

#### Floating Home Association of BC

**The Floating Home Association of BC** (FHA) represents the British Columbia floating home sector and residents. A nonprofit organization, the FHA was registered in 1990, to serve as the voice and support network for the floating home lifestyle. Through meetings, newsletters and a comprehensive website, the association provides resources, information and networking for those interested in living on the water.



Elected by the membership, **the board of directors** is comprised of volunteers representing both floating home residents and marina owners. Funded through membership fees, directors work diligently on behalf of members to liaise with government agencies on relevant topics and legislation that impacts floating homes,

while promoting float home living to the public.

**The mission of the FHA** is to protect, preserve and promote the vitality of the BC floating home lifestyle through education, advocacy, and collaboration.

The Floating Home Association of BC maintains a **comprehensive website** with a wide range of information for both those seeking to learn more about floating homes, and those who already live on the water.

Topics available for exploration include resources such as insurance providers, architects and builders, real estate information, government regulations and a unique interactive map of floating home communities in British Columbia.

For those seeking more information there are links to great books, magazine articles and stories about floating homes, as well as videos and an extensive photo gallery.



## The Story of Floating Homes

Floating homes are a part of the fabric of British Columbia's history and current economy. With origins in floating logging and fishing camps along the coast of the province, floating homes provide an alternative to crowded city spaces, connecting residents with a close knit community and the natural environment around them.



Today, British Columbia is home to more than 800 floating homes. Although many are moored in coastal marinas, others are moored along rivers and lakeshores. Some marina communities are exclusive to floating homes, others are mixed with boats and live-aboards, and in some cases, boat marinas may host one or two floating homes.

Homes are typically privately owned although there are floating rentals and bed & breakfasts in selected locations. Marina communities range from stratastyle developments where homeowners own their water lot, to marinas that provide moorage for privately owned homes. Marina communities in BC range from three to more than forty floating homes in a single marina.

Contributing to local tourism, taking pride in the heritage of the province and standing up for riparian ecosystems—floating home communities are a unique British Columbian asset.

#### www.floatinghomesbc.ca

## Membership

Membership is open to British Columbians with a passion for floating homes. This includes float home residents/owners, marina owners/ operators, and others engaged in the business of floating homes.

Show your support for the floating home sector by joining today. Membership dues sustain the association.

Dues are \$25 per-person. Each voting member must submit a membership form with their dues. Dues are paid annually by March 31 each year. Forms and payment may be completed online.

# Learn more by visiting www.floatinghomesbc.ca

#### Magic, colour and nature!

Floating homes are draped in an aura of magic—where water reflections dance on the ceiling, lamps sway gently with the waves, and the scenery is ever changing. Multicoloured like a gypsy caravan, accented by eclectic décor, and blending with the natural environment, floating homes portray a romantic and free-spirited lifestyle.



Imagine sitting at your front door, feet dangling in the water as you feed newly hatched goslings, cygnets and ducklings. Lulled by the gentle splash of waves, cheered by the laughter of

ducks, jolted by the bark of a seal, or haunted by the lonesome cry of an eagle—life on the water is a kaleidoscope of the sights and sounds of nature.





