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The waters from Indian Arm to Powell River, off the southern coast of British Columbia, offer a large array of diving sites. You will find wrecks, walls and reefs that are just waiting to be explored. Visiting killer whales, sea lions, harbour seals, sometimes give the dive trip an extra dimension.

Howe Sound is a very popular dive area for local and out of town divers. It has shore-access to two major marine protected areas – Whytecliff Park and Porteau Cove Provincial Park. On these sites inquisitive seals may play with divers and impressive lingcods try blend into the underwater scenery.

The Sunshine Coast, is a little further north and a ferry ride away from Horseshoe Bay. Visibility can vary (like everywhere else in BC) from 30-50feet in summer (0-15 meter) to over 80feet (25meter) in winter. One of the wrecks that has been sunk off this coast is the HMCS Chaudière (366ft destroyer escort ship) and this ship now forms an artificial reef harboring all kind of life.

Powell River is on the northern tip of the Sunshine Coast. One of the main attractions is the statue of the “Mermaid” (made by BC artist Simon Morris) placed on one of the reefs.

