

News Release

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Exhibit Opening: *The Great Pacific Garbage Patch* Opens at the Maritime Museum of BC

The Maritime Museum of BC is pleased to announce that it will be launching the exhibit titled *The Great Pacific Garbage Patch* on April 12, 2019.



"There is no such thing as 'away'. When we throw anything away, it must go somewhere." ANNIE LEONARD

THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

APRIL 12 – OCTOBER 27, 2019
10AM-5PM TUESDAY-SUNDAY



MARITIME MUSEUM
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

About the Exhibit

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is the largest accumulation of ocean plastic and human-made debris in the world. It covers a surface area twice the size of Texas, and contains up to an estimated 3.6 trillion pieces. But did you know it's not actually a "patch"? Or how about the fact that garbage is accumulating in five distinct areas of our oceans? And did you know that your laundry is likely contributing to the problem?

Visit the Maritime Museum of BC to learn more about marine debris and plastic in our oceans, including why it exists and how it continues to grow. You'll also learn about the efforts from people around the world who are working to better the situation, and even how you can make small changes in your daily life that can contribute to big changes for our oceans.

"We are very excited to launch this exhibit," said Brittany Vis, Associate Director. "We feel it is a very important and timely subject matter as our society struggles with reducing our waste. We hope the



exhibit will help inform people about the general state of our oceans, and we hope it empowers individuals to be a part of the collective solution.”

Media Open House Event Details

You are invited to drop-in anytime between **2:00 PM – 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 11th** at the Maritime Museum of BC (634 Humboldt St, Victoria BC). Admission is complimentary and no reservation is required. If you would like to come in outside of these times, please contact Museum staff and we will try to accommodate you.

Maritime Museum of BC staff will be available to discuss the exhibit and provide quotes. Photography is welcome.

Information for the Public

Exhibit Dates: April 12 – October 27, 2019

Location: 634 Humboldt Street, Victoria BC

Hours of Operation:

- 10am-5pm, Tuesday-Sunday
- May 20 to August 29, 10am-5pm daily

The Museum will host a launch event for this exhibit on May 1st, featuring speakers, live music, and local vendors. More details about the launch event will follow shortly.

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