



Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

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WORLD OCEAN DAY CELEBRATION IN BLACKIE SPIT PARK

When: Sunday June 3, 2012 11am to 3 pm
Where: Blackie Spit Park, east end of McBride St.,
Crescent Beach, Surrey
Hosts: The City of Surrey and the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

May 20, 2102 — Come learn about crabs, midshipmen (singing fish), birds and other marine animals breeding and growing up in Boundary Bay!
Crab Trivia: Which crab under a beach rock near you, does not moult?

MOULTING Crabs climb out the back of their shells-even pulling out their eyes- when they need more space to grow. They puff out their soft new shell like an over-sized shirt . Crabs dig themselves down into the sand to protect their soft, new shell for a few days until the new shell hardens.

CRABS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THEIR ROCK HOMES AFTER 20 MINUTES IN A PAIL. Collect no more than 6 crabs per bucket. Crabs breathe water with gills so they suffocate and can die without moisture.

PUT THE ROCK ROOF BACK ON THEIR HOME THE WAY YOU FOUND IT. Remember the tiny, invisible baby crabs clinging to the edges. The water side has to go down. Learn more about caring for crabs at <http://www.birdsonthebay.ca/crabs.html>

WHY DO CRABS RUN FOR COVER WHEN WE UNCOVER THEM? They think we are birds and are going to eat them. Can you name a bird, other than the seagull, that eats crabs in Boundary Bay, the #1 Important Bird Area in Canada?

Beach Heroes Interpreters and local area naturalists will be at Surrey's World Ocean Day festival offering more conservation education as well as guided beach and bird walks. Join us to celebrate native flora and fauna in Canada's most Important Bird Area. Interactive displays, education, organic food, crafts, face-painting and lots of family fun!

At World Ocean Day, Surrey's Environmental Extravaganza ends with a flourish, but the environmental work continues. Eco-Rangers will be in Surrey parks throughout the summer; Beach Heroes Interpreters will be roving the beaches on behalf of the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The fun and learning never needs to end if you follow the Birds on the Bay Calendar at http://www.birdsonthebay.ca/calendar_botb.html.

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ANSWERS: Hermit crab. Grey & Humpback Whales. Loons, Buffleheads, Widgeons, Terns



This tiny, very pregnant shore crab will soon lay her eggs under a protective rock on Crescent Beach. See where young kids found her at <http://youtu.be/Sc-uSpXs1oE>

Crabs hatch the size of a pinhead as larvae and must cling to the rocks to avoid washing out to sea and becoming whale food. Which whales?

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