



## UN World Oceans Day Events June 7th and 8th Átl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound

The United Nations designated a special [World Oceans Day](#) for celebrating the role of the oceans in our everyday life and inspiring action to protect the ocean and sustainably use marine resources.

*Join us to celebrate through these events:*

Now through May 30th - [Howe Sound Art Challenge](#)

June 7th - [The Howe Sound Átl'ka7tsem Marine Reference Guide launch](#)

June 8th - [Ocean Wise Education's Young Learner's event for schools and home learners](#)

June 8th - [Howe Sound Glass Sponge Reefs and the Amazing Underwater World of Howe Sound.](#)



## Glass Sponge Reefs and the Amazing Underwater World in Howe Sound

June 8th at 7:00 p.m. over Zoom we host Sheila Byers, Marine Biologist with [Marine Life Sanctuaries Society \(MLSS\)](#) in a deep-sea exploration of Howe Sound in the discovery of ancient glass sponge reefs, the diversity of marine life that thrive in these reef communities, and yes, even juvenile six-gill sharks that lurk in the darkness.

[Register Here](#)



## Young Learner's Event

June 8th 9-10 a.m. we have teamed up with [BlueMar4Change](#) and [Ocean Wise Education](#) to host a Howe Sound-specific online lab for all young learners focused on these themes.

This live lab will cover why Howe Sound is special and unique with aspects

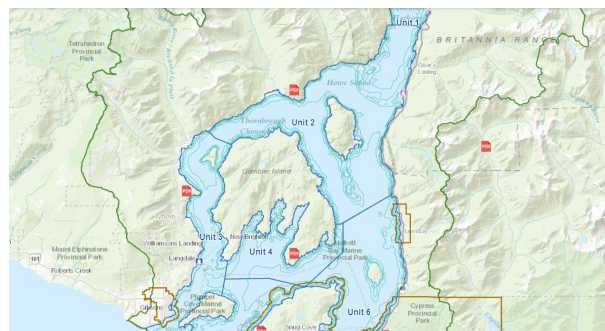
of culture (herring roe & Squamish Nation), dinosaurs (glass sponge reefs), celebrities (rockfish), and nurseries (eelgrass). The Ocean Wise Education team will talk about important habitats and ways we can make a positive impact.

[Register with Ocean Wise here](#)



From now through May 30th students K-12 are encouraged to be creative and to share their stories about what they love most about where they live within Howe Sound's precious watershed. Artwork chosen from submissions will be featured.

[Learn more details here](#)



## Marine Reference Guide's Celebration Launch

June 7th at 7:00 we are joining the celebration and official launch of the [Marine Reference Guide](#). After three years in development, we welcome the completion of this incredible mapping project. [The team](#) will share videos and stories from some of this region's ocean champions who developed these tools that will inform marine spatial planning and education.

[Learn more and register here](#)

## Creating the Oceans We Want

June 1st is the virtual official start of the International Ocean Decade Conference. Engage with world leaders and other stakeholders from diverse stakeholder groups including science, industry, UN agencies, philanthropy, governments, NGOs, civil society and community leaders, media, and arts and humanities.

[Learn more here.](#)

## The Nicholas Sonntag Marine Education Centre in Gibsons

is hosting their third annual Rockfish Competition Art Festival and Auction June 8-20th. The 1,200 square foot aquarium located in the Gibsons Public Market showcases 30 habitats of local marine life. The centre offers school programs and much more.

[More information here.](#)

## Join us in making history for Howe Sound and donate today!

Your donations support ongoing efforts of this volunteer initiative.

[Learn more here](#) about sustainable funding and how you can help.

Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound region is the unceded territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) people.

The photo above overlooking Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh is the cover photo for the UNESCO nomination document by Chris Christie.



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