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## **Young Women in Ocean Literacy and Leadership Camp**

*A Unique Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience in July on Hornby Island*

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Young women enrolled in secondary school in British Columbia are invited to take their learning, leadership and love of the environment to a whole new level this July in a new and exciting outdoor education program and adventure camp on breathtaking Hornby Island.

[Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Center](#) in partnership with [Ocean Wise](#) and [School District 71 Comox Valley](#) are offering an all-female camp for students ages 15 – 18.

The five day, four night camp running from July 15 to 19 is focused on developing students' understanding of ocean literacy and ecology in order to enhance and increase knowledge about marine life and stewardship. Participants will gain a strong understanding of the leading environmental issues affecting our oceans today and be inspired to take part in a global effort to protect our waters.

Throughout the week, participants will get involved in team building, leadership and outdoor adventure activities including kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, climbing, and high ropes. An exclusive marine boat tour to experience local marine animals will also be planned during the outdoor education program.

As a special feature to the camp, which is centered on young women taking leadership roles in ocean ecology and protection, participants will meet courageous young Australian kayakers, Lucy Graham and Mathilde Gordon of Passage Adventures.

Passage Adventures is a journey for two environmental leaders who are kayaking the Inside Passage from Juneau, Alaska to Sooke, B.C. beginning in May and ending late July. Their cause is to bring awareness about the harmful effects of plastics in our oceans and the importance of shoreline clean-ups. Their paddling journey will bring them to Hornby Island to coincide with the leadership camp.

As an added bonus, participants will enjoy a field study to the Deep Bay Marine Field Station, a marine biological research facility operated by Vancouver Island University's Centre for Shellfish Research.

The Young Woman in Ocean Literacy and Leadership Camp runs from July 15 to 19 at the [Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre](#) on Hornby Island. All meals, accommodation and program material is provided. Transportation is available from Vancouver Island, from the Powell River Ferry terminal in Little River and from the Departure Bay ferries terminal in Nanaimo.

Cost for the camp is \$500 pp. with a subsidy opportunity available. Participants who successfully complete the camp program are eligible for four Grade 11 course credits, which will be applied to their formal BC Graduation Certificate.

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The camp is open to a maximum of 40 participants. School districts that have been instrumental in planning the program will have the first opportunity to enrol students. Enrolment opportunities will be open up to all other school districts in the province if spots are still available as of Friday, June 1st.

For more information and to register, visit <http://tribunebayoutdoored.ca/school-academies/>.

To learn more about the work of Ocean Wise watch a video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/9apX3MEw9bc> or visit the website at [www.ocean.org](http://www.ocean.org) . For more information about Passage Adventures visit, <https://passageadventures.org/>