

September 27, 28, 29, 2024
'Victoria In Depth' Cruise
Cruise leader: Randall Walford

- **Registration:** cruising@saltspringsailing.ca or call Randall at 250 537 7348 with any questions.
- **Kindly provide your cell number when registering so a text group can be set up to keep everyone in the loop on a dynamic basis!**
- **Opt in or out of any of the listed events, come for part or all of the cruise.**
- **This cruise will happen 'come hell or high water'.**
- **Monitor 16 on your VHF and please, before you leave, sign out your slip online.**

ITINERARY

Friday September 27 – leave Club for Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Early Birds may join in to raft up and enjoy 1 pm lunch together off Sydney Spit. Look for Swell Skimmer!

We will use a reciprocal to stay at the Royal Vic. Take advantage of showers and great facilities! Weather permitting, 5 pm Happy Hour on the dock, followed by 6-ish dinner at the Club; plan to meet in Club lounge. If weather is inclement, then Happy Hour in Club lounge prior to dinner.

The sooner you register, the better our chances of advising Royal Vic the number in our fleet and increasing the probability that all of us can be accommodated as reciprocals.

Saturday Tie-up in the Shadow of the Empress Hotel and Bird Cage:

Saturday morning we will leave the RVYC after an early breakfast and head for the Inner Harbour's Causeway Marina of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority. **You will have to book this well in advance. When you complete the online booking form linked here, state you want to arrive September 28 and are part of the Saltspring Island Sailing Club group:** <https://app.swiftharbour.com/guest/v1/business/32/booking/158/Transient%20Booking%20Request>

Saturday morning holds two choices that are two blocks from each other, and a 15 minute walk from the Inner Harbour.

Choice # 1: The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, 1040 Moss St, which opens at 10 am is featuring the exhibition 'Generations'. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore one of Canada's most legendary private collections. It is organized and presented by the McMichael Gallery of Kleinberg, Ontario. **Generations: The Sobey Family and Canadian Art** tells the story of one family's visionary engagement with Canadian and Indigenous art, braiding together works by early European newcomers like Cornelius Krieghoff; titans of Canadian 20th century art, the Group of Seven, Tom Thomson, David Milne and Emily Carr; a rich display of works by the Quebec Impressionists, as well as Automatiste painters Jean Paul Riopelle and Paul-Émile Borduas; and works by trail-blazing artists of today, including contemporary Indigenous artists Kent Monkman, Brenda Draney, Brian Jungen and Annie Pootoogook, as well as leading international artist Peter Doig. A recurring theme in the exhibition is the North Atlantic, its role in history, and its impact on artists' imaginations. Admission rate \$15; free for those 25 and under, Indigenous Peoples and support workers.

Choice #2: For those whose interests are steeped in liveable art made of bricks, mortar, wood and glass, the **Wentworth Villa Architectural Heritage Museum** (1156 Fort Street) has a treat with a Saltspring connection: **From the Ground, Into the Light: Organic Architecture of the Islands, 1950-2000 features works of Hank Schubart, John DiCastrì, Ron Thom, and Ric Hunter.** Drawing from the design philosophies of architects such as Louis Sullivan (1856-1924) and Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), the term organic architecture implies a focused intention to assimilate a building into the natural environment in which it is located. The four houses featured in this exhibit all display this characteristic in innovative ways that were definitive of their time and place among the islands of the Salish Sea of coastal British Columbia. This expo examines one house designed by each of these architects and considers how each was executed

using local materials, how they enhance the natural beauty of their respective settings, interconnects inner and outer spaces, and harmoniously incorporates built-ins and other design elements of the Organic School in the context of our unique Southern Gulf Islands. Admission rates: Regular \$10, Senior \$8, Student \$6.

SATURDAY LUNCH AS YOU WISH! - our afternoon event begins close to our boats at 2 pm, so you may want to have lunch on board or stop at a restaurant on the way!

Saturday afternoon 2 pm: Discover the Past guided historic walking tour of Old Town, Chinatown, and around the harbour.

Victoria is next door to us yet how much do we know about it? Find out about the city's First Nations origins, its fur trade and gold rush periods and how it has evolved over time. Along the way, you will be inspired and informed by the friendly and knowledgeable guides who will be able to customize their tours to suit your specific interests. *Professional guide, headset to ensure you hear the guide, max # of participants is 15 per tour, so book ahead online.* **Contact to book in advance:** <https://discoverthepast.com/daytime-history-tours/>. **Specify the Saturday, September 28 'Victoria's Story' tour starting at 2:00 pm. This tour starts outside the Visitor Info Centre, 812 Wharf Street at Government Street and usually ends in Chinatown.**

Victoria's Story is a leisurely 90-minute walk through Downtown Victoria. The professional guides are passionate about Victoria's history and breathe life into their stories. Iconic architecture, fascinating details about local events that link to world themes, famous and colorful people from the past are all included. By the end of your tour, you will know why Victoria is here, how it became the capital city and what the current civic issues are.

WOW! TripAdvisor gives this tour 5 out of 5; 100% of guests recommend it. They advise bookings can be cancelled without charge. Details and reviews: https://www.tripadvisor.ca/AttractionProductReview-g154945-d14105265-Historical_Victoria_Walking_Tour-Victoria_Victoria_Capital_Regional_District_Vanco.html

Adults CA\$22 *Ages 17+;* **Seniors** CA\$17 *Ages 65+;* **Students** CA\$17 *(Must provide student ID);* **Children** CA\$12 *Ages 6-11*

SATURDAY DINNER- LET'S VOTE!!!

Participants will be asked to vote whether they would like to have dinner at one of the following restaurants or can offer a third choice. Please register your vote by September 1 so we have plenty of time for you to make a reservation.

Restaurant choices:

Finn's Seafood Restaurant: <https://www.finnsvictoria.com/menus/>

OR:

Nautical Nellie's Steak Seafood Restaurant: <https://nauticalnelliesrestaurant.com/>

Please vote for one of these – or your own suggestion which will be put to the registrants – so we can decide asap and **YOU CAN MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TO BE PART OF OUR GROUP!**