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**The Wave is Coming!**

**June 3 – 12, 2022**

What do you love about the ocean and why is it important to have a healthy ocean? Local Victorians tell why they love the ocean in this upbeat [3-minute video](https://vimeo.com/557829998) (PW: blackpress). Have fun and learn about our big blue backyard when Victoria celebrates World Oceans Day 2022 with **ten days of in-person and virtual events for all ages on June 3-12**. Activities during Oceans Week Victoria encompass art, music, water sports, science, technology, contests, and conservation, including:

* **Campfire Oceans Trivia - June 3**

Parks Canada & Oceans Week Victoria

* **Build a Kelp Forest - June 4**

Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea

* **Sea Glass Jewelry Workshop - June 4 & 12**

Maritime Museum of BC

* **UN Decade - Connecting Ocean Knowledge to Ocean Action - June 8**

Centre for Ocean Applied Sustainable Technologies

* **World Oceans Day Festival at Fisherman’s Wharf – June 12**

Eagle Wing Tours and Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

The growing list of events can be found at <https://www.oceansweekvictoria.ca/>. Oceans Week Victoria (OWVic) is a volunteer initiative to bring our community together around local events and activities to explore and interact with our ocean. OWVic is a partner in Ocean Week Canada, a new annual national celebration of ocean events, learning, and engagement; a list of in-person and virtual events happening across our country is available at: <https://oceanweekcan.ca/events/>.

[World Oceans Day](https://unworldoceansday.org/about/) (June 8) dates back to the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit where Canada was instrumental in proposing an annual Oceans Day to create a voice for the oceans, to empower those who live and work in coastal communities, and to strengthen the management and stewardship of the oceans. Most recently, the UN declared 2021-30 to be the [Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](https://www.oceandecade.org/): 10 Years, 10 Challenges, 1 Ocean.

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