



## **2.8 million pounds of seafood, 640,000 cruise ship passengers, and 55 community events**

### ***Greater Victoria Harbour Authority reflects on a successful 2018***

**Dec. 12, 2018, Victoria, BC, Canada** – Throughout 2018, the not-for-profit Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) saw increased resident and visitor utilization of its properties.

From the Ogden Point Cruise Terminal and Fisherman’s Wharf to the Inner Harbour lower causeway, Steamship Terminal, and Ship Point, the community-focused facilities serve both visitors and locals alike. 2018 was a milestone and record-setting year for many of the organization’s properties.

“We’re proud to own and operate the Ogden Point Cruise Terminal, which saw a record year for ship calls, and we’re equally proud to be stewards of other landmarks throughout Victoria, such as the Inner Harbour causeway and Fisherman’s Wharf,” says Ian Robertson, CEO of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority. “These valued community assets host dozens of events and welcome thousands of visitors and residents each year. This stewardship forms the basis of our vision as a working Harbour where people live, learn, work, and play.”

#### **GVHA’s 18 moments from 2018:**

1. Four million litres of fuel dispensed at the fuel dock at Fisherman’s Wharf
2. An estimated 400,000 people used the barrier-free breakwater walkway at Ogden Point
3. 250 cruise ship calls brought 640,000 visitors and 230,000 crew members to Victoria
4. 2.8 million pounds of seafood, including just shy of one million pounds of tuna, was offloaded by commercial fishing vessels at Fisherman’s Wharf
5. The inaugural call of the flagship Norwegian Cruise Lines’ *Norwegian Bliss* on June 1, 2018 was the largest cruise ship to call to Ogden Point
6. GVHA supported initiatives such as the Indigenous Cultural Festival and Songhees Cultural Centre at the Steamship Terminal as part of our commitment to work in partnership with the Esquimalt Nation and the Songhees Nation as they pursue their cultural and economic aspirations in the harbour
7. CFB Esquimalt’s Defence on the Dock welcomed more than 5,000 people to Ogden Point
8. A total of 55 community events were held on GVHA properties, including the 75<sup>th</sup> Swiftsure International Yacht Race
9. The joint GVHA and City of Victoria Ship Point repair project began, which will see the 70-year old portion of the pier replaced by spring 2019
10. The GVHA sponsorship committee supported more than 30 public events held throughout the Inner Harbour, Fisherman’s Wharf, and Ogden Point – such as Symphony Splash – with financial or in-kind support valued at more than \$100,000
11. An expanded World Oceans Day was held at Fisherman’s Wharf, raising awareness of the critical importance of the planet’s oceans
12. Infrastructure Canada announced \$1.9 million toward the \$6.8 million project to extend the mooring dolphin at Ogden Point Pier B
13. More than 800 spectators were on hand for the annual Marina Light-Up event
14. The annual Clean Up the Shores event held in partnership with Victoria PD had more than 50 volunteers collect 1,000 pounds of waste in two hours

15. The Victoria Cool Aid Society's Homecoming 50th Anniversary Gala held at Ship Point raised more than \$140,000
16. All GVHA marinas were certified with a Clean Marine BC five-anchor rating, the highest possible certification
17. The Breakwater Barge welcomed a total of 8,000 locals between May and September
18. Improved Wi-Fi was installed at both Ogden Point and the Inner Harbour marinas, allowing visitors to stay connected during their visit to Victoria

For more information, visit [www.GVHA.ca](http://www.GVHA.ca).

**About Greater Victoria Harbour Authority**

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) is a not-for-profit organization governed by a local Board of Directors. It owns and operates deep water, marina, and upland holdings throughout Victoria's harbour including the large vessel Ogden Point port facility where a dynamic cruise tourism industry contributes more than \$130 million annually to the regional economy; the Fisherman's Wharf float home community and small business hub; and the Inner Harbour's luxury yacht and marine tourism facility at Ship Point. [www.gvha.ca](http://www.gvha.ca)

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