

Enchanting Memories by the Sea

SEA CAVALCADE 2012

!! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS !!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came on board to make this 44th year of Sea Cavalcade such a wonderful community celebration! **We will be listing all of our individual volunteers for 2012 on our web site** in the next month and we hope that you will extend your thanks to those people who have made it possible to do this huge community celebration with 100% volunteer efforts.

Because of the dedicated work of our volunteers and the participation of our community organizations and businesses, we hosted the largest volunteer run festival on the coast once again! Here are some of the details:

- thousands came to watch our parade and participate in all of the activities at Brothers' Park on Saturday
- over 325 salmon barbecue dinners were served
- over 50 floats were in our parade
- our fashion show at Winegarten was a great success
- our Flipper's Pancake Breakfast added home-made sausages from Oak Tree Market
- our logger demonstrations and wooden boat displays drew more crowds on Sunday
- Party in the Park provided more family fun
- the Saturday Street Dance entertained over 2,500 people
- the Fraser Blues aerial team once again flew over our celebrations
- **AND, BEST OF ALL, WE WELCOMED MORE NEW COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!**

This year, we want to explain one area of the Sea Cavalcade preparations, to give you a better idea of the very thorough work that our volunteers must do in order to succeed. The **parade** will be our focus this year.

We thank all of our sponsors and supporters of Sea Cavalcade for their continued contributions towards this great family festival. We especially wish to thank the Town of Gibsons and the SCRD for their major financial grants to our festival. And, thank you to Prudential Sussex for this ad. Please visit our web site for pictures and more info at www.seacavalcade.ca.

- Conchita Harding, Chair of Sea Cavalcade Committee

It should be a pleasant and safe experience for both the parade participants and for the public that watches. And that is what takes a lot of time and effort!

What does go on 'behind the scenes' to coordinate the annual parade? It all starts in November when we sit down to outline tasks, dates, themes and plan actual parade routes, highway permits, timelines and government requirements to allow us to have the parade. It takes many weeks to contact potential participants, design the registration form, deliver all of these to several locations, pick up registration forms, apply for permits, send letters requesting to borrow safety equipment and do a floor plan for the road closure areas. Then we need to deliver and advise businesses and residents of road closures and put public advertisements in both newspapers.

Our volunteers organize Traffic Control Information meetings for the RCMP, B.C. Ambulance, B.C. Ferries, Capilano Highways Service, Town of Gibsons, COPS, Gibsons Fire Department, Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority, B.C. Transit, SCRD, Ministry of Transportation in Sechelt, Town of Gibsons By-law Officer and Engineering Department. **Finally, Volunteer Traffic Control training is held prior to the event.** Two days before the parade, we pick up all of the borrowed safety equipment, and then, on Saturday at 4:30 a.m., the volunteers start setting out all of the detour signs and barricades along the parade route. At 8:00 a.m., all parade participants register and go to the marshalling area on Park road. At 9:00 a.m., all volunteers pick up safety vests and radios and go to their designed barricade areas where they patrol to keep people and traffic safe. **Special thanks** are given to the following for their contributions and many years of service to create our annual parade.

- Setting of detour signs, barricades and many, many other tasks and coordination by **Victor Bonaguro, Ron Norgaard, Jeremy Chong and Barrie Custance**
- Radios by **Errol Tolentino**
- Barricades by **Town of Gibsons, SeaBird Rentals and Capilano Highway Services**
- Marshalling the floats by **Fred Gazeley**
- Parade Coordination by **Mike Yeoman**
- **"Walk the Line"** for signage and their employees' help
- and to **all the individual volunteers** who kindly man the barricades throughout the parade to keep all intersections safe.