

Calling all clubs, groups, families!

How will YOU take up the challenge for World Oceans Week, June 1-8?

Were you aware the [BC Marine Trails Network \(BCMTN\)](#) secures water access for public recreation for present and future generations and links coastal communities together by water? Did you also know BCMT members are active stewards of our marine coastal environment and are committed to educating marine users about the important natural and cultural values of our coast?

As one way to link our coastal communities and share our love of the coast, BCMT is working in partnership with other organizations to promote [World Oceans Week June 1st - 8th, 2021](#). We are inviting our members, as well as all groups and individuals to choose an activity during World Oceans Week that focuses on celebrating our oceans and appreciating the value marine environments bring to our lives. One idea is to lead a [Shoreline Cleanup](#). Contact WOW@bcmarinetrails.org if you need help registering. BCMT would love to showcase your group's WOW projects and initiatives on our website and in our monthly newsletter. Let us know how your family, friends or group have made a difference to our watersheds and coastal areas by sending a picture and a short description to WOW@bcmarinetrails.org.

With the increased use of outdoor recreation areas, it is more important than ever that we be proactive in protecting the areas we explore. Our [BCMT Code of Conduct](#) was specifically developed to promote our respect and care of our sensitive marine environments. It is equally applicable to all watershed areas along our coasts. Whether you are a solo paddler or a member of a club inviting others to explore local or more distant islands, a community or school actively protecting a local stream, a fishing or boating expedition, or a group of friends walking the beach, we invite you to adopt our Code of Conduct, plan ahead by packing gloves and a litter collection bag each time you go out, and then share your "WOW" moments through BCMT to celebrate that your efforts are preserving the beauty and access to our coastal communities for now and for future generations.