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Houseboats

2007



Twin Anchors

Canada's largest houseboat company celebrates 30 years of recreation, people and integrity.







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Work. Live. Play and Stay. Welcome to Twin Anchors Houseboats

We're lucky. We grew up on Shuswap Lake. In fact, we live the way we do because of it: its 1,000 kilometers of shoreline, its sandy beaches, its wilderness and its people. In its own way, it has taught us everything we need to know: how to work, how to live, how to play.

Not that we haven't weathered our share of storms, mind you, but it must be said that those of us fortunate enough to live on the Shuswap are plenty grateful for our lot in life.

And yet, by the same token, we envy our customers. The excitement of a guest whose most memorable holiday is spent aboard one of our houseboats and the thrill of the client who takes delivery of a brand new vessel inspire us to be our best.

Our crew inspires us too. The pride of building the finest houseboats in North America never wanes. Nor does our respect for the talented

team that takes care of our guests and our fleet, both on and off the dock. In fact, our crew's excellence drives the great reputation we have garnered in this multi-million dollar industry.

You're always welcome—prospective clients, guests, suppliers or employees—to join us and discover the Twin Anchors lifestyle on Shuswap Lake. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,
 Todd & Greg Kylo





Jems on the Shuswap

On the Trans Canada highway, between Sicamous and Salmon Arm, there's a scenic lookout. On any given sunny summer day, it features the best the Shuswap has to offer; clear skies, lush mountain side and glistening blue water. From this vantage point, the houseboats that dot the lake sparkle in the sun like tiny gems.

Close up, however, a Twin Anchors houseboat is anything but tiny. In fact, our fleet of 100 charter vessels can accommodate groups of 2 to 24 people providing luxury accommodations in a wild and rugged setting. Twin Anchors Houseboats offer three night, four night or seven night houseboat vacation packages from April through to October.

We operate two marinas, one in Sicamous and another in Salmon Arm. A full crew (120 staff during the peak season) welcomes you to your dream vacation.

Canada's houseboating paradise is home to sandy beaches, towering waterfalls, and sky blue water. The wildlife abounds in the area's easily accessible 30 marine parks. And you needn't have any previous skipper experience to ply the alluring waters of the Shuswap. Upon your arrival, we take you through a brief but comprehensive orientation of the houseboat. To prepare you ahead of time, we've posted copies of our Captain's orientation videos in the vacation planning section of our website at twinanchors.com.





A history of houseboats on the lake

In the early sixties, the idea of a houseboat on Shuswap Lake was a non-starter. As far as pleasure cruising went, Shuswap Lake was too wild to tame, a no-man's land. The few houseboats that did exist ventured up the Shuswap River and onto Mara Lake. But the idea of a house on a boat on the Shuswap had great appeal to the founders of Twin Anchors. As the boat building craft grew more specialized and the vessels became more stable, Shuswap Lake was within reach. By 1968, Twin Anchors, now Canada's largest houseboat company, moved to its present location on the Sicamous Channel.

Since 1977, the Kyllö/Thomsen family have owned and operated Twin Anchors Marine Manufacturing and its subsidiary Shuswap Lake Vacations. From their very first houseboat to the world class facility that operates today, Twin Anchors continues to focus on excellence and innovation.

ANCHORS AWAY! Planning your houseboat holiday

Once you've decided to go houseboating with Twin Anchors, choose which season you'd like to go in, and for how many nights. Determine how many people are coming with you and what type of houseboat you'd like. You can view the full list of features including beds, baths, hot tubs, slides, entertainment centres and appliances in the Boats section of the twinanchors.com website.

Call 1-800-663-4026 to reserve your vacation. To have your pick of dates and houseboat models, we recommend booking 9 to 12 months in advance as some popular dates sell out a year in advance.

We don't accept reservations over the internet given the amount of details involved in making a booking. Besides, we much prefer talking to you.

Seasons

Houseboat vacations are available from April thru to October. We offer three different seasons - low, mid and peak. For specific dates call us toll free at 1-800-663-4026 or visit our website at twinanchors.com

DAYS OF DEPARTURE

3-NIGHT PACKAGES

Depart Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

4-NIGHT PACKAGES

Depart Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday.

7-NIGHT PACKAGES

Depart Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.



> 1976 - 10' x 40' Princess model.





Whistle while you work

Forget starchy shirts and boring cubicles, a job with Twin Anchors is fast paced and high energy. As the area's largest employer, we've got a team of 120 staff working during the peak season. Mechanics, maintenance technicians, dockhands, housekeepers, hosts, porters, office managers, marketing and promotion staff, human resources staff, restaurant staff, retail and support staff are all part of delivering dream vacations to guests from across the country and around the world.

For employment enquiries, please contact our Human Resources Department at:

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good neighbours GIVE BACK

Corporate citizenship is really just a fancy word for being a good neighbour. We like to think of ourselves as good neighbours. We grew up here. We live here. Our kids go to school together. In fact, some of our families have been friends for years.

So it's a great source of pride for us to be able to sponsor local sports groups and events such as the Salmon Arm Silverbacks Junior A Hockey Club, the Sicamous Eagles Junior B Hockey Club, the Women's Under 18 National Hockey Championships and BC Special Olympics just to name a few.

We also donate houseboat packages to community groups for their fundraising needs such as the Children's Wish Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, the Brain Injury Society, the Lions Club, the Rotary Clubs, the RCMP as well as Ducks Unlimited and the Northern Wildlife Rescue.

Being successful enough in our business to have a significant community support program is, for all of us at Twin Anchors, a real benefit of living in such a community-minded place.



Home, sweet home

SICAMOUS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

This small, growing town of 3,100 people located mid way between Vancouver and Calgary, has plenty to offer the recreational enthusiast. Shuswap Lake, with its four arms (think a big letter H, as in hello – made of water) offers 1,000 kilometres of shoreline and more beach than any other lake in Canada. Recreation is on offer year-round. From May until October, houseboating, pleasure boating, water sports, swimming, fishing and shoreline camping are in season. Off the water, challenging golf courses on Shuswap Lake include Hyde Mountain, Eagle River, Anglemont and Shuswap Lake Estates. You can houseboat, golf and snowmobile all in the same weekend in the month of May. And as for October to May, consider this: in 2006, Sicamous and Eagle Valley was named best overall snowmobiling area in BC, favourite area for groomed trails and most desirable area for family snowmobiling.



Charmed lifestyle

In addition to the vibrant recreation and tourism industry, the area has a strong economy with a forestry and dairy farming base, which in turn supports local businesses ranging from yoga classes and health food stores to car dealerships and home builders. Sicamous offers all the amenities for a working or retired life, without the traffic or other drawbacks of life in the big city.

Part of our small town appeal is that Sicamous, for its small size, has great schools (elementary and high school) sports facilities (local parks and community arena), and cultural groups. Okanagan College has a campus in Salmon Arm - a short 20 minute commute, which offers a wide range of courses.

POPULATION:
3,100. District of Sicamous Incorporated in 1989.

REAL ESTATE
Average/median price ytd
\$ 303,146.90

Source: Okanagan Mainline, Real Estate Board, May 2007, Shuswap

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Baseball diamonds
- Public parks
- Public beach
- Public boat launch
- Arena

SCHOOLS

- Park View Elementary
- Eagle River Secondary
- Okanagan College (Salmon Arm)

Climate

Average daily high temperatures.

	CELSIUS	FAHRENHEIT
Jan	0	32
Feb	4	39
Mar	9	48
Apr	15	59
May	20	68
Jun	24	75
Jul	28	82
Aug	27	81
Sep	21	70
Oct	15	59
Nov	6	43
Dec	2	37

Precipitation

	mm	inches
Jan	77	3.03
Feb	48	1.89
Mar	37	1.46
Apr	32	1.26
May	51	2.01
Jun	64	2.52
Jul	46	1.81
Aug	53	2.09
Sep	56	2.20
Oct	51	2.01
Nov	66	2.60
Dec	80	3.15



Building Houseboats

YOUR DREAMS. OUR PASSION.

Houseboat building has evolved tremendously over the last thirty years. From the early “box on barrels” model to the three-storey luxury floating condominiums of today, Twin Anchors has grown from a small 10 person shop to an ISO 9001 – 2000 Quality Assurance certified 50,000 sq. ft. state of the art manufacturing facility. Twin Anchors, a member of National Marine Manufacturers Association, is highly respected in the North American houseboat industry. But don't just take our word for it. Take the word of the biggest players in the industry. Every year, Twin Anchors builds 40 to 50 houseboats for multiple premiere houseboat rental companies throughout North America. Whether we build an entire fleet or a single custom-designed vessel, your dreams are our passion.



Building from the hull up

Twin Anchors is very proud of the exceptional level of expertise found at our facility. We complete all facets of construction on site using quality construction materials available including high grade aluminum, specially formulated fiberglass resins and gel coats, heavy-duty cleats and deck fittings, solid wood cabinetry and seamless countertops. Our crew, consisting of draftsmen, engineering technicians, welders, framers, fiberglassers, finishing carpenters, cabinet makers, plumbers, electricians, mechanical specialists, riggers, office managers, material managers, interior designers and support workers, build boats that work better, last longer and are safer on the water.

Twin Anchors has built over 375 units. These days, annual production runs at 40 to 50 units. Each unit is custom designed for clients from across the country and around the world. Our houseboats are docked in some standout destinations including Lake Shasta in California, Lake Powell in Arizona, Lake Roosevelt in Washington and Lake Billy Chinook in Oregon.

The building process is an exciting one and begins with the floor plan selection. While each boat is custom designed for you, all Twin Anchors houseboats come standard with a comprehensive list of features including marine grade aluminum

hull, fiberglass superstructure, fully operational fly bridge with second control station, mercruiser 3.0L engine with alpha stern drive, 8.0 Kw Westerbeke generator, 50 Amp shore power service, two 115 gallon fuel tanks, 110 gallon water tank, 3 ft. rear swim platform, waterslide, BBQ quick connect system, all cabinetry, furniture, and appliances.

Twin Anchors houseboats are U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard approved, include all safety equipment (carbon monoxide (CO) detector, twin trumpet horn, running lights, compass with backlit binnacle mount and ship's bell). Private vessels carry a 5-Year Limited Warranty (hull and cabin), while commercial vessels carry a 1-Year Limited Warranty. All vessels are built to select standards of the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) and are Yacht Certified by the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA).

Once you decide to build a houseboat with Twin Anchors, a preliminary cost sheet is developed. Then, with the budget finalized, the building process begins. Your build spot is reserved, the final boat design is completed and the construction begins. When complete, we send our own delivery, sea-trial and set-up team to ensure your boat arrives safely, and is set up for years of carefree enjoyment.

A history of manufacturing houseboats

By the mid nineties, the time had come to upgrade our rental fleet, build bigger boats with more amenities for our customers and create year round employment for our team.

With years of customer feedback and building experience under our belt, we set course to design a great looking vessel with plenty of customer appeal that was easy to service. And so, after some late night sketching at the family kitchen table, the CruiseCraft series was born.

Family member and builder Dave Stead, who headed up the construction team, named the boat Moonfleet after a novel by the same name. Moonfleet was still under construction when Sig and Randy Paul from Salmon Arm ordered two more - these became the first new houseboats of our rental fleet.

Production increased to 12 units in 1996 and to 15 units in 1997. These days, annual production runs between 40 and 50 units. We have built over 375 CruiseCrafts to date, employ 90 full time staff and play an important role in the local and regional economies.



> Knud Thomsen launching a 1982 Commodore model.





Join our family

CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING

There's a long history of boat building in Sicamous. This marine heritage lives in everyone who participates in the planning and building of the 300 plus houseboats manufactured by Twin Anchors over the years. What keeps our crew motivated? Our employees tell us it's the wow factor of seeing the final product. It's the pride of a job well done, and the rewards of a productive crew that works well together. It's the variety of work, the family oriented corporate culture and the chances for travel and advancement.

Twin Anchors is proud of our crew's exceptional level of expertise. We've equipped them accordingly. Our 50,000 sq. ft. facility includes two giant production lines allowing us to build up to six houseboats at any one time. The house-

boat comes off the production line for water testing on the specially built test pond. As we are capable of completing all phases of construction on site, we employ dozens of people in a variety of trades and technologies including plumbing, welding, electrical, framing, finish carpentry, engineering, drafting and project management.

From ticketed trades people to summer students, the Twin Anchors team is a great crew. There are many opportunities for cross training and for learning new skills. Existing employees are always considered for internal transfers. We also have some apprenticeships available. Our people are our greatest asset and we value their input, their suggestions and their ideas.

Employment fast facts

Currently 90 Employees
Permanent
Year-round
Work inside
Benefit Plan
Pension Plan
Training Opportunities
Travel Opportunities

For employment enquiries, please send your resume to our Human Resources Manager at:

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setting sail

FOR THE FUTURE

Twin Anchors' primary focus is to build the best rental houseboats available. Since the first Twin Anchors houseboat was delivered to the United States some ten years ago, well over 300 rental houseboats have been built for houseboat rental companies throughout North America.

Sizes have varied too. We have built houseboats as small as 31 ft with a 12 ft. beam that sleeps six, all the way up to 75 ft long tridecks with 16 ft beams.

The best rental boat can differ considerably from area to area. The challenge is to come up with a boat that fits the site and infrastructure constraints, complies with local ordinances, addresses environmental regulations and incorporates the features and benefits that provide the fleet operator with their unique competitive edge. The houseboat must also provide excellent customer safety, ease of operation and low

maintenance costs. This must all be accomplished within a budget that allows for a rental rate to assure an occupancy that will provide a reasonable return to the charter fleet operator. It's not an easy task but it's one that Twin Anchors accomplishes time and time again: not that we've got time to rest on our laurels.

We look to our future for the next best thing under the sun. While the overall look of a houseboat hasn't changed much since the mid-eighties, houseboats have far more amenities than the early boats and the systems now resemble those of motor yachts as opposed to those of an RV. We're currently working on the "next generation" houseboat. What will it look like? Will it be a catamaran? Will it be a coastal boat? Stick with us and find out. One thing's for sure, when a better houseboat is built, Twin Anchors will build it and our customers will enjoy it. Anchors away!



Many thanks to our commercial clients...

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Twin Anchors Houseboats
Fairmont Resort Vacations

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Lake Sonoma Marina

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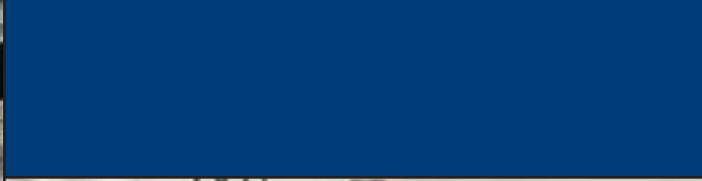
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30 Years

The past thirty years have treated the Twin Anchors family and crew well. We have lots of fond memories, experiences, and friends. We look forward to the next thirty.





Thank-you

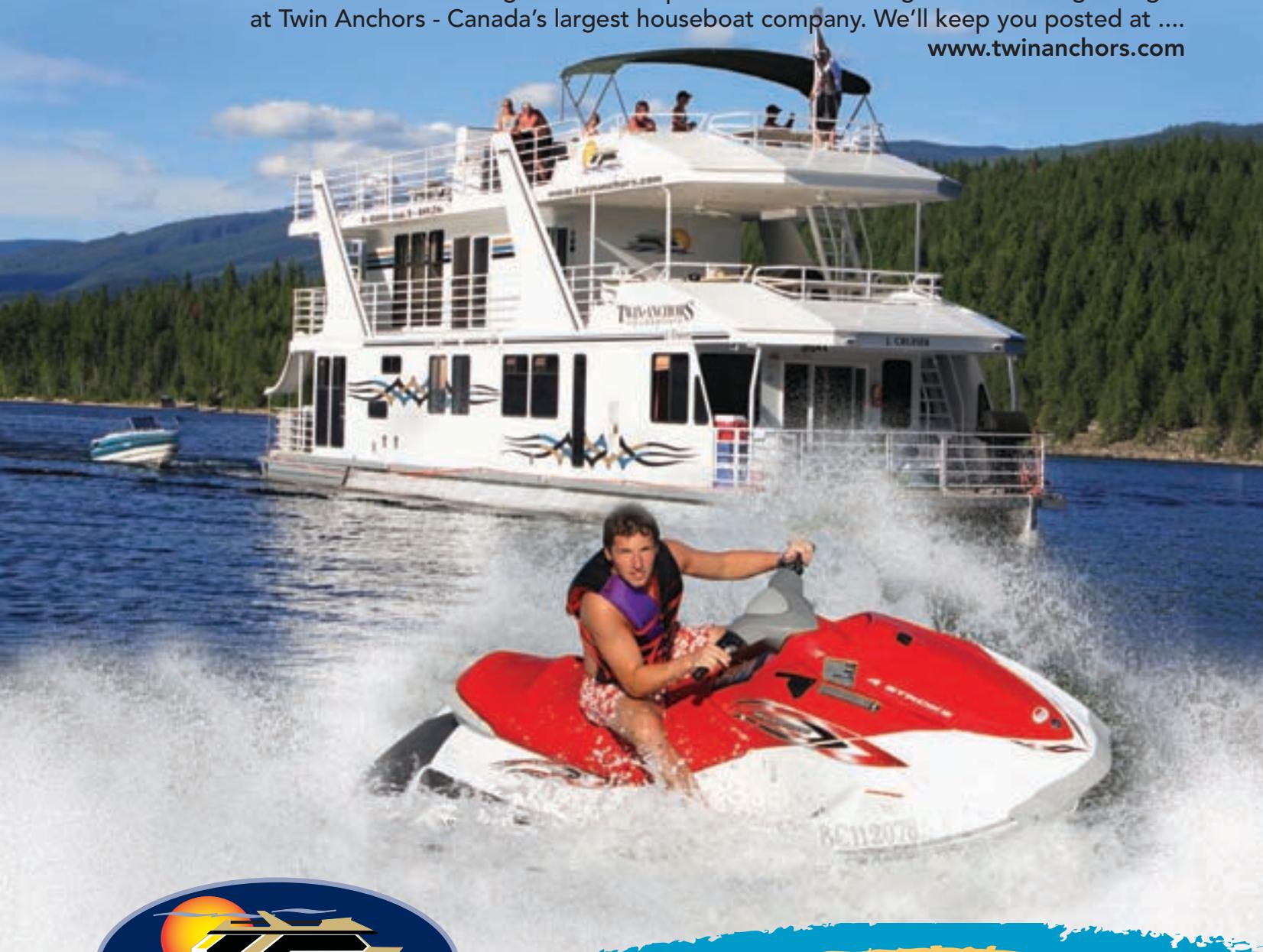
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Exciting changes

ARE ON THE HORIZON

Recreation on the water, sun-splashed views and people relaxing and having fun is what we're all about. We're about to make it a whole lot easier with a new state-of-the-art marina located right on Shuswap Lake. 2008 will bring lots of exciting changes at Twin Anchors - Canada's largest houseboat company. We'll keep you posted at www.twinanchors.com



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