



Dive Area: Southern Vancouver Island:

Southern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands

The dive sites around southern Vancouver Island have a lot to offer.

Victoria, Sidney, Brentwood Bay, Race Rock, Saanich Inlet are just a few examples of the dive areas you can visit. Both shore dives and boat dives offer awesome diving. A diver may see sea lions, colorful sculpins, rockfish, and many species of invertebrate life.

Race Rock is one of the most well known areas around Victoria. This beautiful and protected area above and below the water is only accessible by boat. If you are diving in the winter months, chances are you will also be diving with Race Rock's main attraction, sea lions.

Saanich Inlet is lacking the strong currents and is therefore a unique area in the underwater world. Most divers are eager for a six gill shark sighting and the Saanich inlet is a great place to find them. Large boulders on the steep rocky underwater slopes of the Inlet make ideal dens for octopus and wolf eels, two favourite subjects for scuba enthusiasts.

Sidney / Brentwood Bay and its surrounding areas have more great dive sites. Grahams Wall, Rubly Island and North Cod Reef are but a few examples of them.

The wrecks HMCS MacKenzie and the G.B.Church form two nearby artificial reefs

The Duncan / Chemainus area offers a unique artificial reef. The empty hull of a Boeing 737 is now occupied by very different "passengers".

Sooke is the most western community that offers dive services and is know for its beautiful rugged coast.

