

53rd SEABIRD ISLAND FESTIVAL

Free



MAY 30 - 31, 2026



Drug and Alcohol Free Event

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Welcome to the Annual Seabird Island Festival

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our elders, leaders, visitors, participants and parents to our annual Seabird Island festival.

The war canoe races is how we started this festival. For those canoe pullers may you Honor the water as you pull together and in unity.

As for the soccer players relies on communication and working as one. Be a good sport teach our younger generations to play fair and be a great team -mate .

By having this festival, we encourage to honor our land, build self-esteem especially for our children, youth show them and how to respectfully and be a role model and to show good sportsmanship.

Keeping mind that our late Grand Chief Archie Charles said zero tolerance of alcohol or drugs.

Be respectful to coaches, officials, volunteers, and the opponents. My hands go all those coaches and parents who take countless hours in bringing the youth to practices and striving them to be the best as each child matters and needs to be played whether your team is winning or losing.

May all the elders, respected leaders, families, children, youth, participants, and spectators have and enjoyable weekend.

May you all have a safe trip home.

Respectfully

Siyosemot
Maggie Pettis
Seabird Chief



Seabird Island Festival Agenda

FRIDAY, May 29, 2026

12:00 PM	Gate Opens Vendors Set-up Trailers/Campers Arrive
6:00 PM	Welcome Ceremony Field 1 to Canoe Grand Stand

SATURDAY, May 30, 2026

8:00 AM	Vendors Open Games Begin
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	ATM (Band Office)
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast ED Zone see pg. 4
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	ATM (Mill Hall)
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Children's Zone
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Elder's Tea at the Elders Room, see pg. 4
10:00 AM	War Canoe Skippers Meeting
10:30 AM	War Canoe Races Begin
5:00 PM	50-50 Draw - Winner Announced
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Coastal Jam, see pg. 24

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10:30 AM	War Canoe Races Begin
12:45 PM	Soccer Awards - 5U & 7U <i>(Youth Soccer Tent)</i>
2:45 PM	Soccer Awards - 10U, 13U & 16U <i>(Youth Soccer Tent)</i>
5:00 PM	50-50 Draw - Winner Announced <i>(dependant on the end of the Mens final game)</i>
5:00 - 6:00 PM	Soccer Awards - Women's & Men's <i>(Information Booth)</i>

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PARKING

- **PARKING**
\$10
- **CAMPING**
\$20



Welcome Ceremony Friday | 6:00 PM



2736 Sqewqel Dr. at Mill Hall



50/50

Seabird Island Festival

\$5 each or 5 for \$20

Draw Date/Time: Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 5 PM

Full Name: WATCH FOR PINK SHIRT STAFF

Phone Number: SELLING TICKETS

A draw each day:

**Saturday
and Sunday
at 5 PM**

SUNDAY DRAW, DEPENDANT ON
THE END OF THE FINAL GAME.

Elder's Tea
Seabird
College
Elders
Room #10



When:

Saturday & Sunday
10:00 AM

2821 Chowat Rd, Agassiz

Culinary Breakfast Saturday & Sunday | 8 - 11 AM

**Breakfast Special \$10 (Cash Only)
While supplies last.**

Seabird College Culinary Program will be providing the breakfast at the College in the ED Zone, see map page 15 for the location. Breakfast includes: pancakes, sausages, fried bologna, coffee/tea, and juice.

All proceeds support the Culinary Program.

*Offense wins games,
but carbs fuel championships!*





SALMON LUNCH

SALMON & SIDES (SIDES: RICE, POTATO SALAD, OVEN BREAD AND A DRINK)

→ → → • ← ← ←
MAY 30 & 31

→ → → • ← ← ←
Price: \$20/plate

Brought to you by:

Sqewqel's 'Tém:éxw Li Te Letam'
(Land to Table) Program



Childrens Zone

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY,
May 30th and 31st, 2026**

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**Please do not leave
children unattended**

SqDC
SQUEWQEL
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION

LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played by the laws of the game observed by the Canadian Soccer Association and F.I.F.A

JANUARY 1 RULE

The eligible age for an athlete is determined by the January 1 Rule. The athlete must be the Bracket Age or under on January 1st to participate. Example: An athlete who is 16 years old on January 1, who turns 17 on January 2 or later is eligible to play in the 16 and under bracket.

Parents of Minors (15+) playing in adult brackets must sign an Amateur Athletic Minor Waiver and Release of Liability Form.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players will be accepted to play if they have proof of aboriginal ancestry. Acceptable methods of showing Ancestry Proof:

- Membership - First Nations and have a membership card.
- Without Membership - If the parent/guardian has a membership card, provide a copy of their membership card and long form birth certificate to show your relationship to them.

Teams and Player Registration

Teams that wish to withdraw their application after May 10, 2025, will forfeit their entry fee.

The team roster is a maximum of 20 players for 11 a-side and 15 players for 7 a-side.

The team Roster must be submitted before the team's first game; any changes to the roster will be final before the start of the team's second game.

Players cannot be on more than one roster in the same age bracket; however, they can play in age brackets above.

GAME FORMAT

5U- Size 3 ball, 6-aside, 1 female on field at all times. 2x 15-minute halves.

7U & 10U- Size 4 ball, 7-aside, 1 female on field at all times. 2x 20-minute halves

13U & 16U- Size 5 ball, 11-aside, 2 females on field at all times. 2x 30-minute halves, final 35-minute halves

Women's- 2x 20-minute halves, Consolation and Final Game 25-minute halves

Men's- 2x 35-minute halves, Consolation and Final Game 45-minute halves

EXTRA TIME RULES

In the event of a tie, the following procedure will be followed to determine the winner:

1. For semi-final or final only, 2 x 5 minutes overtime. (Entire 10 minutes played)
2. Penalty kicks as per FIFA (five kicks per team; one must be female, if applicable)
3. If still tied, alternating penalty kicks by the balance of the team until an outcome is decided.

SUBSTITUTIONS

7-aside has no offside calls and unlimited substitutes on the fly.

11-aside must notify the ref and substitute during stoppage of game.

EXTRAORDINARY WEATHER

In the event of severe weather (e.g., continuous heavy rain, lightning, excessive heat, flood risk), the Festival Committee has the authority to change the duration of games or any other function of the tournament, including such things as the following:

- Relocate and/or reschedule any games.

- Reduce by up to 50 percent the scheduled duration of any game (including playoffs).
- Cancel any game in the preliminary round that has no bearing in deciding group winners.

A game is considered complete when 50 percent or less of the playing time remains when the game is terminated by the referee.

In the event of total cancellation of the tournament, the Festival Committee reserves the right to refund a portion of the registration fee.

FAILURE TO SHOW

A team shall be allowed 15 minutes of grace after the scheduled kick-off time before it is considered that they have failed to show.

For 11-aside -A minimum of 7 players constitutes a team, and the game will be started if a team has at least this number of players. For 7-aside- A minimum of 4 players constitutes a team, and the game will start if a team has at least this number of players. The period of grace may be allowed only if there are fewer than the minimum players required. If a team is unable to field a female, they must play one player short.

In the event of a failure to show, the offending team shall forfeit the game. If both teams fail to show, the Festival Committee will make a ruling.

ABANDONED/FORFEITED GAMES

The Festival Committee will review the circumstances of any team that abandons (quits) a game before it is completed and decide whether the team will forfeit the game.

At the discretion of the Festival Committee, teams that abandoned a game, failed to show, or otherwise forfeit a game will be subject to a dismissal from the tournament and

all entry fees and bonds forfeited without appeal. Furthermore, such action will be reported to the governing body of the team involved.

All opponents of a team who have forfeited a game will be awarded a win and three points in the preliminary standings (score recorded as 2-0).

PLAYER UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Players must wear a number on the back of their shirts. Each player on a team will have a different number, and this number must coincide with the player's name and number as shown on the game sheet and Roster.

If the colors clash, the home team will change colors. (Home team listed first)

At the Festival Committee's discretion, a team that does not observe the color change or shirt requirements of this rule may forfeit the game.

In the event of missing a Game ball for whatever reason, the Home Team shall supply the game ball until the tournament ball is replaced. The referee must approve the Game Ball.

PROTESTS

Protests must be filed in writing by team officials (signed by Coach and Manager) at the Tournament tent within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the game. The decision by the Festival Committee will be final and not appealable. It should be noted that referees are in charge and control of the game. As such, protests will not be accepted when a referee has exercised their judgment in officiating the game. Protests will only be considered if they concern the question of interpretation of the rules. All protests must be written and accompanied by the protest fee of \$100.00, payable by cash only.

7V7 KEEPER RELEASE

1. You have 8 seconds to release (all age brackets).
2. CAN NOT throw the ball over the centre line in the air it is a violation -indirect at centre line- (must have bounced before).
3. Can NOT punt the ball out of hand, the ball must be in the air, but not bounce before the kick. First time it happens, warning -retake. 2nd time or more violation - indirect at centre.
4. Keepers can throw it and have it bounce on their side or they can bowl it to their team mate.
5. If they roll the ball to themselves .. and keep possession they are OUT players and can kick the ball as far as they want.. they can SCORE.. but they take a RISK.
6. In distribution of the ball by the keeper the opposing forward may dangerously try to block or cut off the outlet pass..please be AWARE of this TACTIC!

GENERAL

TEAMS MUST be on OPPOSITE side lines to track substitutions and minimize conflict.

7v7 No offside, but the attacker cannot stand in front of the GOALKEEPER obstructing their view in any way. Goal kicks just inside the arc. However, if a goalie places it 7 yds away we can NOT delay the start by being closer than 7 yds.

SLIDE TACKLING is permitted in Men's matches only. Players are permitted to slide to play a ball provided they are NOT in proximity to any other player. If, in the referee's opinion, the slide tackle is reckless and could injure a player, a Caution (Yellow Card) MUST be issued.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in (the ball must touch at least one other player), and the opposing team will be given a goal kick. If the ball enters the thrower's

goal, a corner kick is awarded.

When a free kick is awarded, all opponents must be the measured distance from where the ball is placed:

- 11-aside, it is 10 yards.
- 7-aside, it is 7 yards.
- 7U & 5U, it is 5 yards.

Players who receive a yellow card will be cautioned of the offense and allowed to continue to play.

A second yellow card issued to a player or coach during any one game will count as a red card, and the player or coach will be sent off for the remainder of the game and be suspended from the next.

Any player or coach who receives a Red Card will be sent off for the remainder of that game and will not be eligible to participate in the team's next game.

Any player who receives a second Red Card will be sent off for the remainder of the game and suspended for the remainder of the tournament. Players will be recorded for future tournaments.

Any form of abuse towards a player, a referee, a tournament official, or a spectator will not be tolerated. Any such abuse may result in ejection from the game/field/tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to review the conduct of any player, team official, and/spectator and decide. Coaches should speak to their players and their parents/supporters, notifying them that any form of abuse will not be tolerated. Any abuse from a parent/supporter may result in their team forfeiting the game.

Players under the influence of alcohol or drugs or engaging in physical violence will be ejected from the tournament.

5U 6-ASIDE

STS'AILES MINI CHIEFS

G1
SAT 9:00 AM

CAPILANO CREW FC

G3
SAT 11:00 AM

MINI MAYUKWS SHISHALH

MUSQUEAM LIL BLUES

G2
SAT 10:00 AM

SEABIRD

G4
SAT 12:00 PM

KWANTLEN CUBS

G7
SUN 11:45 AM
FINAL

L2

G5
SAT 1:00 PM

L3

G8
SUN 10:45 AM

L1

G6
SAT 2:00 PM

L4

**2X15 - MINUTE HALVES
FIELD 10**

1ST PLACE WINNER G7

2ND PLACE WINNER G7

3RD PLACE WINNER G8

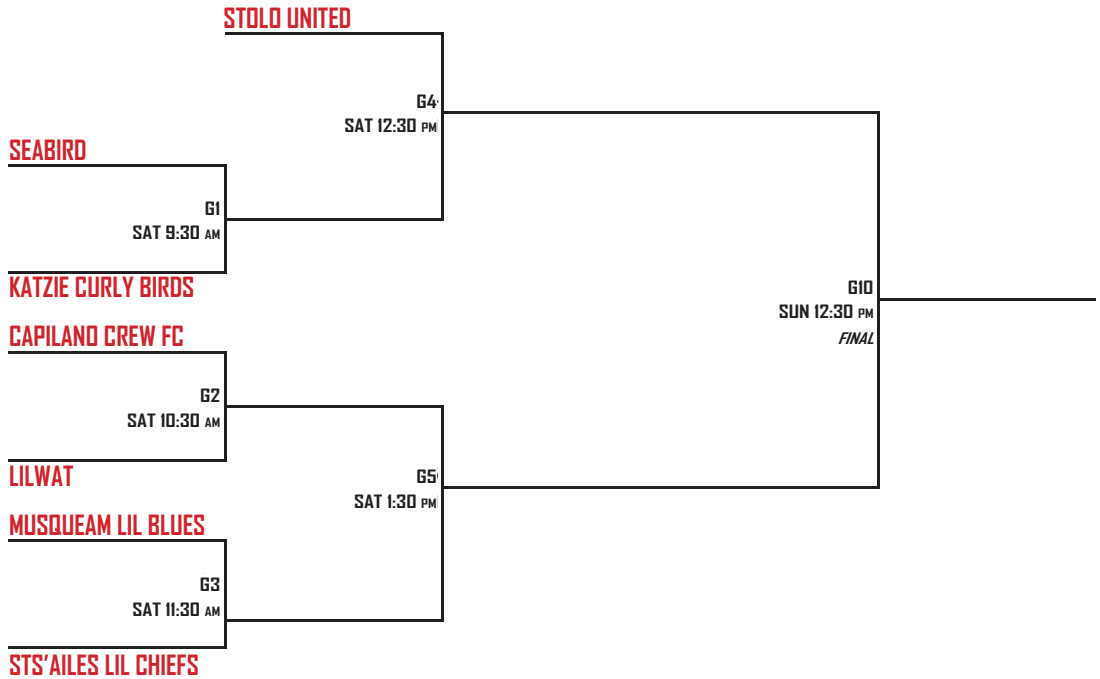
SOCCER AWARDS SUNDAY - 5U 12:45 AM - Youth Soccer Tent

Sports Code of Conduct

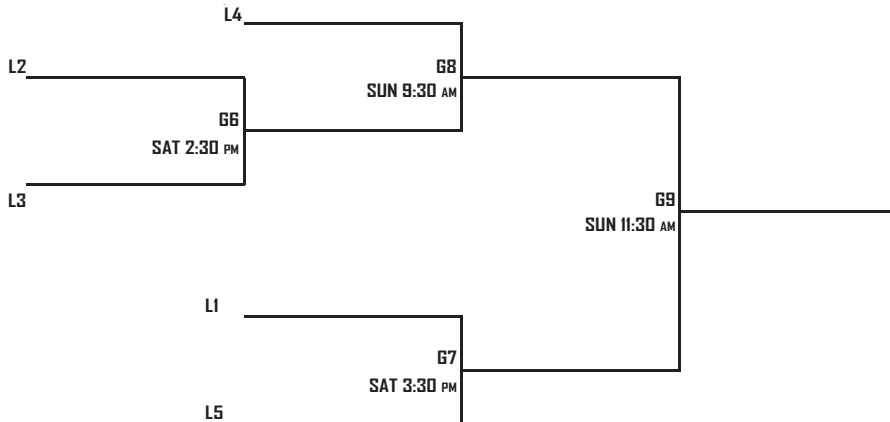
1. Remember, the players are involved in the sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Respect all decisions made by coaches, and referees.
3. Be a role model by supporting your player.
4. Respect the rights of all players.
5. Applaud effort and hard work, as well as success.
6. Encourage everyone to play according to the rules.
7. Applaud the opposition as well as your team.
8. Do not coach or train your player while playing games; leave it to the coaches.
9. Do not shout or criticize players, parents, coaches, and referees.
10. Do not force anyone to participate in sport.



7U 7-ASIDE



CONSOLATION



2X20 - MINUTE HALVES, FIELD 9

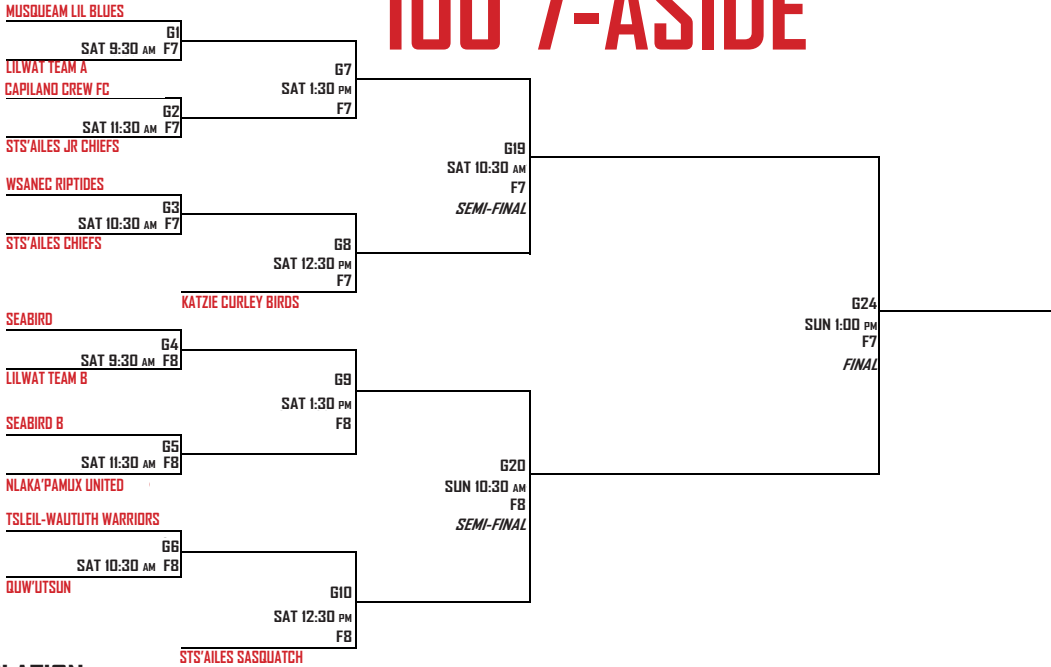
1ST PLACE WINNER G10

2ND PLACE LOSER G10

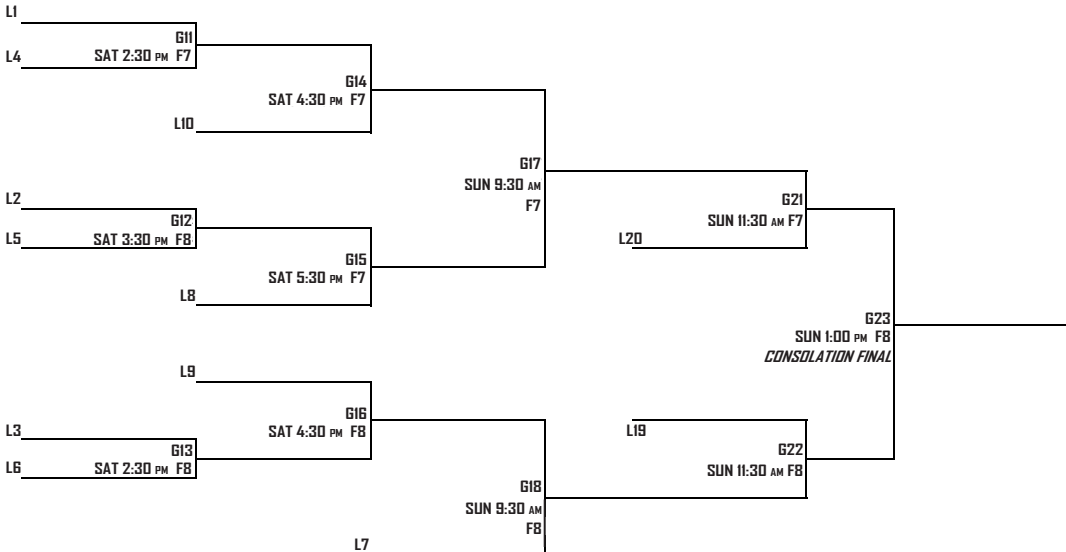
3RD PLACE WINNER G9

SOCGER AWARDS SUNDAY - 7U 2:00 PM - Youth Soccer Tent

10U 7-ASIDE



CONSOLATION



2X20 - MINUTE HALVES

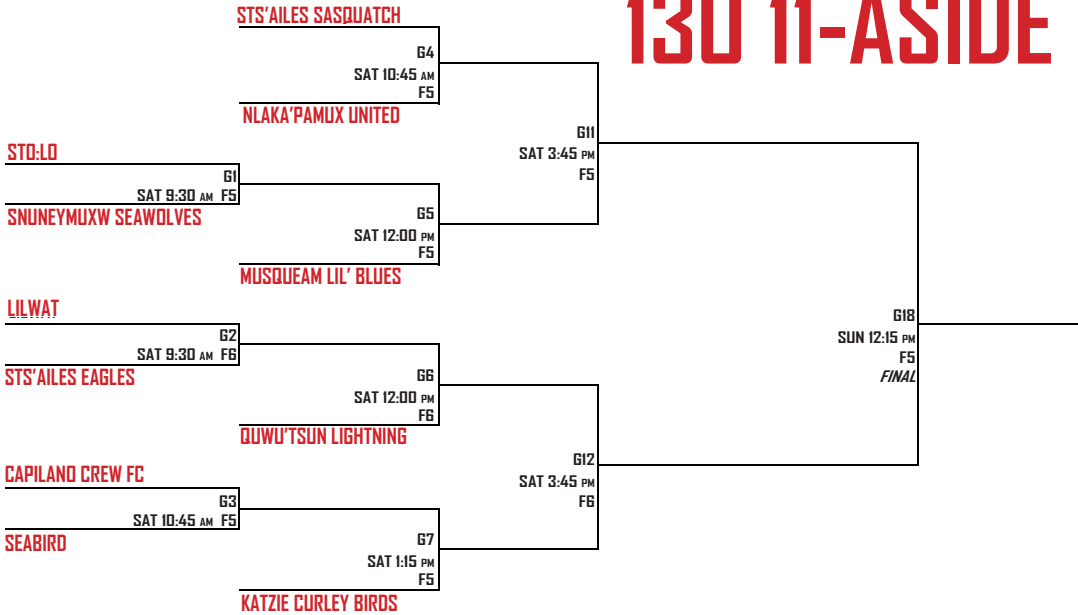
1ST PLACE WINNER G24

2ND PLACE LOSER G24

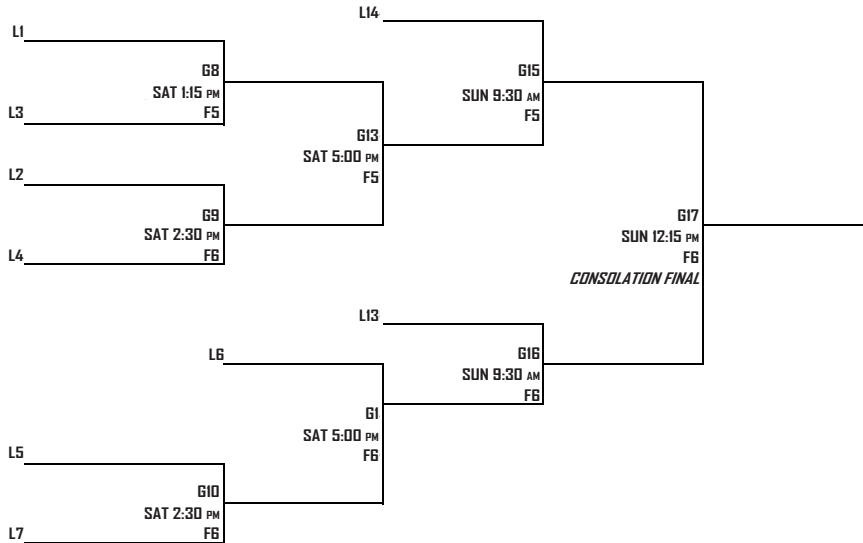
3RD PLACE WINNER G23

SOCCER AWARDS SUNDAY - 10U 2:00 PM - Youth Soccer Tent

13U 11-ASIDE



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2X30 - MINUTE HALVES, FINAL 35 - MINUTE HALVES

1ST PLACE WINNER G18

2ND PLACE LOSER G18

3RD PLACE WINNER G17

SOCCER AWARDS SUNDAY - 13U 2:00 PM - Youth Soccer Tent

SEABIRD ISLAND F



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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Main Gate | E - Coastal Jam |
| 2 - Exit Gate | F - Debit Machine (ATM) |
| A - Grand Stand/Canoe | G - Youth Soccer Tent |
| B - Adult Soccer | H - Sq'ewqel Wonder W |
| C - Elders Tea | I - Elders Shuttle |
| D - Fish Sales | |

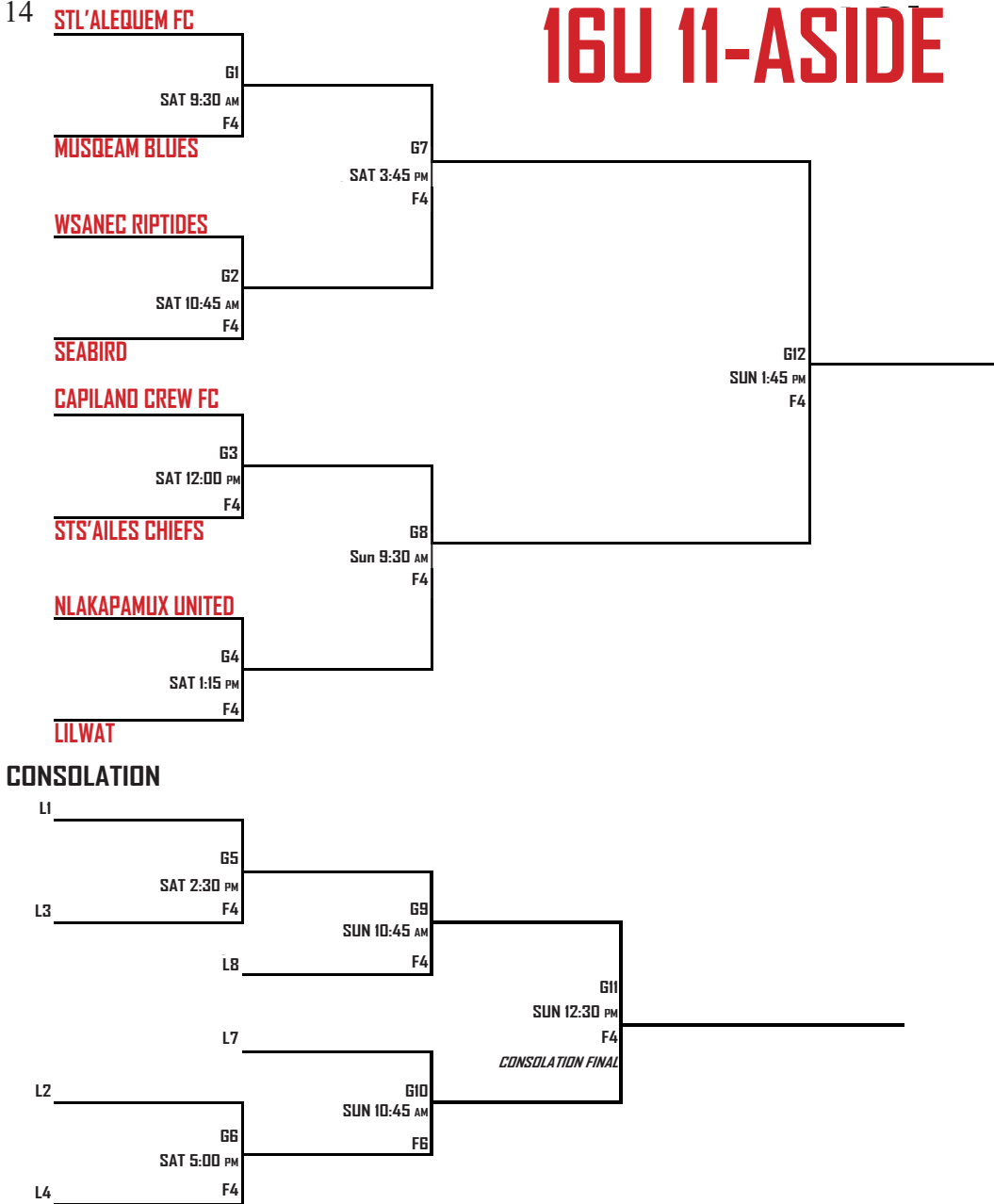
FESTIVAL MAP 2026



J	- STAFF HUB		- Camping
	- Info Booth		- Parking
	- NO PARKING		- Handicap Parking
	- Restrooms		- Vendors Lots
	- Showers		- First Aid/Security



16U 11-ASIDE



2X30 - MINUTE HALVES, FINAL 35 - MINUTE HALVES

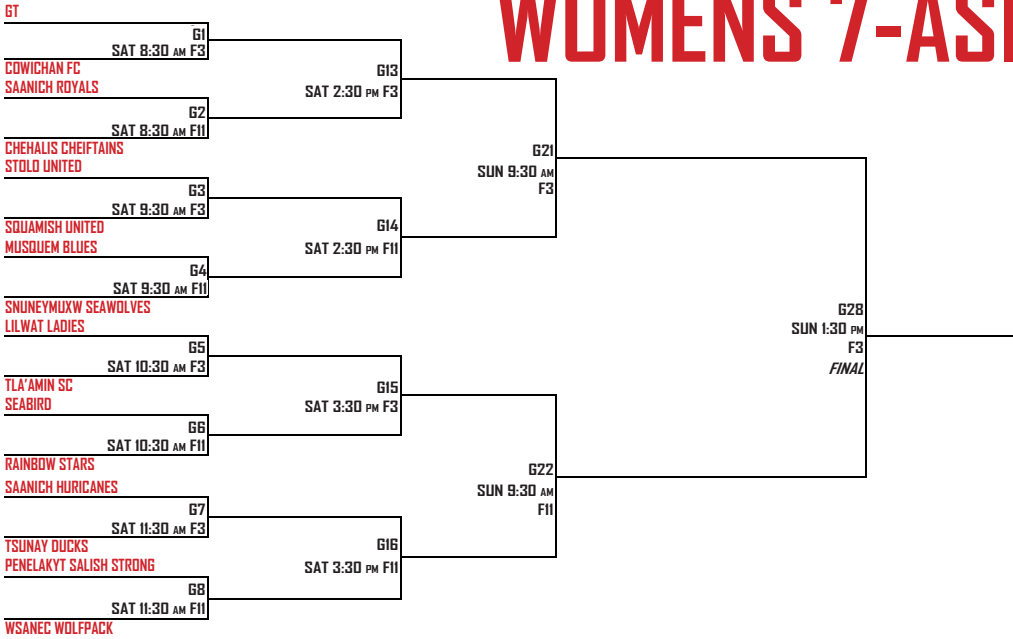
1ST PLACE WINNER G12

2ND PLACE LOSER G12

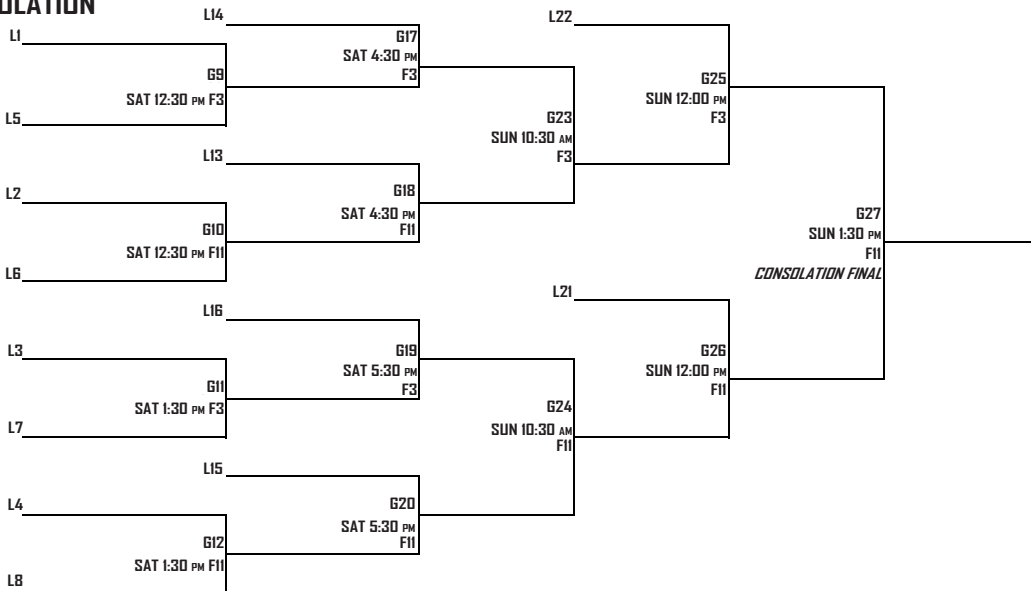
3RD PLACE WINNER G11

SOCCER AWARDS SUNDAY - 16U 2:45 PM - Youth Soccer Tent

WOMENS 7-ASIDE 15



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**2X30 - MINUTE HALVES, FINAL 25 - MINUTE HALVES
FIELD 3**

**1ST PLACE WINNER G28
\$2,800**

**2ND PLACE LOSER G28
\$1,680**

**3RD PLACE WINNER G27
\$1,120**

Soccer Awards Sunday - Women's 3:00 PM - Information Booth

MENS 11-ASIDE

STS'AILES CHIEFS

SAT 8:00 AM F1

**SEABIRD ALUMNI
SAANICH ROYALS**

SAT 8:00 AM F2

CHEAM FN

SAANICH BRAVES

SAT 8:00 AM F4

QUW'UTSUN FC

SEMATH STOMEX

SAT 9:30 AM F1

**STS'AILES SASQUACH
WSANEC WHALERS**

SAT 9:30 AM F2

MUSQUEAM BLUES

MUSQUEAM SPURS

SAT 11:00 AM F1

SEABIRD

SHISHALH RENEGADES

SAT 12:30 PM F1

SAT 3:00 PM F1

SAT 11:00 AM F2

SAT 3:30 PM F1

SUN 8:00 AM F1

SUN 8:00 AM F2

SUN 9:30 AM F1

SUN 9:30 AM F2

SUN 1:30 PM F1
FINAL

SUN 1:30 PM F2
CONSOLATION FINAL

CONSOLATION

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SAT 12:30 AM F2

SAT 2:00 AM F1

SAT 5:00 PM F2

SAT 2:00 PM F2

SAT 5:00 PM F1

SUN 8:00 AM F4

SAT 5:00 PM F2

SUN 11:30 AM F1

SUN 11:30 AM F2

2X35 - MINUTE HALVES, FINAL 45 - MINUTE HALVES

**1ST PLACE WINNER G24
\$3,250**

**2ND PLACE LOSER G24
\$1,950**

**3RD PLACE WINNER G23
\$1,300**

SOCCER AWARDS SUNDAY - MEN'S 3:00 PM - Information Booth

CANOE

SATURDAY SINGLE PADDLE

10U Girls

Sofia (Rainbow) Theia (Golden Eagles) Aria (War Bonnet)

10U Boys

Bronson (Golden Eagles) Ryan (Rainbow) Asher (Lady Jane)

13U Girls

Jasmine (Merisa Mae) Louanne (War Bonnet) Miya (Lady Jane)

13U Boys

Zach (NVCC) Julius (Lady Jane) Frankie (River Spirit)

16U Girls

Danielle (Rainbow) Viviana (Rainbow) Makya (Lady Rose)

16U Boys

Leelind (Vikki-Lynn) Mason (Vikki-Lynn) Aiden (Vikki-Lynn)

Women

Karlie (Merisa Mae) Salena (Merisa Mae) Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn)

Men

Jim (Island Brave) Andrew (Lady Jane) Mike (NVCC)

SATURDAY DOUBLE PADDLE

10U

Sofia + Catherine (Rainbow) Emmitt + Aria (War Bonnet) Ryan + Tyson (Rainbow)

13U

Zara + Allyson (Vikki-Lynn) Cylis + Rayahna (War Bonnet) Syanne + Kasen (War Bonnet)

16U

Leelind + Zane (Vikki-Lynn) Mason + Aiden (Vikki-Lynn) Joseph + Alex (Geronimo)

Women

Karlie + Merisa (Merisa Mae) Tyra + Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn) Serena + Salena (Kikya)

Men

Jim + Michael (Island Brave) Buddy + Darian (Free Agent) Colin + Fidele (Vikki-Lynn)

Mixed

Jacqueline + Fidele (Vikki-Lynn) Andrew + Leandra (Lady Jane) Tyra + Leelind (Vikki-Lynn)

SATURDAY 6 PADDLE

10U

Lady Lavina King Kash Rockin Robin

13U

Lady Lavina Rockin Robin II Top Secret

16U

Top Secret Rockin Robin II Kikya

Women

Top Secret Pink Lady King Kash

Men

Island Brave Top Secret Moni's Angels

SATURDAY 11 PADDLE

10U

Rainbow Merisa Mae Tsesqel

13U

Merisa Mae Lady Jane Rainbow

16U

Top Secret Lady Rose War Bonnet

Women

Salish Dancer Stó:lō Queen Merisa Mae

Men

Island Brave Salish Dancer Xeyteleq

SUNDAY 11 PADDLE

Men

Island Brave Salish Dancer Stó:lō Queen

Women

Salish Dancer Stó:lō Queen Rainbow

16U

Salish Dancer War Bonnet Lady Rose

13U

Merisa Mae Rainbow Lady Jane

10U

Merisa Mae Rainbow Tsesqel

SUNDAY 6 PADDLE

Generations Dash

King Kash Adeline (NVCC) Chief (Swinomish)

Mixed 3&3

Top Secret NiNi (Lost Boyz) Adeline (NVCC)

Men

Island Brave Top Secret Vikki Lynn

Women

Top Secret Stó:lō Star Nation

16U

Top Secret Rockin Robin II Moni's Angels

13U

Rockin Robin Lady Lavina King Kash

SUNDAY DOUBLE PADDLE

Masters

Walter + John (Xeyteq) John + Ces (SeaWolf) Heather + Nicola (NVCC + Stolo)

Men

Jim + Mike (Island Brave) Andrew + Darian (Lady Jane + River Spirit) Fidele + Colin (Vikki-Lynn)

Women

Tyra + Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn) Jenn + Niki (Sts'ailes Canoe Club) Nicola + Raquel (Burrard + Free Agent)

16U

Zane + Leelind (Vikki-Lynn) Mason + Aiden (Vikki-Lynn) Lindsey + Vincent (Salmon Arrow)

13U

Zach + Robbie (NVCC + Salish Serpents) Syanne + Kasen (Rockin Robin) Julius + Kael (Lady Jane + Gold Eagles)

Mixed

Fidele + Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn) Mike + Nivana (NVCC) Andrew + Leandra (Lady Jane)

SUNDAY SINGLE PADDLE

Men

Andrew (Lady Jane) Jim (Island Brave) Mike (Island Brave)

Women

Karlie (Merisa Mae) Jacqueline (Vikki-Lynn) Tyra (Vikki-Lynn)

16U

Leelind (Vikki-Lynn) Mason (Vikki-Lynn) Aiden (Vikki-Lynn)

13U

Zach (NVCC) Wyatt (Vikki-Lynn) Cylis (War Bonnet)

SOCCER

Men's Soccer

1st Sts'ailes
2nd Musqueam Blues
3rd Tla'amin Braves

Women's Soccer

1st Cowichan FC
2nd Rainbow Stars
3rd Skwxwu7mesh Nch'u7mut

16U Soccer

1st Quw'utsin FC
2nd Sts'ailes
3rd Musqueam Blues

13U Soccer

1st Rainbow Stars
2nd Tla'amin Thunder
3rd Capilano Crew

10U Soccer

1st Sts'ailes Sasquatch
2nd Tla'amin Thunder
3rd Capilano Crew

7U Soccer

1st Musqueam lil' Blues
2nd Seabird
3rd Sts'ailes

5U Soccer

1st Sts'ailes Mini Chiefs
2nd Kilgatzie
3rd Capilano Crew FC

50/50 Saturday's Winner, \$4,062.00 – Gail Kirk,
Sunday's Winner, \$3,315.00 – Fred Paul Sr.

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"
Wayne Gretzky

SATURDAY	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Single Paddle				
U7 GIRLS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
U7 BOYS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
U10 GIRLS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
U10 BOYS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
13U GIRLS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
13U BOYS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
16U GIRLS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
16U BOYS	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$45
WOMEN'S	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$60
MEN'S	\$30	\$20	\$10	\$60
Double Paddle				
7U	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$90
10U	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$90
13U	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$90
16U	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$90
WOMEN'S	\$60	\$40	\$20	\$120
MEN'S	\$60	\$40	\$20	\$120
MIXED	\$60	\$40	\$20	\$120
6 Paddle				
10U	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$270
13U	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$270
16U	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$270
WOMEN'S	\$180	\$120	\$60	\$360
MEN'S	\$180	\$120	\$60	\$360
11 Paddle				
10U	\$330	\$220	\$110	\$660
13U	\$330	\$220	\$110	\$660
16U	\$330	\$220	\$110	\$660
WOMEN'S	\$440	\$330	\$220	\$990
MEN'S	\$440	\$330	\$220	\$990

SUNDAY	First	Second	Third
11 Paddle			
MEN	\$660	\$440	\$330
WOMEN	\$660	\$440	\$330
16 & UNDER	\$550	\$330	\$220
13 & UNDER	\$550	\$330	\$220
10 & UNDER	\$550	\$330	\$220
6 Paddle			
MASTERS 50+ (SHORT COURSE)	\$180	\$120	\$60
MIXED SIX (SHORT COURSE) <i>MIXED 3&3</i>	\$180	\$120	\$60
MEN	\$360	\$240	\$180
WOMEN	\$360	\$240	\$180
16 & UNDER	\$300	\$180	\$120
13 & UNDER	\$300	\$180	\$120
Double Paddle			
MASTER'S DOUBLE (50+)	\$120	\$80	\$40
MEN	\$120	\$80	\$40
WOMEN	\$120	\$80	\$40
16 & UNDER	\$60	\$40	\$20
13 & UNDER	\$60	\$40	\$20
MIXED	\$60	\$40	\$20
Single Paddle			
MASTERS 50+	\$60	\$40	\$20
MEN'S	\$60	\$40	\$20
WOMEN'S	\$60	\$40	\$20
16 & UNDER	\$30	\$20	\$10
13 & UNDER	\$30	\$20	\$10



CANOE RACES RULES

1. All canoes and skippers must be registered by 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 30, 2026.
2. Skippers Meeting will take place at 10:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday.
3. Races will begin following the skippers meeting, approximately between 10:30–11:00 AM.
4. Each race must start and end with the same number of participants in each canoe; otherwise, the canoe is disqualified from that race.
5. Canoe skippers must hold the starting rope while all other paddles are raised overhead; failure to raise all paddles results in disqualification for that race.
6. Canoes must complete all turns; missing a turn results in disqualification.
7. Swinging paddles results in disqualification.
8. No contact with opponents is permitted; any contact results in disqualification.
9. There are no paddle restrictions.
10. There are no canoe restrictions, dugout and strip canoes are permitted
11. Verbal abuse toward officials is not tolerated; offenders are disqualified and barred from the next race.
12. Protests must be submitted in writing by the canoe skipper within 30 minutes after the race.
13. Judges' decisions are final.
14. Prizes are awarded after each race and must be picked up by the canoe skipper.
15. All canoes/canoe clubs must register and attend both race days to receive the travel honorarium.
16. Travel expenses will be paid on Sunday, May 31, 2026, after the races and must be collected by the canoe skipper.



SEABIRD FESTIVAL SHOWERS AVAILABLE

Saturday: 8 AM - 10 PM

Sunday: 8 AM - 6 PM

Shower Location:

Two Behind the Band Office Gym, the back of the gravel parking lot.



THE SEABIRD ISLAND FESTIVAL: HISTORY



This year marks the 53th Annual Seabird Island Festival – a time to come together and celebrate First Nations culture and pride. In 1969, Grand Chief Archie Charles and his wife Mary formally established the festival, and it has since become one of the region’s most anticipated spring traditions. Unfortunately we lost a few years of festival during the Covid-19 pandemic.

For centuries, First Nations festivals were lively events. Tribes would gather to compete in sports and games, trade, seek spouses, settle disputes and debts, visit family members and celebrate for celebrations’ sake. In the Fraser Canyon, Stó:lō people often brought salmon when they visited neighbouring nations.

In 1876, the Indian Act prevented cultural gatherings, including powwows and festivals, through new legislation called the Potlatch Ban. This was to advance Canada’s independence from the British. The ban wasn’t repealed until 1951.

The ban incited underground movements to skirt Canadian tyranny, but fear slowly seeped into communities. Acts of resistance were punished with imprisonment, and a campaign of shaming for “debauchery” was unleashed onto First Nations communities, all for something as human as commemorating joyful moments, like weddings and naming ceremonies.

Sadly, many customs were lost during the generation overshadowed by the Potlatch Ban. Resistance helped to preserve some, but it couldn’t save them all.

The establishment of the Seabird Island Festival coincides with a larger pattern in Canada; the shifting culture in the aftermath of World War II. People were tired of government neglect, so First Nations veterans and the general public pressured Canadian officials to treat the Indigenous population better. A slow return of rights began to unroll in the 50s, and in the 60s cultural revitalization took off. Many festivals were born or reborn, including Seabird Island Festival.

Although tribes no longer travel by canoe to convene, people from neighbouring reserves, off-reserve Band Members, sports teams and the wider community make the journey year after year. Some have come from as far as Saskatchewan and the United States.

Festivals today look a little different than they did once. In Seabird Island Festival’s early days, popular events included canoe races, ball hockey, drumming and dance performances, soccer tournaments, games of Slahal and salmon barbeques, with much of the cooking being done by Community Members in their own homes. Volunteers were the driving force behind the festival, and it has since grown into a full-scale operation.

Now, planning for each year’s festival begins over a year in advance. Key events still take place and are complimented by modern additions, including food trucks, local vendors, skate park jams and premium children’s entertainment.

Seabird Island Festival is recognized as one of the Stó:lō territory’s most popular events. With thousands of people attending throughout the decades and recounting memories of good food, friends and times, it’s no wonder why the tradition carries on so strongly.

Ts’áts’eltset xwoyíwel tel sqwálewel kw’as me xwe’í sq’ó talhlúwep. Lhlímelhcha íyes!

*We’re happy you’re here!
Welcome and enjoy the festivities.*

BEHIND THE SCENES

From May 30 to 31, 2026, hundreds of men, women, and children will visit Seabird Island to participate in the annual reunion of many communities with similar traditions and customs. Sports will be experienced by both players and spectators. Young people will be amazed by skateboarding, while children will enjoy games and fun. Everyone will also enjoy the food and crafts that the vendors are selling.

In order to review every aspect of the operation, the planning committee met beginning in the fall of 2024. The winter months were spent finalizing budgets, creating marketing and registration packages, and promoting the event on social media. In the spring, volunteers were recruited and souvenirs, medals, and t-shirts were ordered.

Work on the festival venue started behind the scenes many weeks ago with the installation of new soccer nets and field preparations. Agreements have been made for First Aid, site security, and porta-potties.

To guarantee that everyone has a good time, more than 75 people participate every day during the festival. Staff members from every area and community volunteers are essential to the festival's success. Teachers, engineers, managers, parents, high school students, accountants, and others assist with program activities, parking, tournaments, and site services. They are the ones wearing the **BRIGHT YELLOW shirts** and 50/50 sales in the **HOT PINK shirts!**

Debriefing with volunteers and service providers, site take-down the next week, and finalizing the reports and accounting will take up most of June. Everything will restart after a debriefing from festival personnel.

We are already anticipating the **next festival**, which will take place from **May 29 to 30, 2027**. See you then!

COMMITTEE / LEADS

Coordinator	Demay Nickel
General Festival	Kailie McRae & Paul Pettis
Canoes	Brooke Bobb-Reid & Hailey Hague
Coastal Jam	Barb White
Elder's Tea	Haley Walker
Finance & 50/50	Coral-Leigh Peters
First Aid	Worksafet Solutions -Sheri Williamson
Grounds Crew	Danielle Campbell & Shawnrae Gabriel
Head Referee	Ned Mullock-Adult & Darshan -Youth
Info Booth / Communications & Engaement	Sandy Bobb
Maintenance	
Parking	Dwight Schneider
RCMP	Non-Emergency
Safety & Security - Observe & Report	Brooke Bobb Ried & Sierra Kortenback
Security	Griffen Security
Soccer - Adult	Kristy McNeil & Richard Parsey
Soccer - Youth	Britt Felix & Leanne Sweeny
Staff Hub	Demi Peters
Vendors/Volunteers	
Grievance Committe	Richard Parsey
Education Zone	Shannon Beaty
Health Promotion	Brooke Bobb-Reid & Sierra Kortecnback
Fish Sales	Brenon McIntyre & Aleesha Jones
Custodial	Dawna Schneider
Childrens Zone	Jen McNeil & Nadine Knelsen

SMILE SEABIRD PHOTOGRAPHERS ON SITE!

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS employed by the Event Organizer, the Sq'ewqel (Seabird Island), and reporters will be present taking pictures and video footage at the



event. These images may be used, without further notification, at a later date to market this event and future events.

SAFETY FIRST

PLEASE REMEMBER when parking your vehicle, look to see if your vehicle is blocking another vehicle to exit or enter the designated area.

DRIVERS BE MINDFUL AND ROAD SAFE WHEN WATCHING THE WAR CANOES.

Many spectators pull a lawn chair out and place this on the pavement of the road. The road is very narrow and when two vehicles are passing each other can become dangerous.

SAFETY FIRST: Child safety near traffic can be affected by two major players: drivers and parents. For their part, young children have not yet developed the necessary skills to safely assess the dangers of the road.

Do not walk on the road where-ever possible.

Please keep your eyes on your children!

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

The Seabird Island Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen goods, damaged property or injuries. Players participate at their own risk. In case of an emergency, staff will contact emergency personnel for you.

FIRST AID: Located at the Fire Hall. Attendants are also walking the site between 8 AM - 4 PM.

LOST CHILD: Report to any Sports Tent, they will radio to MC to announce immediately.

CHILD LEFT BEHIND: MC to announce and ask child to report to the Info. Booth.

LOST AND FOUND: Located at the Information Booth located between Field 1 and the Millennium Hall.

SECURITY: Police and Security will be making regular patrols 24 hours a day. Report any drug or alcohol use to security.

GRIEVANCE: Notify committee at the sports tents

DIAL 911: For any medical emergency, domestic/assault, or fire.

Emergency Vehicle Access Routes:

- Spectators will not be permitted to park along Field #1 at anytime.
- Do not block any entrances!

These areas are to be kept clear of vehicles to ensure there is a route for emergency personnel.

FESTIVAL RADIO

While you are here, tune in to 87.9 for the festival updates during festival.

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Dinner
will be provided
at 6:00 PM

Bring your
rattles!



Date: **May 30, 2026**
Time: **7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**

Location: **Sq'ewqel Band Office Gym**

For more information, please contact the Sq'ewqel Education Department:
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