

# *THE CAMELOT HERALD*

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**September 2025**

## *Dates to Remember*

- **Sept 02: Labor Day**
- **Sept 22: Autumnal Equinox**
- **Sept 30: Nat'l Day for Truth & Reconciliation**

## *Birthdays!!*

- **Sept 03: Larry Churchill**
- **Sept 26: Vladimir Raivitch**
- **Sept 28: Dawn Mahara**



# Camelot **ACTIVITIES**

- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Bingo at 1pm! Drop in for Bingo in the dining room; includes a special treat from our Chef.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** 09:30 am– Chair Exercises in the lounge.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** 03:00 pm– Trivia in the lounge. Will resume on Sept 19, 2025.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** 09:30 am– Chair exercises in the lounge  
03: 30 pm– **Happy Hour!** in the Lounge. Please bring your refreshments.  
07:15 pm– Movie night in the lounge.
- ♦ **Birthday Dinner** on the last Sunday of each month to celebrate Residents who have had a birthday that month.

## SERVICE REMINDERS

- ♦ Elevator maintenance : Every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- ♦ Fire Alarm: Pacific Coast Fire conducts the Fire alarm test on the last Thursday of every month.
- ♦ Garbage/ Recycling: Garbage is picked up every second Thursday. **Please remember to segregate the garbage and place in them in their delegated bins. Do not put garbage or plastics into the CARDBOARD bin. PLEASE pass on the information to your Personal Care Aid Worker.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

- ♦ Please note, residents are requested to **not use their scooters in the Main Floor, Elevators, and your suites**. Request you to kindly park the scooter in the basement before proceeding to the main floor and your suites.
- ♦ Reminder! We are a “ No Scent” building. For the comfort of residents and visitors who have allergies, please refrain from wearing strong perfumes and colognes.

## FOOD SERVICE

- ♦ Extra Tray/ Guest in Dining Room: **Please notify the office/ kitchen 48 hours in advance for an extra guest meal.**
- ♦ Reminder! **Please do not enter the kitchen.** For your HEALTH and FOOD SAFETY the kitchen is restricted to staff only. This is to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the food preparation areas. If there are any meal cancellations, or changes to portion sizes, please notify the office so we can make the necessary adjustments.

# What's Happening Around Town

- Sept 01: Saanich Fair, Time: 10:00 am– 04:00 pm, Location: 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Saanichton, BC.
- Sept 01: Gorge Farmers Market, Time: 04:30 Pm, Location: Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavillon, 1070 Tillicum Road, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 05-07: Esquimalt Ribfest, Time: 11:00 am—10:00 pm, Location: Bullen Park , 527 Fraser Street, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 06-07: The 30th Great Canadian Beer Festival, Time: Saturday- 04:00 pm– 09:00pm, Sunday– 12:00 pm to 05:00pm, Location: Topaz Park, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 07: 25th Anniversary Open House, Grandparents Day and Fall Plant Sale, Time: 10:00 am, Location: Abkhazi Gardens, 1964 Fairfield Road, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 11–14: Rifflandia, Time: Location: Matullia Lands at Rock Bay, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 13: Autumn Lantern Festival 2025, Time: 05:00 pm– 08:30 pm, Location: Gordon Head Recreation Centre and Lambrick Park, 4100 Lambrick Way, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 13: Candlelight: Vivaldi's Four seasons, Time: 06:45 pm, Location: St. Ann's Academy and Auditorium, 835 Humboldt Street, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 13-14: Bryan Adams: Roll with the Punches Tour, Time: 07:00 pm, Location: Save On Foods Memorial, 1925 Blanshard Street, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 14: Victoria Symphony's: Kluxen & Leong– Beethoven Violin Concerto, Time: 02:30 pm, Location: Royal Theatre, 805 Broughton Street, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 19-20: The Station Food Truck & Music Festival, Time: Sept 19– 04:00– 08:00 pm, Sept 20– 12:00– 07:00pm, Location: The Langford Station, 720 Station Ave, Langford, BC.
- Sept 20: Soul of Vietnam Festival, Time: 11:00 am– 09:00 pm, Location: Ship Point, Inner Harbor, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 21: Brewery and the Beast, Time: 01:00 pm to 05:00 pm, Location: Starlight Stadium, 1089 Langford Parkway, Victoria, BC.
- Sept 26– 28: Luxton Fall Fair, Time: 12:00 pm– 10:00 pm, Location: Luxton Fairgrounds, 1040 Marwood Ave, Langford, BC.
- Sept 30: 4th Annual South island Powwow, Time: 07:00 am, Location: Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC.

## BC Day Trivia Answers (August Newsletter)

1) Duncan. 2) Hot Springs. 3) 1942. 4) Houseboating. 5) Greenwood. 6) Limestone. 7) Wine. 8) 86,000 Square Kilometers. 9) Victoria. 10) Lumber. 11) The Rocky Mountains. 12) Quebec Street. 13) Malahat Highway. 14) Kalmalka. 15) Lord Horatio Nelson. 16) Queen Charlotte Island. 17) West.

As we enter this month, I wanted to share a reflection on **World Maritime Day**—a day that doesn't usually make headlines, but one that I believe is worth pausing to think about. It reminds us of how much we depend on the oceans, the ships that cross them, and the people who keep them moving.

World Maritime Day was first marked in 1978 by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). It was created to highlight the importance of safety at sea, after earlier tragedies had shown just how dangerous shipping could be. Back then, the focus was on protecting lives and making ships safer. And that was vital, because shipping has always been the backbone of trade, carrying goods between nations and connecting people across the globe.



That hasn't changed. Even today, around **90% of global trade still moves by sea**. Here in Canada, we feel this dependence even more strongly. With three coastlines and so many communities relying on ports, Canada's economy is deeply tied to maritime shipping. Our exports of oil, grain, lumber, and minerals reach the world by ship, while imports like fresh produce, electronics, and manufactured goods arrive the same way. In truth, our everyday lives—from what we eat and wear to what we build and drive—are connected to shipping more than we often realize.

The pandemic made this reality impossible to ignore. During COVID-19, the free movement of goods was suddenly disrupted. Borders closed, ports slowed down, and shipping routes were delayed. Here in Canada, when I worked in retail; I remember the empty store shelves, shortages of everyday items, and higher prices. Across the world, economies stalled because goods simply couldn't move as freely as before. On top of that, thousands of seafarers were stranded at sea for months, unable to return home, even as they worked tirelessly to keep global supply chains running. It was a stark reminder of just how fragile and yet how essential the maritime industry really is.

Today, the meaning of World Maritime Day has grown. It's not only about safety anymore—it's also about **sustainability, cooperation, and human dignity**. The shipping industry now faces big challenges: reducing emissions to fight climate change, finding cleaner sources of energy, and adopting new technology. But through all of this, we must never forget the people—the crews who sacrifice so much to keep our world connected.

As I think about the future, I believe World Maritime Day will only become more important. The oceans belong to all of us, and so does the responsibility to protect them. Canada, with its vast coastlines and strong dependence on trade by sea, will always be tied closely to the maritime world. The challenges are global, and no single country can solve them alone. That's why this day matters—it reminds us that cooperation, stewardship, and gratitude are the way forward.

For me personally, World Maritime Day is about taking a moment to pause and reflect. It's about gratitude for the oceans that sustain us, gratitude for the seafarers who spend months away from home, and awareness of how interconnected our lives really are. What happens on the seas affects our homes, our communities, our country, and the world.

So, while World Maritime Day might seem quiet compared to other observances, I see it as a powerful reminder: the oceans are our lifeline, and Canada—and the world—depends on them more than ever.

- Ryan Bayer

## Stede Bonnet: The Gentleman Pirate

Each year on September 19, landlubbers and sea dogs alike celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day, a lighthearted holiday that encourages people to toss out their usual vocabulary in favor of hearty “Ahoys,” “Arrrs,” and “Shiver me timbers!” It began in 1995 as a private joke between two friends, John Baur and Mark Summers, but has since gained international popularity—largely thanks to syndicated humorist Dave Barry, who promoted the idea in 2002.

Behind the playful jargon of Talk Like a Pirate Day lies a sobering truth: piracy is far from a relic of the past. While we no longer fear cannonballs from the Spanish Main, today's pirates are no less dangerous.

Modern piracy hotspots include the Gulf of Guinea, Somalia's coast, parts of Southeast Asia, and even areas of the Caribbean. These are not flamboyant adventurers with parrots on their shoulders, but armed gangs using high-speed boats to hijack cargo ships, kidnap crews, and demand ransoms.

According to the International Maritime Bureau, piracy and armed robbery against ships continue to threaten the safety of international trade routes. Ships are looted, hostages taken, and in some cases, lives lost. Maritime piracy costs the global economy billions each year and endangers countless lives. So while we laugh and shout “Yo-ho-ho,” it's important to recognize that real piracy is a very current, very serious global issue.

Among history's most peculiar pirates is a man who likely would've enjoyed Talk Like a Pirate Day—Stede Bonnet, often called “The Gentleman Pirate.” Unlike most seafarers of the Golden Age of Piracy (circa 1650–1730), Bonnet wasn't driven to piracy by poverty, war, or necessity. Stede Bonnet was born around 1688 to a wealthy English family in Barbados, a British colony in the Caribbean. Orphaned at a young age but left with a large inheritance, Bonnet lived a privileged life. He owned a sugar plantation, held the rank of major in the Barbadian militia, and was married with children. By all accounts, he should have lived out his days as a respected, if unremarkable, member of colonial society.

But in 1717, for reasons still debated by historians, Bonnet inexplicably abandoned his estate, bought a ship named *Revenge*, hired a crew, and declared himself a pirate. Most pirates at the time were desperate men—ex-sailors, escaped slaves, or criminals. Bonnet, by contrast, was rich, educated, and voluntarily left his comfortable life. Some historians speculate that mental instability, marital issues, or boredom drove him to the sea.

Unlike hardened pirates who rose through the ranks at sea, Bonnet had no sailing experience and paid his crew wages—something unheard of in the pirating world. Though initially successful in raiding a few ships near the American coast, Bonnet's lack of naval knowledge quickly became obvious. He suffered heavy injuries during an early encounter with a Spanish warship and handed over command of his ship to a more competent officer—Blackbeard (Edward Teach), one of history's most feared pirates.

Bonnet and Blackbeard's alliance was both strategic and humiliating. Blackbeard effectively took command of the *Revenge*, relegating Bonnet to a glorified passenger aboard his own ship. The two operated together for a time, plundering merchant vessels and establishing a short-lived pirate haven in North Carolina.

After being double-crossed and marooned by Blackbeard, Bonnet tried to reclaim his reputation by resuming piracy under the alias “Captain Thomas.” But the law had caught up with him.

Bonnet was eventually captured in late 1718 by colonial forces led by Colonel William Rhett. He tried to escape execution by pleading that he was merely an unwilling participant under Blackbeard's command, but his earlier actions—especially taking up piracy *again* after a royal pardon—sealed his fate.

On December 10, 1718, Stede Bonnet was hanged in Charleston, South Carolina, along with several of his crew. He was about 30 years old.

Stede Bonnet is a fascinating historical contradiction: a man who had everything, gave it all up for the adventure of piracy, and found only betrayal, incompetence, and a noose at the end of it. His life serves as a reminder that fantasy and reality rarely sail the same seas.

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# September '25

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