



Chemainus Theatre at sunset

Photo courtesy of Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce

Cowichan sweaters, the word, "Cowichan," derives from the Indian term meaning *warm land*. Along the waterfront are marinas, repair facilities, shipyards. Cowichan Bay has nearly 90 shops offering an array of goods and services including a bakery, a custom cheese shop, a pub, hair salon, post office, artisan's studios, convenience store, beer & wine store, fresh fish market, and some wonderful restaurants. Hotel, motel, and B & B's provide lodging. The warm climate and fertile soil of the sloping terrain are perfect for growing grapes. Several local wineries offer tours, tastings and on-site bistros. Of special interest to visiting families is the Maritime Centre featuring classes, exhibits and a place for kids to build their own toy boat. 250-746-4955.

Walk to Hecate Park for a picnic or to enjoy the beach area. The park also has a boat launch with trailer parking. Take in a game of tennis or golf, visit the Farmer's Market for fresh vegetables and provisions, or take a short bus ride to Duncan. Annual events include Native canoe races, *Cowichan Wooden Boat Festival* in June and the *Cowichan Bay Regatta* in August. Fishing at Sansum Narrows is three miles away.

**Bluenose Marina:** Moorage, power, mooring buoys, laundry, showers, restaurant. 250-748-2222.

**Cherry Point Marina:** Located across from Separation Point. Limited guest moorage, power, haul-out, launch ramp, campsites.

**Cowichan Bay Harbour Fisherman's Wharf:** All-tide entry channel. 500' Floating Breakwater includes 400' new docks inside breakwater on the east side. Moorage, restaurant, 30 amp power, water, garbage deposit. Rafting sometimes necessary. Office, washrooms, showers, laundry. 250-746-5911. VHF 66A.

**Dungeness Marina:** New dock facilities with plenty of moorage, washroom & showers, power, & water and . 250-748-6789.

**The Oceanfront Grand Resort & Marina:** Free moorage (no power) for hotel guests. Guest moorage while dining at Restaurant, reservations at 250-597-4281. Pool, fitness centre, and tanning bed available for a drop-in fee. 800-663-7898

**Masthead Marina:** Very limited moorage, power. 250-709-2250.

**Pier 66:** Moorage, 15-ampere power, marine gas, diesel, pre-mix, liquor outlet, provisions. 250-748-8444.

**Bird's Eye Cove Marina:** Limited overnight moorage, power, water, gas, diesel, oils, store, ice. 250-746-5686.

**The Quamichan Inn:** This notable restaurant and Bed & Breakfast Inn has been a favorite stop on boater's itineraries for many years. 250-746-7028.

**Sansum Narrows:** This passageway has noticeable wave action from the currents. Good fishing. Aquaculture operations are in the vicinity.

★ **Genoa Bay (36):** This bay opens off the northern shore of Cowichan Bay. Keep the red day-beacon on the starboard side and watch the green spar buoy, about 500 yards south of the charted position. There is good anchorage on a mud bottom. Exposure to southeast winds can be a problem, in which case the western shore offers the best protection. Exploring the bay by small craft, crabbing, and wildlife watching are popular. Genoa Bay is connected to Duncan by road. A marina, restaurant, aquaculture operations, and an eclectic mix of floathouses are located here.

The old Captain Morgan's Lodge, now restored, is a Bed and Breakfast Inn.

**Genoa Bay Marina:** Moorage, power, water, launch, laundry, bathroom & showers, provisions, café. 250-746-7621. VHF 66A.

## Cowichan Bay

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★ **Cowichan Bay (37):** Cowichan Bay is a small village, yet the activity in the harbour indicates it is a deep sea port. A rip-rap rock breakwater in the bay has a 700' floating breakwater that accommodates vessels to 100 ft. No power at present. Enter Cowichan Bay with the breakwater to your port side and turn into the harbour. Boaters who have visited this harbour in the past will notice that the old breakwater is gone. **Do Not** try to use the old entrance. Several boats have ended up grounded this way. Cowichan Bay is home to the Cowichan Coast Salish tribes. Known for logging, fishing, and

# Essential Supplies & Services

## AIR TRANSPORTATION

To & from Washington

**Seattle Seaplanes** ..... 1-800-637-5553

To & from Islands/Vancouver

Air Canada ..... 1-888-247-2262

Baxter Air ..... 1-800-661-5599

Harbour Air ..... 1-800-665-0212

Salt Spring Air ..... 1-877-537-9880

Tofino Air ..... 1-800-665-2359

Vancouver Island Air ..... 250-287-2433

**AMBULANCES: 911**

## BOOKS / BOOK STORES

**The Marine Atlas** ..... 541-593-6396

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

Cowichan Regional Transit ..... 250-746-9899

Go Galiano Shuttle: Galiano Island ..... 250-539-0202

Island Coach Lines ..... 250-385-4411

Maple Bay Marina: Courtesy van to Duncan 866-746-8482

Salt Spring Island Bus ..... 250-537-6758

## CNG CYLINDERS

**Maple Bay Marina** ..... 866-746-8482

## COAST GUARD

Victoria ..... VHF 16, 26, 83a, 84

..... 1-800-661-9202 or 250-363-6333

Marine Distress, Search & Rescue

..... 1-800-567-5111 or 250-363-2333

Cell Phone (limited to select providers) ..... #16

## CUSTOMS

Ganges- Breakwater Float (CANPASS only)

Montague Harbour Marina (CANPASS only)

## FERRY INFORMATION

B.C. Ferries ..... 1-888-223-3779 250-386-3431 (U.S.)

## FUELS

Bird's Eye Cove: Maple Bay, Gas, Diesel . 250-746-5686

Ganges Marina: Gas, Diesel . . . 250-537-5242 VHF 66A

**Maple Bay Marina: Gas, Diesel**

# Essential Supplies & Services — cont'd.

..... **866-746-8482 VHF 66A**  
**Montague Harbour Marina . 250-539-5733 VHF 66A**  
 Pier 66: Cowichan Bay. Gas, Diesel. .... 250-748-8444  
**Telegraph Harbour Marina: Gas, Diesel**  
 ..... **250-246-9511 VHF 66A**  
 Thetis Island Marina: Gas, Diesel. . 250-246-3464 VHF 66A

**GOLF COURSES**

These courses are accessible from moorage and have rental clubs available)  
 Arbutus Ridge: Cobble Hill ..... 250-743-5000  
 Blackburn: Ganges. .... 250-537-1707  
 Cowichan: Duncan. .... 250-746-5333  
 Duncan Meadows ..... 250-746-8993  
 Mount Breton: Chemainus. .... 250-246-9322  
 Galiano Island: From Montague Harbour. 250-539-5533  
 Saltspring Island: From Ganges ..... 250-537-2121

**HOSPITALS**

Chemainus. .... 250-246-3291  
 Cowichan District ..... 250-746-4141  
 Ganges ..... 250-538-4800

**INSURANCE**

**Boat Insurance Agency ..... 206-285-1350**  
**Or Call ..... 1-800-828-2446**

**LIQUOR / WINE STORES**

Chemainus  
 Cowichan Bay (Pier 66)  
 Duncan  
 Fulford  
 Ganges, Saltspring Island  
**Harbour House, Ganges**  
 Ladysmith  
 Miners Bay, Mayne Island  
 Sturdies Bay, Galiano Island

**LODGING**

Fulford Inn. .... 1-800-652-4432,  
**Hastings House Country House Hotel, Dining Room**  
**& Spa ..... 1-800-661-9255, 250-537-2362**  
**Harbour House ..... 1-888-779-5571**  
 Quamichan Inn: Duncan ..... 250-746-7028

**MARINAS / MOORAGE**

Bird's Eye Cove: Maple Bay ..... 250-746-5686  
 Bluenose Marina: Cowichan Bay ..... 250-748-2222  
 Burgoyne Bay: Salt Spring Island  
 Chemainus  
 Conover Cove: Wallace Island  
 Cowichan Bay Harbour. .... 250-746-5911 VHF 66A  
 Dungeness Marina. .... 250-748-6789  
 Fernwood: Salt Spring Island  
 Fulford Harbour Marina: Salt Spring Is. . 250-653-4467  
 Ganges Marina ..... 250-537-5242 VHF 66A  
 Genoa Bay Marina ..... 250-746-7621 VHF 66A  
 Ladysmith Maritime Society ..... 250-245-1146  
 Ladysmith Wharf. .... 250-245-7511  
 Lyall Harbour: Saturna Island  
**Maple Bay Marina ..... 866-746-8482 VHF 66A**  
**Montague Harbour Marina . 250-539-5733 VHF 66A**  
 Musgrave Landing: Salt Spring Island  
 North Galiano  
 Page Point Inn: Ladysmith .... 250-245-2312 VHF 66A  
 Pier 66: Cowichan Bay. .... 250-748-8444  
 Preeedy Harbour: Thetis Island  
 Retreat Cove: Galiano Island  
 Saltspring Harbour Authority: (Outer Harbour)  
 ..... 250-537-5711 VHF 9

Saltspring Harbour Authority: (Ganges Centennial Wharf) ..... 250-537-5711 VHF 9  
**Salt Spring Marina, Ganges ..... 250-537-5810**  
 ..... **1-800-334-6629 VHF 66A**

Sturdies Bay: Galiano Island  
**Telegraph Harbour Marina . 250-246-9511 VHF 66A**  
 Thetis Island Marina ..... 250-246-3464 VHF 66A  
 Vesuvius: Salt Spring Island  
 Whaler Bay: Galiano Island

**MARINE SUPPLIES & PARTS**

Cove Yachts: Maple Bay ..... 250-748-8136  
 Harbours End Marine: Ganges. .... 250-537-4202  
**Maple Bay Marina ..... 250-748-9199**  
**Mouat's, Ganges ..... 1-877-490-5593**  
 Pier 66: Cowichan Bay. .... 250-748-8444

**PARKS**

B.C. Parks: South Vancouver Island .... 250-391-2300

**PHARMACY**

Pharmasave: Ganges. .... 250-537-5534

**POISON INFO: ..... 1-800-567-8911**

**PROPANE**

Ganges Marina ..... 250-537-5242  
**Maple Bay Marina ..... 866-746-8482**  
 Thetis Island Marina ..... 250-246-3464

**RAMPS/HAUL-OUTS**

BC CAT Marine Services ..... 250-245-8233  
 Chemainus: Kin Park  
 Cowichan Bay. .... 250-746-5911 VHF 66A  
 Crofton Ferry Landing. .... 250-246-4655 VHF 66A  
 Genoa Bay Marina: 250-746-7621  
 Harbours End Marine: Ganges 250-537-4202 VHF 16, 66A  
 Ladysmith Government Float  
 Montague Harbour Marine Park  
**Maple Bay Marina ..... 250-748-9199 VHF 66A**  
 Saltspring Harbour Authority, Centennial Wharf (Ganges Boat Basin) ..... 250-537-5711 VHF 9  
**Salt Spring Marina: Ganges 250-537-5810 VHF 66A**

**RECOMPRESSION: . . . 1-800-567-5111**

**RED TIDE INFO: . . . . . 604-666-2828**

**REPAIRS / SERVICE**

Bayside Machine: Duncan ..... 250-746-1952  
 Cove Yachts: Maple Bay ..... 250-748-8136  
 Cowichan Shipyard ..... 250-748-7285  
 Harbours End Marine: Ganges . 250-537-4202 VHF 66A  
**Maple Bay Marina ..... 250-748-9199 VHF 66A**  
 BC CAT Marine Services ..... 250-245-8233  
**Salt Spring Marina: Ganges**  
 ..... **250-537-5810 VHF 66A**

**RESTAURANTS / FOODS**

Fulford Inn. .... 1-800-652-4432,  
**Moby's Pub. .... 250-537-5559**  
**Porter's: Ganges ..... 250-537-5571**  
 Quamichan Inn: Duncan ..... 250-746-7028  
**Hastings House Small Luxury Hotel, Dining & Spa .**  
**..... 800-661-9255, 520-537-2362**  
**Harbour Grill at Montague Harbour Marina**  
**..... 250-539-5733**  
 Howling Wolf Farm Market ..... 250-246-2650  
**Rendezvous Cafe. .... 250-537-5810**

**Shipyard Pub & Restaurant: Maple Bay**  
 ..... **250-746-1026**  
**Telegraph Harbour Marina ..... 250-246-9511**

**SCUBA SITES**

Dionisio Point Provincial Park  
 Ruckle Provincial Park-Beaver Point  
 Chemainus  
 Maple Bay

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

Saltspring Harbour Authority (Ganges Breakwater Float). Pump ..... 250-537-5711 VHF 9

**SHELLFISH HOTLINE: . . 604-666-2828**

Duncan -Fisheries & Ocean..... 250-746-6221

**SPORTFISHING**

Nanaimo ..... 250-754-0230  
 Victoria ..... 250-363-3252

**TAXI / LIMO**

Genoa Bay/Duncan/Maple Bay. .... 250-746-4444  
 Ganges/Salt Spring Island. .... 250-537-3030  
 Ganges Faire Shuttle ..... 250-537-6758

**THEATER / ENTERTAINMENT**

Artspring ..... 250-537-2125  
 Chemainus Theatre ..... 250-246-9800

**TOWING**

Bayside Machine: Duncan ..... 250-746-1952 VHF 16  
 C-TOW. .... 1-888-354-5554  
 Cove Yachts: Bird's Eye Cove ..... 250-748-8136  
 Harbours End Marine: Ganges 250-537-4202 VHF 16, 66A

**VHF MARINE OPERATOR**

Victoria: VHF 27, 86 Ganges: VHF 27, 64  
 Nanaimo: VHF 87 Sechelt: VHF 86  
 Vancouver: VHF 23, 24, 25, 26, 86, 88

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

Chemainus & District Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Center. .... 250-246-3944  
 Cowichan Bay ..... 250-746-4636  
 Duncan ..... 888-303-3337/250-746-4636  
 Galiano Island ..... 250-539-2233  
 Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce ..... 250-245-2112  
 Maple Bay ..... 250-746-4636  
 Salt Spring Island .... 250-537-5252, 1-866-216-2936  
 Tourism Cowichan ..... 1-888-303-3337

**WEATHER:**

Environment Canada Weather Line .... 250-339-9861  
 Comox Coast Guard ..... 250-339-0748  
 Nanaimo ..... 250-245-8899  
 WX-3, WX-4, 21-B  
 Victoria Coast Guard ..... 250-363-6492