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# Tidings

Stories from Canada's  
Oceans Protection Plan

## Tidings: Stories from Our Oceans Protection Plan, Volume 2, 2023

It's no coincidence that we are releasing this issue on June 8, [World Oceans Day](#). This landmark, international day helps draw further attention to the state of our oceans and the actions needed to keep them healthy and thriving.

In this second issue of Tidings: Stories from Canada's Oceans Protection Plan, we explore the origins of World Oceans Day; provide an update on Oceans Protection Plan actions; suggest what we can do as individuals to help our shores stay clean; and shine a spotlight on women in the marine sector.

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### Latest OPP Announcements

Have a question for our team, a story pitch for our editor, or just want to say hi? **Email Tidings Editor [Joanna Tymkiw](#)**, she's always happy to chat.



## Happy World Oceans Day!

After climate change, plastic ocean waste is the biggest threat to our planet. The OPP Communications Crew has taken the 'clean up pledge' to celebrate World Oceans Day and so can you!

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## Women in Marine

From OPP funding that offers grant and contributions that ensure the marine industry is inclusive, to the success stories of Julie Gascon and Morgan Lynch, both of whom have found their calling in the marine sector, this inspiring group of stories aim to empower.

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**Did you know that the concept for World Ocean Day was originally proposed by a Canadian Organization?** Now recognized internationally, the concept for World Oceans Day was originally proposed in 1992 by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development.



## Deadline June 15: Abandoned Boats Program (ABP) calls for proposals!

ABP provides grants to and contribution funding to assist in the removal of abandoned and/or wrecked small boats posing a hazard in Canadian waters.

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## Latest Oceans Protection Plan announcements:

- [Minister of Transport launches a new call for proposals to support the removal of abandoned and wrecked vessels in Canadian waters through the Oceans Protection Plan](#)
- [Government of Canada launches call for proposals to support greater Indigenous participation in the Oceans Protection Plan](#)

