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Coastal Queer Alliance is a local non-profit organization committed to creating resources, augmenting representation, and facilitating collaborative opportunities for the queer community.

Summer's been busy!

June brought so much connection & joy for queer folks in our community in so many different ways - however you chose to show up, we are grateful you did. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our pride events, and thank you to everyone who continues to support us year round.



What's been happening?



CQA facilitated some awesome Pride events:

- Button making with Tofino Market
- Good Night Out training
- Art swap
- Movie night with Monday Night Movies
- Queer Youth Movie Night
- Queer Surf
- Language as a Lifeline
- Queer Makers Market

Thank you!

Pride means so many things to so many people, and CQA is proud of the partnerships that helped us create connections, offer resources and allow for everyone to show up to events that felt authentic to them.

Thank you to all of the folks who supported Pride through funding and venue space!

Saturday Market | Good Night Out Vancouver
Tofino Arts Council | District of Tofino
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust | Tourism Tofino
Hotel Zed | The MAQ | Surfside Grill
Sandi Rideout & Monday Night Movies
Surf Sister | Merge



A HUGE shout out to our volunteer team for keeping our events running smoothly - we are so grateful to the wonderful folks in our community who share their time and energy to co-create our events.

Coastal Queers is grateful to live, learn, unlearn, and bring community together in the *ḥaḥuuk̓i* of the *laḥuuk̓w̓iḥaḥ*. We are committed to a continuous process of learning from and amplifying the voices of First Nations individuals and governance, and acting with accountability to the laws of the land and waters that have been set out by the Nations whose lands we operate within.



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July Queer Surf

July's Queer Surf was a small but sweet crew of beach dwellers and wave catchers. Thanks to all the folks who came out to play games, splash in the white wash, and catch the sunset with us. If you missed out on gear or a ride, make sure to grab a spot in August! There are only 2 Queer Surf's left for the year - come frolic!



Coming Up...

>Our next Queer Surf is on **August 19!** Gear & transportation sign up is available [here](#). Queer Surf is an OPEN event, and as always, folks who don't want to surf are welcome to join us on the beach or at the after party at Surfside Grill.

>**August 29** - we've got another art night planned, but this time with a twist! Keep an eye on our instagram for event details. See you there!

Open/Closed Events

As we navigate resources, feeling safe, and creating community we're refining the way we advertise and run events by hosting Open & Closed events. Closed events are welcome to folks who self identify as queer/2SLGBTQIA+/not cisgender and/or not heterosexual.

Open events are welcome to everyone that closed events are open to, as well as folks who support queer folks. If you are a non-queer person attending our events, please attend with the intention to learn from, be in community with, center and support queer folks.

We will not:

- ask anyone to disclose their identity at our closed events
- tell anyone what queerness is/isn't

We will:

- center queer people & their experiences, understanding that these look different for everyone
- run events with a set of community agreements that values accountability, growth, and compassion

Merch!

available online and in store

We've got good news for Coastal Queers supporters from far and wide - you can now [buy CQA merch](#) online through Tourism Tofino, or in person at their store front! All purchases made through the Tourism Tofino website go directly back to Coastal Queer Alliance. All designs created by local queer artists.



If you support the work we're doing and are able, please consider [donating](#).