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Launch Event: Great Pacific Garbage Patch Exhibit at the Maritime Museum of BC

The Maritime Museum of BC is pleased to announce the summer launch event for the new exhibit titled *The Great Pacific Garbage Patch*. The event will feature local vendors who are working to combat the issue of marine debris, along with music and refreshments. The keynote speakers are Karen Wristen from the Living Oceans Society and Mathilde Gordon and Daniel Greenwood, two young activists who advocate for plastic-free lifestyles and reframing the face of adventure.



Event Details

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Location: Maritime Museum of BC, 634 Humboldt Street, Victoria BC

Time:

- Pre-reception with local vendors from 6:30-7:45
- Presentations begin at 7:45



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Cash bar will be open before the talks

Speakers:

- **Karen Wristen** – The executive director of Living Oceans Society, a non-profit ocean conservation organization based in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.



- **Daniel Greenwood** - This summer, Dan will circumnavigate Vancouver Island by sailboat without single-use plastics, participating in beach cleanups, conducting citizen science, and organizing outreach events along the way as part of a project called Seize Change.
- **Mathilde Gordon** – Last summer, Mathilde kayaked from Alaska to Victoria without single-use plastics to raise awareness about marine debris and women in adventure. This summer she will also be participating in Seize Change’s circumnavigation



Click here for more information on our speakers: <http://mmbc.bc.ca/gpgp>

Vendors:

- Surfrider Vancouver Island
 - <https://vancouverisland.surfrider.org/>
- Plastic Oceans Canada
 - <https://www.plasticoceans.ca/>
- Drop The Plastic
 - https://www.facebook.com/droptheplastic/?ref=py_c
- Zero Waste Emporium
 - <https://www.zerowasteemporium.com/>
- West Coast Refill
 - <https://www.westcoastrefill.com/>

Music:

Live music will be provided by up and coming Victoria-based folk band, Desolation Sound.

Ticket Prices:

- \$25 General Admission
- \$20 Museum members
- \$18 Students
- \$15 Students with Museum membership

Exhibit Details

Dates: April 12 – October 29, 2019

Location: 634 Humboldt Street, Victoria BC

Hours of Operation: 10am-5pm, Tuesday-Sunday (Winter Hours)
10am-5pm, Daily (May 20-August 29)

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.

To learn more about the exhibit, please visit: <http://mmbc.bc.ca/exhibits/gpgp>



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