

You Can Be A Part Of History



Join in the
HMCS Mackenzie Project
Festivities

Sept. 10 - 17, 1995
Sidney



The Mackenzie Legend

On Saturday, September 16, HMCS Mackenzie, a 366 foot destroyer, will be playing her final role in an active career in the Canadian Navy.

The Mackenzie will be towed to its final resting place off Rum Island, eight kilometres east of Sidney and some 40 minutes sailing from the town pier.

A Few HMCS Mackenzie Facts:

- * Built in Montreal by Canadian Vickers Ltd.
- * Launched in 1961
- * Commissioned October 6, 1962 as a permanent vessel of the Canadian Navy
- * Home port - Esquimalt, B.C.
- * Designed as an anti-sub destroyer escort, the vessel fulfilled this role until 1972
- * From 1972 HMCS Mackenzie served as a naval officers' training vessel
- * HMCS Mackenzie steamed over 850,000 nautical miles during her commissioned years - that's about twenty-four trips around the world

Sinking of the vessel is environmentally friendly and will attract a varied abundance of marine life where, at the moment, there is only a barren, sandy bottom. HMCS Mackenzie's second career will bring thousands of divers to British Columbia, enhance the marine environment and add to the local economy.

Be a part of the festivities during the week of September 10 - 17. You too, can be a part of history.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 1 - 3 pm Welcoming Ceremony at Ocean Sciences Wharf, Pat Bay.
For details, call 656-7234.

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - 14

- 1 - 6 pm Public tours of the vessel at Ocean Sciences Wharf, Pat Bay.
For details call 656-7234 or 656-4365.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

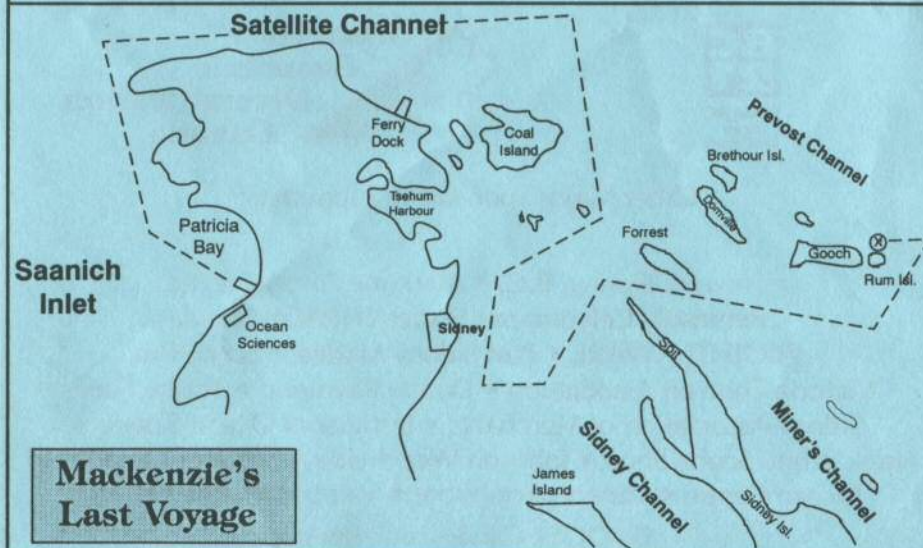
- 7 - 10:30 pm Dinner/dance and film show at Sanscha Hall, Sidney.
Dinner/dance/film - \$50. Film show tickets only- \$10.
Details, call 656-4365.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Noon - 3 pm Barbecue, Bandstand Park, foot of Beacon Ave.
Entertainment by Canus Orchestra.
2 - 4 pm Official sinking off Rum Island.
Details, call 656-4365.
6:30 pm Live concert at Bandstand Park by Rig-a-Jig group.
8 pm Colour video on large screen of the sinking. Bandstand Park.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (All events at Bandstand Park, Sidney)

- 9 am - Noon Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Noon Kiwanis Food Wagon
Noon - 3 pm Entertainment
9 am - Noon Treasure hunt for divers off the Sidney Pier. Details, call 365-4713.
2 - 4 pm Bandstand Matinee Concert featuring Jamba Salama





We All Benefit From An Artificial Reef

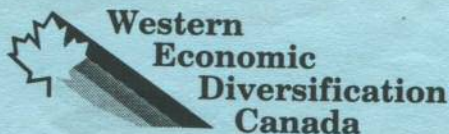
- * an artificial reef is any structure placed by man in the marine environment. Located strategically, it attracts marine life of all kinds.
 - * creates marine habitat and spawning grounds for fish, invertebrates and filter feeders.
 - * enhances British Columbia's reputation as a world class dive destination.
 - * relieves the pressure and potential for damage on historic shipwreck sites by providing alternative locales
- * provides training grounds for safe wreck-diving methods and techniques.
 - * fosters tourism related economic growth

The HMCS Mackenzie Artificial Reef Project

Funding for this project was provided by Western Economic Diversification Canada and the provincial government through BC 21, to provide regional economic development and job creation.



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