



# RIVERBOAT DAYS 2020

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Terrace Riverboat Days 2020 cancelled. But residents still encouraged to “Celebrate the Spirit of the Skeena” this year, safely, in their own way.**

The Terrace Riverboat Days Society is confirming cancellation of Riverboat Days 2020. Measures to reduce the impact of COVID-19 take precedence. Northwestern British Columbia’s largest community festival cannot hold longstanding crowd favourites such as the Legion Parade, Beach Blast Volleyball and Fireworks over Ferry Island. The Society looks forward to returning in the summer of 2021 with another full and varied program of cultural, sports and music events.

However, the Society is still encouraging residents to “Celebrate the Spirit of the Skeena” this August—in their own ways, according to their own schedules or even virtually. The Riverboat Days Society is investigating with local arts and heritage organizations activities people can do on their own or in small groups that are in keeping with the Riverboat Days objectives of celebrating the history and culture of the area. Examples might be heritage walking tour itineraries, downloadable art projects and heritage themed trivia quizzes. These activities will be accessible through the Riverboat Days website at [www.riverboatdays.ca](http://www.riverboatdays.ca) starting in July.

In addition, we anticipate some local organizations will be able to stage smaller community events that would have become part of a Riverboat Days 2020 program. For example, the Skeena Salmon Arts Festival should be commissioning more downtown murals for early August. The public will be invited to walk by at their leisure to watch the artworks unfold. The Terrace Riverboat Days Society will be pleased to support the advertising of such community events and will post information and links on the Riverboat Days website and Facebook pages.

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