

ABD Aluminum Boats

ABD Aluminum is completing the 14.9-metre (49 ft), 47-passenger whale watching boat **Explorathor** to be based in Steveston for Vancouver Whale Watch. The boat features rigid circular aluminum flotation chambers, an open viewing deck forward and a semi-covered deck aft and a small upper viewing deck behind the enclosed wheelhouse. The boat will enter service in May.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd.

Allied Shipbuilders Ltd. has the Coast Guard's **Bartlett** back in the water and is in the final phase of the six-month long life extension program refit. The ship is due for sea trials in May. The yard also had both the 38.40-metre (126-ft) Allied-built **Malibu Princess** and Oak Bay's 41.15-metre (135-ft) **Charlotte Princess** making April "Princess" month. Also in were the trawlers **Free Enterprise No. 1** and **Nemesis**. The tug **Jose Narvaez** was in for a "wheel change". At the Doltart yard, Island Tug & Barge's **Island Defender** was in for a new tail shaft, propellers, sponson work and fenders. This is part of a larger refit of the tug that also included extensive in-house work.

Esquimalt Graving Dock

Esquimalt Graving Dock has received and is in the process of erecting, installing and commissioning a 30-tonne Konecrane Plc. crane that will be in service in July.

Point Hope Maritime Limited

Point Hope Maritime is busy. The yard had the pilot boats **Pacific Navigator** and **Pacific Scout** in and in May will have **Pacific Pilot No. 2** in for a major refit including re-engining with Detroit Diesel/MTU Series 60 engines and new Northern Lights generators, to match the newer pilot boats. In April and May, the yard had five Wendon Yachts catamarans, ranging in size from 18.29 metres (60 ft) to 25.91 metres (85 ft) as well as the tug **Audrey Gail** and the barge **Frank Hunter**. In May, the old 41.45-metre (136-ft) coaster **Uchuck III** will be down from Nootka Sound to drydock.

Sylte Shipyard Ltd.


Sylte Shipyard Ltd. is plating the hull of Gowlland Towing's new McIlwain-designed 1,000 HP twin screw 12.42-metre (40.75-ft) tug for Gowlland Towing of Campbell River. The tug will be delivered in late summer.

Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. / Vancouver Drydock Company

Vancouver Shipyards and Vancouver Drydock Company remain busy. The big drydock recently handled the Coast Guard's **W.E. Ricker**, BC Ferries' **Queen of Oak Bay** and at the same time, had the trailer ferry **Carrier Princess** alongside for topside work. The syncolift at Vancouver Shipyards remained busy with the **Abitibi**, barge **P.T. 25**, the SeaBus **Burrard Beaver**, the classic tug/yacht **St. Eval** and inhouse work including a refit of **Cates 7** and will soon start a major refit of the **Seaspan Pacer**.

Victoria Shipyards Co. Ltd.

Victoria Shipyards is continuing its building program of five motorized lifeboats for the Canadian Coast Guard and will finish the last one this summer. The fishing vessel **Golden Alaska** drydocked in April. The frigate **HMCS Regina** arrived alongside in April and will drydock from May through September for an extended refit under the yard's long term frigate maintenance contract.

Victoria Shipyards and its partners in the Canadian Submarine Management Group continue with the EDWP (extended docking work period) refit of the submarine **HMCS Chicoutimi** indoors at the new submarine maintenance hanger. 



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