way of life. It forms the basis for reconciliation activities in that it allows non-First Nations people an opportunity to understand aspects of Indigenous traditions while concurrently helping to traditional skills to other Skwxwú7mesh members who have yet to be exposed to canoe carving. Canoe Cultures is an Indigenous led organization, dedicated to the art and culture of the canoe, and the artists who

create them. As part of the Canoe Cultures Program, Lead Carver Mike Billy Sr addresses the cultural transmission of Indigenous knowledge from one generation to the next. By including Indigenous artists and Elders in the project, traditional artistic knowledge and expertise is preserved, while showcasing the vitality of Indigenous arts and culture. The experience of crafting a dugout from a massive single red cedar log or red cedar strip is a rare opportunity as there are few canoe carvers left in Canada to pass the knowledge on to their communities. The North Vancouver Canoe Club (NVCC) was part of the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association when CORA was founded in 1992 with Mike Billy Sr as a Director. Mike Billy Sr has competed in a number of small boats races since the 1990s, including Lotus Small Boats Races, Big Chop, and CORA Small Boats Races. [561] [562] [563] [564] [565] [566] [567] [568] [569]

River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) / Shxway Chief Canoe Club (SCCC) / Skwah Nation Chapter

Skwah First Nation is located in Chilliwack with approximately 600 members. The River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) is a healing and cultural learning group that started in 1985. The club works with schools and the community to introduce traditional First Nation cultural teaching and experiences. The River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) received a United Way Hi Neighbour Community Grant in 2023 to help bring children and youth of the Skwah Nation together with their elders to be connected to culture, wellness, and one another. The grant helped fund the Muckleshoot canoe journey of healing from Skwah First Nation in Chilliwack to Muckleshoot in Washington State. The journey, which took place July 21 to August 6, saw the community working together for success. Parents, matriarchs, grandparents, young adults, and youth all took part to help where and when needed; from helping people get ID to cross the border and arranging rides and carpools to cooking and cleaning. The River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) was joined by members from other nearby nations and canoe clubs; together they formed the Pil'alt Warrior Canoe Family. The club has become an integral part of the sense of community at Skwah and is helping youth rebuild positive self-image through intergenerational connections. The canoe journey will continue to be an annual event. The Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards Ceremony started in 2003 to recognize the best practices of Fraser Valley organizations, initiatives and businesses in recognizing the diversity of our community. Skwah First Nation would be a Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards 2021 Recipient for Innovative Initiative / Large Organization. [601] [602] [603] [604]



River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

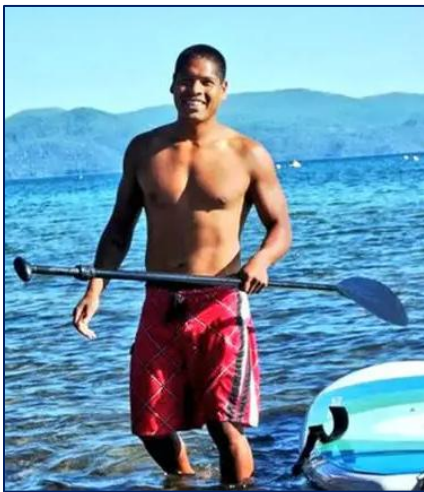
River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) / Skwah Nation would acquire one Clipper Advantage OC6 in 2024. This Clipper Advantage OC6 acquisition has been substantiated by Lynne Smith of Western Canoeing. This bronze-deck / white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6 has not been seen at any Canadian outrigger canoe races, but Google Maps Satellite imagery does show a white-hull Clipper Advantage OC6 in the parking area adjacent to the 830 Lower Landing Road address on the Hope Slough in Chilliwack. River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) / Skwah Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.

River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) Events

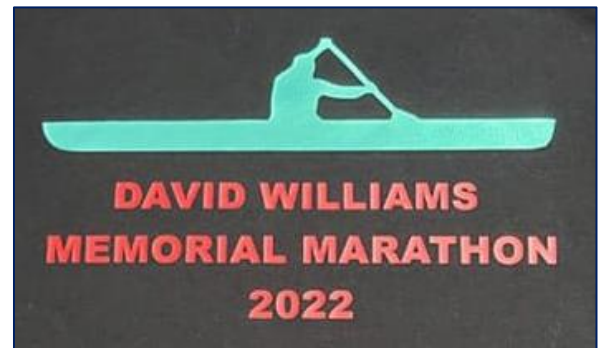
River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) / Skwah Nation has hosted the River Spirit Canoe Club War (Indigenous) Canoe Races on the Hope Slough in Chilliwack at Chilliwack Landing on Skwah First Nation with Singles / Doubles / Six Man canoe events which has traditionally kicked off the war canoe race season in mid-May for many years, with the River Spirit Canoe Club sponsoring various events. The oldest known social media mention of the River Spirit Canoe Club War (Indigenous) Canoe Races is from the 1990s. The River Spirit Canoe Races event had been around for more than 30 years as of 2022. It has been run by the Williams family and was started to get children involved in competitive paddling because, at the time, all canoe races were just for teens and adults. [611] [612]



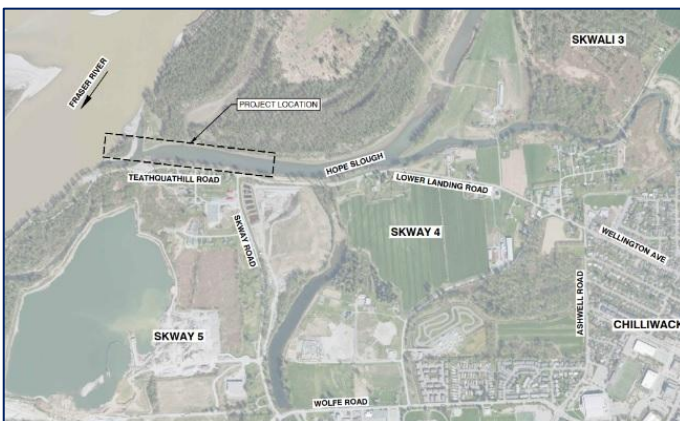
Named after Monica Williams, a well respected Mother, sister, aunt, grandmother



River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has hosted the David Williams Memorial Marathon in May every year since 2017 in honour of David Williams, a member of the River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC), celebrating his legacy in the paddling community, who tragically lost his life in 2016. This event, a Single marathon, celebrates David Williams' legacy in the paddling community and involves 3 big laps of the racecourse, and all participants are recognized. [615] [616]



River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) Venues



The Skwah First Nation Admin Office is located at 44692-B Skway Road, Chilliwack BC V2P8A8. It is believed that the River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at 830 Lower Landing Road, Chilliwack BC V2P8A8. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the River Spirit Canoe Club



(RSCC) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of outrigger canoes in the parking area adjacent to the 830 Lower Landing Road address on the Hope Slough in Chilliwack. [621]

River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) Achievements / Milestones

River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of several years. River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. It is known that River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints events in recent years. Several River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) members and teams qualified for berths at the 2023 Lake Natoma, Sacramento CA time trials to compete with Team USAORCA at the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships. The River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC) entered two teams into the 2006 and 2007 Lotus Iron Races. This section is to be updated with further research. [631] [632]



Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) / Sts'ailes Nation Chapter

The Sts'ailes Nation, formerly known as Chehalis First Nation, is the band government of the Sts'Ailes people, whose territories lie between Deroche and Agassiz, British Columbia. The Sts'Alies are a Halkomelem-speaking people but are distinct historically and politically from the surrounding Stó:lō peoples. The Sts'ailes are a sovereign Coast Salish First Nation. The name 'Sts'ailes' is derived from the Halq'eméylem word 'Sts'a'íles', which means "the beating heart". There are other interpretations; such as "heart on the chest" or "laying on the chest" (c.f. Galloway 1079), "running aground on a sand-bar with the chest of a canoe" (Duff, 1952:27). The Sts'a'íles name is also derived from a most important transformer legend about an Indian Doctor, Shay (aka: Cäi, Skoyá:m, etc.), who lived on the west side of Harrison Lake at Doctor's Point, and who battled with Xá:ls (the great Transformer who walked this earth in the distant past to put things right). According to legends, upon defeating Shay, the Doctor, Xá:ls ripped his heart from his chest and threw it downriver, where it landed at Sts'ailes near the confluence of the Chehalis and Harrison Rivers. According to Elders, there used to be a gravel-bar in the Harrison River fronting Sts'ailes IR 5 that used to pulsate like a beating heart during freshet. It disappeared in historic times. The Doctor himself was transformed into a rock at Doctor's Point along the Harrison Lake. [651] [652] [653]



Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

How the two Vakaloloma Fijian OC6s were brought by Ron Dickinson to the Sunshine Coast and their history with first Spirit Of Aloha Racing (SOAR) and then Gibsons Paddle Club has been documented in the "*The Sunshine Coast Story*". Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) would acquire the two Vakaloloma Fijian OC6s from Gibsons Paddle Club in 2023. This has been substantiated by Donna Harrison of Gibsons Paddle Club. Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF), as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes. Although there do not seem to be any photos on social media, it is known that the Sts'ailes Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoe is named "*Humming Bird*", symbolizing joy, resilience, healing, and beauty.



Gibsons Paddle Club To Sts'ailes Blue-Deck / White-Hull Vakaloloma Fijian OC6s Double-Hulled

Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) Events

Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) / Sts'ailes Nation has hosted the Sasquatch Days on the shores of Harrison Lake with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in mid-June for many years, with the Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) sponsoring various events. The very first Sasquatch Days took place in 1938 and was attended by over 2000 First Nations people from across Canada and United States. The 8th Annual Sasquatch Days was held in 2019. After COVID-19 shut down the event for a few years, it made a triumphant return in 2022. The 13th Annual Sasquatch Days was held in 2025. [661] [662] [663] [664] [665] [666]



Sasquatch Days War Canoes at Harrison Hot Springs

Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) Venues



The Sts'ailes First Nation Admin Office is located at Chehalis 5, BC, V0M1A1. It is believed that the Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at Sts'ailes Main Beach, 0 Beach Road, Chehalis 5, BC V0M1A1. CORA Board Members have yet to visit the Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) venue, but Google Maps Satellite imagery shows the Sts'ailes Main Beach as the most likely location on the Sts'ailes First Nation lands where outrigger canoes and/or war canoes could have access to the Harrison River. [671]

Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) Achievements / Milestones

Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. It is known that Sts'ailes Canoe Family (SCF) has sent one individual in particular to an IVF World Sprints event in recent years. This section is to be updated with further research.

With financial aid from the Archdiocese of Vancouver, local paddler Tyra Point represented the United States and her Sts'ailes community at the Va'a World Elite and Club Sprints Championships 2024 in Hilo, Hawaii. Tyra Point has been paddling since she was 12. Inspired to pick up the sport by her stepfather, uncle, and older brother, she said the cultural resonance of paddling brings her closer to her Agassiz-area Sts'Ailes roots. Along with her club paddling crew, Autumn Rose of Bellingham WA, she qualified for the 1000M sprints at the 2024 International Va'a Championships in Hawaii. In preparation for her international competition, Tyra Point acquired a one-person Va'a. In addition to the 1000M sprints, she also qualified for the elite team, comprised of the 12 best paddlers in the United States - four of whom she is proud to say are Indigenous athletes. Tyra Point was one of many Canadian Coast Salish First Nations paddlers who represented Team USA (USAORCA) at the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships. [681]



Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) / Skowkale Nation Chapter



The community known as Skowkale began as Sq'ewqeyl, altered by the Europeans to be spelled Skulkayn and later Skowkale. In the Halq'emeylem language, Sq'ewqeyl literally means 'going around a turn' but is associated with 'at a bend in the Chilliwack River'. Today, Sq'ewqeyl totals about 68.4 hectares and shares an additional 64.7 hectares of the Grass Reserve lands with eight (8) neighboring communities within Chilliwack. It also shares 10.3 hectares of Peqwxeyles reserve lands in Mission and 23.5 hectares of the Coqualeetza lands with 20 bands in the Stó:lō Nation. [701]



Cultus Lake Provincial Park is located near the small community of Cultus Lake, just an hour and a half drive away from Vancouver. Cultus Lake is a large, warm freshwater lake surrounded by scenic forest-clad mountains. It is known as the jewel of the Fraser Valley thanks to the breathtaking beauty of the area and it is one of the primary summertime destinations in southern British Columbia. There are 640 acres of park, conservation areas, trails, camping, and beaches. [702]

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) was started in 2018, with 5 ladies who wanted to create a safe space for women to train, compete and grow together in the traditional sport War Canoe Racing. The process of Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) operating out of Cultus Lake began in 2018 with an application put forward to the Cultus Lake Park Board by Theresa Warbus-Point along with Gwen and Steven Point, for a fenced storage area close to the Cultus Lake Main Beach to store their race canoes. And so, it came to be. Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) is an example of a Coast Salish First Nations canoe club that may or may not be affiliated with a specific First Nation. Á'a:líya (Theresa) Warbus as founder of Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC), is a member of the Stó:lō nation, from the Skowkale First Nation, but this does not necessarily mean that all Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) members are with the Skowkale First Nation. [703] [704]

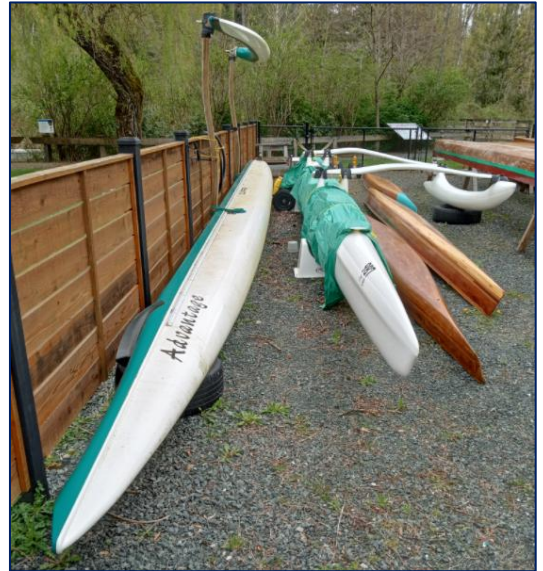


Á'a:líya Warbus (far left) with some members of Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC), which competes in sprint competitions around the world. Photo by Calvin Warbus

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) / Skowkale Nation would acquire one new Clipper Advantage OC6 in late 2022, and one new ARE Matahina Unlimited OC6 in 2024. This Clipper Advantage OC6 acquisition has been substantiated by Lynne Smith of Western Canoeing. Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) / Skowkale Nation, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.

Please note that there was a 2022 FCRC social media posting that was lacking in clarity regarding the transfer of their two remaining Calmars to support a Cultus Lake club at-risk youth program. It has since been confirmed that the green-deck / white-hull Calmar named "Ke Kumu O Ke Kai" and the yellow-deck / white-hull Calmar named "Ke Kumu O Ka La" were sold to Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) at Cultus Lake in 2022.



Star Nation Teal-Deck / White-Hull Clipper Advantage OC6



Star Nation White-Deck / White-Teal-Gold-Hull (987) ARE Matahina OC6

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) Events

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. However, Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) / Skowkale Nation has hosted the Cultus Lake Water Sports War Canoe Races at Main Beach on Cultus Lake with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events in late-September in 2021. This may have been a one-time occurrence late in the first year of a return to public gatherings after the COVID Global Pandemic, as Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) had a Parking Lot reserved to collect donations to support the canoe club in their ability to host and facilitate these events for the local community. 2025 was the 67th annual Cultus Lake Water Sports War Canoe Races. "There was a point where the organization changed hands and they began recounting the years, but the original festival was hosted in 1957". When the event was first held in 1957, and for many years afterwards, the event was named the "Cultus Lake Indian Festival". The Cultus Lake Water Sports - War Canoe Races Facebook page has an amazing collection of photos / names / results going as far back as 1961. [711] [712] [713] [714] [715] [716] [717] [718] [719]



2021 Cultus Lake Star Nation Days Canoe Race



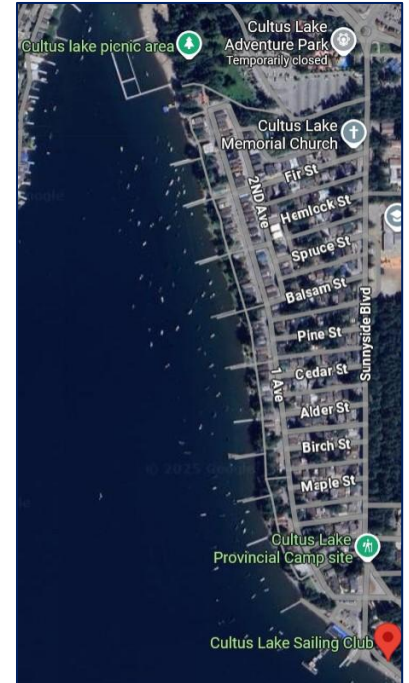
2025 67th annual Cultus Lake Water Sports War Canoe Races

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) Venues



The Skowkale First Nation Admin Office is located at 7256 Chilliwack River Road, Chilliwack BC V2R4L9. Google Maps Satellite imagery shows a number of outrigger canoes in the parking area adjacent to the 16 Pavillion Road address on the shores of Cultus Lake. On a CORA Board Member 2026-May visit to the Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC)

venue and the Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) venue at Cultus Lake, it was observed that Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has their fleet of one-person, two-person, and six-person outrigger canoes, as well as their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes at 16 Pavillion Road, Cultus Lake, BC V2R4Y1. Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) is also located at Cultus Lake, but it is known that Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) has their fleet of boats adjacent to the Cultus Lake Sailing Club located at 76 Sunnyside Blvd, Cultus Lake, BC V2R5B5. [721] [722] [723]



Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) Achievements / Milestones

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of many years. Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has demonstrated support for cross-border PNWORCA OC6 long-distance events by truck-topping their OC6s to attend The Gorge, Da Grind, Pacific NorthWest Outrigger Challenge (PNWOC), and the Bellingham Classic. It is known that Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints / Distance events in recent years. The Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. This section is to be updated with further research. [731]

Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) Luminaries

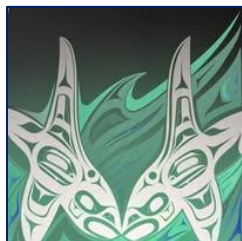


Á'a:liya (Theresa) Warbus MLA (née Point; born 1984 / 1985) is a Canadian politician who has served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia (MLA) since the 2024 election. A member of the Conservative Party, Warbus represents the electoral district of Chilliwack-Cultus Lake. Warbus was born Theresa Alexis Point. [751] [752] Warbus is the daughter of former lieutenant governor of British Columbia Steven Point and his wife Gwendolyn Point. Warbus is a member of the Stó:lō nation, from the Skowkale First Nation, the first Stó:lō person to be elected in British Columbia. [753] [754] [755] [756] Warbus was one of four Indigenous women elected to the BC Legislature in the 2024 election, tied with the 2017 election for the most Indigenous candidates elected. [757] Prior to being elected, Warbus was an artist, filmmaker, and singer. Warbus moved to the city of Vancouver from Alberta and undertook a program related to youth and theatre. [758] In 2007, Warbus was among the students

included in the first Aboriginal Youth Internship Program sponsored by the government of British Columbia, where Warbus worked in the Ministry of Children and Family Development [759] and furthering her work in Vancouver's Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association (KAYA). [760] In 2011, Warbus was the emcee for the Peace Walk through Chilliwack during National Addictions Awareness Week. [761] Warbus served as professor at Capilano University's Indigenous digital film department and as the Indigenous artist-in-residence for Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Ahead of her election, Warbus was working as the Director of Cultural Communications at the Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Government. Alongside her husband, Calvin Warbus, she runs the film production studio Salish Legends Media. Warbus has worked as a professor at Capilano University in its Indigenous digital film department, [762] [763] [764] and served as the Indigenous artist-in-residence for Kwantlen Polytechnic University. [765] [766] [767] In 2016, Warbus led the Native youth mentorship program held at the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology. [768] While at the University of British Columbia, Warbus served as a student ambassador, [752] completing her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in film production in 2018. [768] Warbus currently lives in the Skowkale First Nation. [770] Warbus is a mother of three, [769] and is married to Lummi Nation member Calvin Warbus. [771] Warbus and her husband are active canoe racers with the Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC). [771] Warbus founded Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) in 2018 to provide a space for women to participate in war canoe racing and outrigger canoe racing. Warbus coached several Star Nation paddlers who competed / medaled at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) including Ellashani Riella George and Autumn Jen Malloway. [772] [773] [774]

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) / Sumas Nation Chapter

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) which is one of several canoe clubs in the Stó:lō area (Fraser Valley) including Sumas Warriors Canoe Club, River Spirit Canoe Club (RSCC), Lady Jane Canoe Club, and Pil'alt Warriors Canoe Society. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) is a mystery to be updated with further research. There are a number of individuals from various First Nations in the Fraser Valley that race under the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) banner. Leelind and Shanaa of the Sumas First Nation are



part of the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC). Kamari of the Seabird Island First Nation is part of the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC). Miko is part of the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC). Seabird Island Festival 2025 Canoe Results show



several other individuals affiliated with Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) including Aiden, Allyson, Colin, Fidele, Jacqueline Silver, Mason, Tyra Point, and Zane Jasper. Lacey Paul represents the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) with Team Coast Salish. Transitioning from the War Canoe season to outrigger canoe, Lacey brought her best performance to the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints 1500M event. [801] [802] [803] [804]

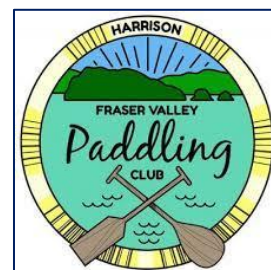


Many canoe clubs are closely tied to a First Nation or are made up of members from nearby First Nations. Every year, canoe races are held across the BC Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, and Washington State and paddlers gather in First Nations communities and clubs from around the region to compete in a variety of races celebrating culture, inspiring generations, and thrilling hundreds of spectators. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) is one of several canoe clubs in the Stó:lō area (Fraser Valley) supported by grants from United Way BC and the Washington Foundation. United Way BC and the Washington Foundation have worked in partnership with and following the lead of the Sumas Nation in the aftermath of the November 2021 floods in the Fraser Valley as part of ongoing Reconciliation and Emergency Response efforts. [806]

Somewhere in the Fraser Valley, within the workspace of war canoe builders Mark Point, Keith Point, Chuck Bisailon, and home of the Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) in Skowkale First Nation, sits a world dedicated to the canoe and the living history of the connection it continues to create between communities, land and water. [808]

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

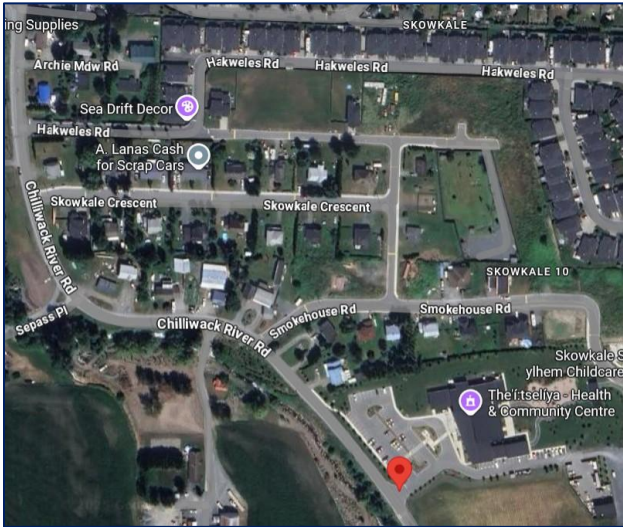
Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC), as is the case with a number of Coast Salish First Nations, has an outrigger canoeing program and outrigger canoeing paddlers and CORA individual members, but does not have any six-person or four-person outrigger canoes. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) does have a small number of one-person and two-person outrigger canoes for small-boat training / racing. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC), as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC), as is the case with a number of Coast Salish First Nations, has collaborated with other clubs for access to a six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet. Fraser Valley Paddling Club (FVPC) on Harrison Lake, just east of Chilliwack, has a six-person Outrigger Canoe Fleet that Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has been able to access for training / racing.



Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) Events

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. There are no social media mentions of Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) / Sumas Nation having hosted War (Indigenous) Canoe Races with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events at any time. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) frequently attends the Seabird Island Festival, but this event is hosted by the Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island Band). [811] [812] [813]

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) Venues



The Sumas First Nation Admin Office is located at 7256 Chilliwack River Road, Chilliwack BC V2R4L9. Where Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has their fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war canoes based out of is unknown. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) did not have any six-person outrigger canoes as of December 2025. This section is to be updated with further research on the home of Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC). [821]

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) Achievements / Milestones

Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) social media has minimal mention of their achievements in terms of participation in Western Canada or international outrigger canoeing events. However, the Canadian Outrigger Racing Association (CORA) website race results indicate that Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has fielded crews and done well in CORA sanctioned events and in the CORA Cup Series events over the course of several years. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has sent crews to the Latitude 48 Bridges OC6 event for many years, and this may very well be due to the host club providing OC6s for participating crews. Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has fielded crews at international outrigger canoeing events such as the Queen Lili'uokalani Race in Hawaii. It is known that Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) has sent individuals to IVF World Sprints / Distance events in recent years. Several Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) members and teams qualified for berths at the 2023 Lake Natoma, Sacramento, CA time trials to compete with Team USAORCA at the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships. The Vikki Lynn Canoe Club (VLCC) itself and individual club members have notable achievements. This section is to be updated with further research. [831] [832] [833] [834] [835]

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) / Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Chapter



In early January, 2013 the Chiefs and Councils representing seven Ts'elxwéyeqw villages assembled at Stehiyaq, the Tribe's Centre Creek property in the Chilliwack River Valley, to renew their connections with their ancestral lands and to envision a new future for their villages. Ts'elxwéyeqw are one of the tribes of the Stó:lō – People of the River – and are part of the broader Coast Salish collective. The Ts'elxwéyeqw are the First People of the Chilliwack River watershed in the Central Fraser Valley of southwestern British Columbia. The

Halq'eméylem tribal name 'Ts'elxwéyeqw' is known in English as 'Chilliwack'. Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Limited (TTML) manages the Tribe's limited partnerships, oversees an extensive number of cultural, economic, and business initiatives, and operates in a manner that respects the values, traditions, and objectives of the Tribe. Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Limited (TTML) supports healthy Tribe communities, language, and culture through its Sponsorship Program. Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Limited (TTML) is a member of the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA), an alliance of Stó:lō First Nations, and the Collaborative Stewardship Forum (CSF). Administrative offices are located at Stó:lō Nation on Vedder Road in Chilliwack BC. [851]

Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd (TTML) is a sponsor of The Lost Boyz Canoe Club (LBCC). The Lost Boyz Canoe Club (LBCC) promotes and creates awareness of the benefits of staying connected to Indigenous Culture and staying healthy in mind, body and spirit. Several members of Cheam First Nation have paddled with the Lost Boys Canoe Club (LBCC). [852] [853]

Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd (TTML) is also a sponsor of Inez Louis and Zane Jasper. Every paddler has a story and for Inez Louis it is one of dedication, family, and the pursuit of excellence on the water. Inez has been training to represent Team Canada at the upcoming World Outrigger Sprints, with her sights firmly set on the 2026 Singapore IVF World Sprints. Inez Louis graduated from the UBC School of Nursing in 2006 and is an avid war canoe competitor. Inez Louis, from the Skowkale First Nation in the Fraser Valley region, is a six-time Aboriginal Peoples' Choice Music Awards recipient. This honour has since been renamed as the Indigenous Music Awards. Inez Louis, a strategic operations planner with the health department in the Stó:lō Service Agency, shared her thoughts on storytelling in YouTube videos created in partnership with the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice and the Chilliwack Economic Recovery Network. Inez Louis brings a calm confidence and positive energy to every race. Her son, Zane Jasper, is also making waves in the paddling world. Zane has been invited to join the V12 Elite J19 crew, a huge achievement that showcases his growing talent and determination. Together, Inez and Zane are proof that passion and perseverance run deep, a mother and son team charting their course toward the world stage, one powerful stroke at a time. [855] [856] [857] [858]



Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) Outrigger Canoe Fleet

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) / Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe would acquire one Puakea Malolo Unlimited OC6 in 2024. Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) / Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe, as is the case with most Coast Salish First Nations, is known to have an extensive fleet of Single / Double / Six Man / Eleven Man war (Indigenous) dugout canoes.



Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) Black-Deck / Black-Hull Puakea Malolo OC6

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) Events

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) has never hosted any CORA Sanctioned Racing Events as of 2025. There are no social media mentions of Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) / Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe having hosted War (Indigenous) Canoe Races with Singles / Doubles / Six Man / Eleven Man canoe events at any time.

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) Venues



On a CORA Board Member 2026-May visit to the Star Nation Canoe Club (SNCC) venue and the Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) venue at Cultus Lake, the Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) outrigger canoe fleet, consisting of a black-deck / black-hull Puakea Malolo OC6, was observed on the



north side of the Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) venue, adjacent to the Cultus Lake Sailing Club, at 76 Sunnyside Blvd, Cultus Lake, BC V2R5B5. It was on this CORA Board Member 2026-May visit, that the Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) outrigger canoe fleet was visually confirmed for the CORA Canoe Registry.



Please note that there was a 2022 FCRC social media posting that was lacking in clarity regarding the transfer of their two remaining Calmars to support a Cultus Lake club at-risk youth program. It has since been confirmed that the green-deck / white-hull Calmar named "Ke Kumu O Ke Kai" and the yellow-deck / white-hull Calmar named "Ke Kumu O Ka La"

were sold to Sudden Impact Paddling Club (SIPC) at Cultus Lake in 2022. Sudden Impact would acquire one used Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club Calmar at most likely the same time that Dragon Zone Paddling Club would acquire three used Jericho Outrigger Canoe Club Calmars. Sudden Impact would acquire one used Mirage 2 (M2) from FCRC in 2021. Sudden Impact would acquire one used Bradley Lightning from an unknown club in 2023. Sudden Impact would acquire one used Puakea Malolo from Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC) in 2025.



FCRCC To Sudden Impact Green-Deck / White-Hull and Yellow-Deck / White-Hull Calmar Canadian Class Racer OC6s

Lost Boyz (Girls) Canoe Club (LBCC) Achievements / Milestones

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Team Coast Salish Chapter



The 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships saw the participation of a very large contingent of Coast Salish First Nations paddlers from Canada and the United States. Team Coast Salish was a group of Indigenous War Canoe paddlers at the 2024 Hilo IVF World Sprints Championships representing Coast Salish First Nations paddlers from Canada and the United States. It is worth noting that some of the Canadian Coast Salish First Nations paddlers represented Team Canada (CORA) and some of the Canadian Coast Salish First Nations paddlers represented Team USA (USAORCA), but none of the American Coast Salish First Nations paddlers represented Team Canada (CORA). This may very well be an example of the implications of the Jay Treaty.

Canadian Coast Salish First Nations paddlers representing Team Canada (CORA) included Evelyn Morris-Jones (Tsartlip - Geronimo Canoe Club), Jacob Seward (Tsartlip - Geronimo Canoe Club), Remus Wyze-Morris (Tsartlip - Geronimo Canoe Club), Jordan Horne (Yakweawkwoose - Lost Boyz Canoe Club), Memphis Paul (Skowkale - Lost Boyz Canoe Club), Philip Swakum (Lower Nicola - Lost Boyz Canoe Club), Keira Point (Skowkale - Lost Girlz Canoe Club), Á'a:líya (Theresa) Warbus (Skowkale - Star Nation Canoe Club), Autumn Malloway (Yakweawkwoose - Star Nation Canoe Club), Natalie Seymour (Stz'uminus - Star Nation Canoe Club), Mason Point (Skowkale - Vikki Lynn Canoe Club).

Canadian Coast Salish First Nations paddlers representing Team USA (USAORCA) included Larry Gibson (Snuneymuxw - Island Brave Canoe Club), Adam Herrling-James (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Aidan Williams (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Alexis Williams-Peter (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Alice Williams-Peter (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Cari-Ann James (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Cylis Mandeville (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Emma Pike (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Francis Williams (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Madilyn Rabang (Skwah - River Spirit Canoe Club), Emily Douglas-Silver (Cheam - Star Nation Canoe Club), Lacey Paul (Musqueam - Vikki Lynn Canoe Club), Tyra Point (Sts'ailes - Vikki Lynn Canoe Club), Zane Jasper (Skowkale - Vikki Lynn Canoe Club). [901] [902]

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