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IN CLAYOQUOT SOUND

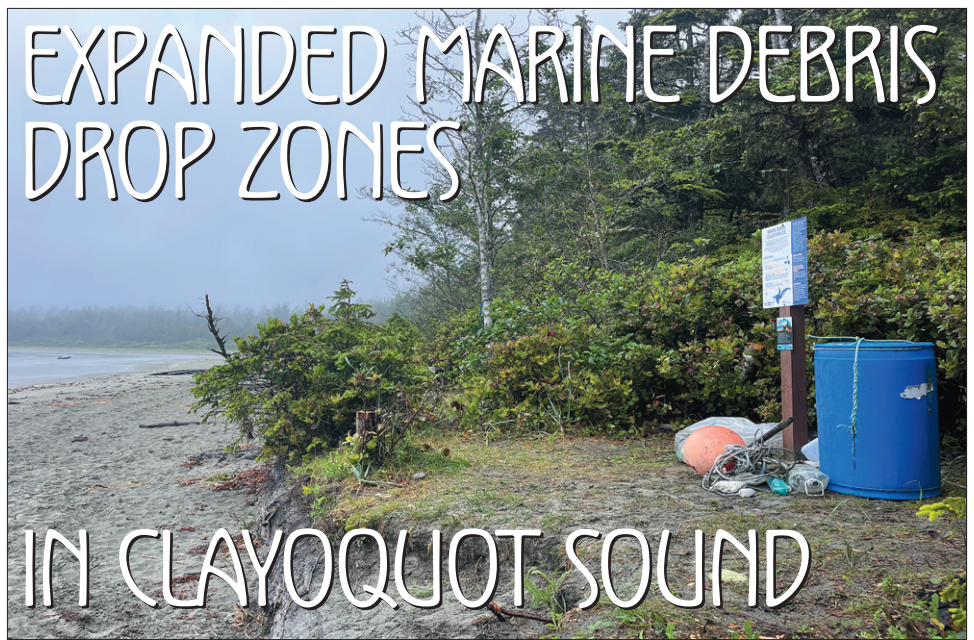


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by Sam Cutcliffe

"Galvanizing recreationists to help in the fight against marine debris is crucial. As thousands of individuals visit the BC coast annually, we are working to give them the power to make a difference."

BC Marine Trails (BCMT), in partnership with Surfrider Pacific Rim and BC Parks, is pleased to announce the successful expansion of the Clayoquot Sound marine debris drop zone program. As of July, there are now five dedicated drop zones on Vargas and Flores Islands, providing locations for visitors to easily gather and store marine debris for future removal. BC Parks has since reported that these drop zones have been

used for their intended purpose—marine debris such as fishing nets, rope, buoys and styrofoam. Negligible camping waste accumulated in the designated areas—a strong indication that visitors are contributing positively by using the drop zones responsibly.

From September 10-12, 2024 the Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), another key partner, carried out a comprehen-



**NEW MOON
OCTOBER 2
11:50 AM**



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OCTOBER 10
11:55 AM**



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sive removal operation, clearing debris from the drop zones and other beaches across Clayoquot Sound. WCMRC also collected eight super sacs of debris from Surfrider-led beach cleanups conducted earlier this summer. In total, 1980 lbs of debris were removed from the area, with approximately 500 lbs coming directly from the dedicated drop zones.

The debris will be recycled through the Ocean Legacy Foundation depot in Ucluelet, an organization dedicated to closing the loop on plastic management systems.

This initiative highlights the tangible impact of responsible debris piling and reporting, as well as the positive environmental influence recreational visitors can have when visiting sites on the BC Marine Trails map. The program is an important step in preserving the natural beauty of Clayoquot Sound while encouraging sustainable recreation and environmental stewardship.

After 13 super sacs were removed from Vargas Island in May 2024 by a team of BCMT volunteers alongside youth from Ahousaht, Tofino, and

Ucluelet, it's encouraging to witness ongoing success in Clayoquot Sound.

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BC MARINE TRAILS

What is the BC Marine Trails Network?

The BC Marine Trails Network (BCMT) is a non-profit and charitable organization working together to help secure long term public access to the BC coast.

Our mission is to work with First Nations and stakeholders to build, protect and promote a public network of marine trails allowing recreational navigation of the BC coastline with minimal impact on the environment.

For more information please visit bcmarinetrails.org



BC MARINE TRAILS



FULL MOON
OCTOBER 17
4:25 AM



LAST QUARTER
OCTOBER 24
1:05 AM

TOFINO TIDES IN OCTOBER 2024

Tue 1	12:28	6:43	12:51	7:03
	10.6'	3.1'	10.8'	3.3'
Wed 2	1:06	7:11	1:16	7:35
	10.6'	3.4'	11.0'	2.9'
Thu 3	1:41	7:37	1:41	8:06
	10.5'	3.7'	11.2'	2.6'
Fri 4	2:16	8:03	2:06	8:37
	10.4'	4.1'	11.2'	2.4'
Sat 5	2:52	8:30	2:31	9:10
	10.1'	4.6'	11.2'	2.4'
Sun 6	3:29	8:59	2:59	9:46
	9.8'	5.1'	11.1'	2.5'
Mon 7	4:10	9:32	3:30	10:27
	9.4'	5.6'	10.9'	2.8'
Tue 8	4:59	10:09	4:08	11:16
	9.0'	6.1'	10.5'	3.1'
Wed 9	6:01	10:56	4:57	
	8.6'	6.6'	10.1'	
Thu 10	12:17	7:19	12:07	6:05
	3.4'	8.5'	6.9'	9.8'
Fri 11	1:32	8:38	1:42	7:30
	3.5'	8.7'	6.8'	9.6'
Sat 12	2:47	9:40	3:10	8:55
	3.3'	9.2'	6.2'	9.9'
Sun 13	3:50	10:27	4:15	10:08
	2.9'	9.9'	5.2'	10.4'
Mon 14	4:42	11:08	5:09	11:10
	2.6'	10.7'	4.0'	10.9'
Tue 15	5:27	11:45	5:58	
	2.5'	11.6'	2.7'	
Wed 16	12:04	6:09	12:22	6:45
	11.4'	2.6'	12.3'	1.6'
Thu 17	12:56	6:50	12:59	7:32
	11.6'	2.9'	12.9'	0.8'
Fri 18	1:46	7:31	1:37	8:18
	11.6'	3.5'	13.2'	0.4'
Sat 19	2:37	8:12	2:16	9:05
	11.3'	4.1'	13.1'	0.4'
Sun 20	3:28	8:56	2:58	9:54
	10.9'	4.8'	12.6'	0.9'
Mon 21	4:22	9:43	3:43	10:48
	10.4'	5.5'	11.9'	1.6'
Tue 22	5:23	10:37	4:35	11:48
	9.8'	6.1'	11.1'	2.4'
Wed 23	6:30	11:46	5:39	
	9.4'	6.5'	10.3'	
Thu 24	12:56	7:43	1:15	6:58
	3.1'	9.3'	6.6'	9.6'
Fri 25	2:07	8:52	2:45	8:23
	3.5'	9.5'	6.2'	9.4'
Sat 26	3:11	9:47	3:53	9:39
	3.7'	9.8'	5.6'	9.4'
Sun 27	4:06	10:30	4:45	10:39
	3.9'	10.2'	4.8'	9.6'
Mon 28	4:51	11:06	5:28	11:29
	4.0'	10.6'	4.1'	9.9'
Tue 29	5:29	11:37	6:05	
	4.2'	10.9'	3.4'	
Wed 30	12:12	6:02	12:05	6:39
	10.1'	4.4'	11.2'	2.8'
Thu 31	12:50	6:32	12:31	7:11
	10.2'	4.7'	11.4'	2.4'

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