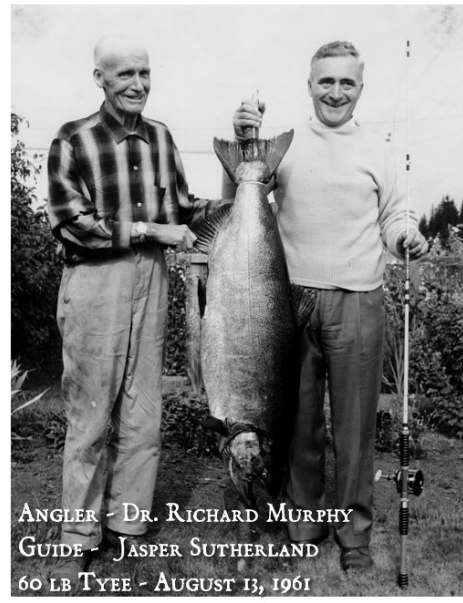


Fishing the Tyee Pool

A Tyee Angler's Guide to Safety, Tradition & Etiquette



A quick reference guide for rowers and anglers who want to know how to enjoy the unique experience of pursuing membership in the Tyee Club of British Columbia

- Where to go
- What to do
- What not to do
- Tips & Maps

MOTOR RESTRICTION – In 1990 regulations under the *Canada Shipping Act* were passed that restrict the use of motors on boats in a specific area off Tyee Spit. These regulations read:

In Subarea 13-5, those waters bounded on the south by a line from the boat ramp on Tyee Spit 185 m east in a line with Shag Rock on Quadra Island, on the north by a line from the tip of Tyee Spit 185 m east in line with April Point and on the west by a line from the low water mark between the north and south boundaries, vessels under motor power are prohibited between July 15 and September 15.

It took the Tyee Club years of advocacy to protect this special fishery in this way. It required federal legislation and it is unique in Canada. It is largely self-policed and requires that Club members and all rowers comply and encourage all other anglers to do the same. If you see someone motoring inside the no motor zone politely inform them of the restriction and, if they aren't tyee fishing, encourage them to give it a try in a rowboat.

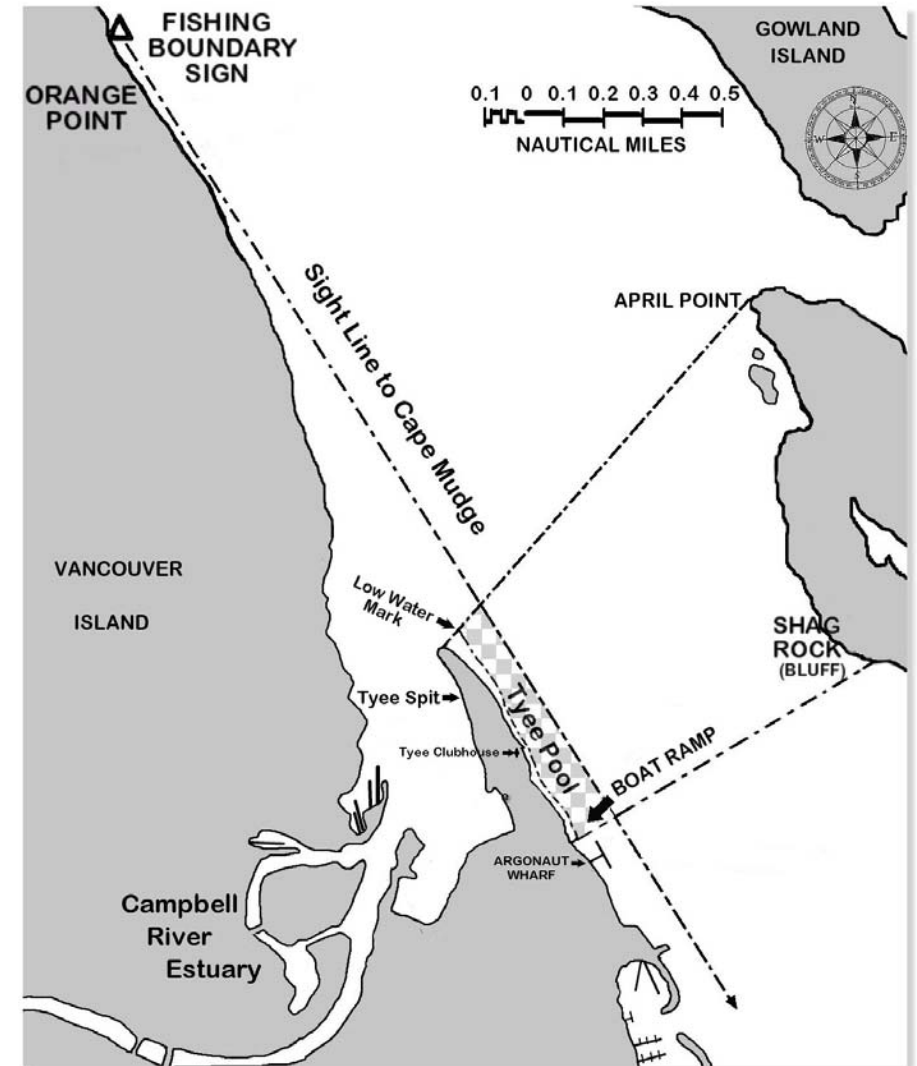
“All to the end that our brave Tyee may have a fair fight, and that men and women whom we meet wearing the coveted emblem of the TYEE CLUB shall be known as worthy champions of the rod.”

– Tyee Club objects—1927



Visit the club house from July 15 to September 15 annually

The club house is located on the Tyee Spit in Campbell River, British Columbia



Before you go out:

Make sure you have:

- Registered (the angler) for the season and keep your registration receipt with you
 - You can do this at the Tye Clubhouse, Painter's, Dolphin's and April Point Resorts
- You can also ask for an "Intent to Register" from any Director of the Club before you catch an eligible fish
- All coast guard approved safety equipment

Visit www.boatingsafety.gc.ca

- Running lights in good working order (red/green port & starboard at the bow and white [360°] at the stern)
- Your Tidal Waters Fishing License
- A net, fish club & spare tackle. (It's a good idea to have an extra rod too)

Tip: Get your line tested at an official Tye Club line testing location (Clubhouse) before you go out. The maximum line breaking strength is 20 lb. but different brands and batches of line differ slightly in strength. Some "20 lb. test" lines have been known to not break when tested on the official weight

Motoring to & from the Pool:

- Be careful of your wake. Tye boats actually can make a large wake that can swamp others. Slow down as you approach the pool boundary
- Shut your motor off and raise it before you reach the boundary and then row into position
- Don't forget to do this if you are returning from playing a fish. Row from the boundary to the clubhouse
- If you have completed a "drift" on the ebb or flood and are returning to repeat, motor outside the boundary and then shut off your motor and row into position. Again: watch your wake while motoring

When fishing:

If you are on the oars:

- Give other rowers room. Look over your shoulder frequently. Collisions are not uncommon!
- Respect other rowers' position. Don't push them off their location
- NOTE: Tye boats are low to the water and almost invisible to other boats in the dark. *Always use your running lights* before dawn and after sundown

If you are on the rod:

- If your reel allows, avoid using your clicker when putting out line or reeling up
- If a boat anywhere near you has a fish on, reel up so you don't tangle. Keep your eyes and ears open because sometimes a fish can tangle with you from quite a distance
- Don't forget to *always* have your thumb or finger on the reel so that line doesn't slip on the strike

When you get a fish on:

- Call out: "FISH ON!"
- Make sure your clicker is on. That way other rowers will know that you are playing a fish and can stay out of your way. And this will increase their own chances of getting a strike and landing a fish, after you have moved your fish out
- Try to take the fish out of the pack of boats and into the main current in the passage. You can do this by rowing at an angle out into, and against, the current. If you have a tight tension on the fish, it will usually come with you

Tip: Keep your rod tip high and play the fish with a tight tension. You will have a better fight and a better chance of landing your tye if you play it hard

When you land your fish:

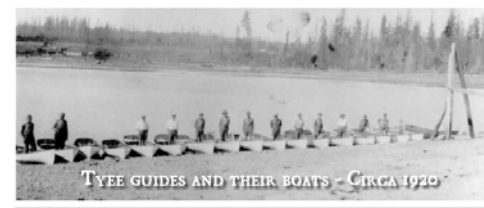
If you are on the oars:

- If you've drifted outside the no motor zone you can use your motor to get back to the Pool but remember to shut it off before the boundary and row in
- If its dark, be sure to put your lights on
- Notify the Weighmaster that you have a fish and allow him to declare the weight of the fish. He is an expert and his decision is final. He will put numbers on the leader board

If you are on the rod:

- Immediately record your chinook on your license
- Bring your rod and reel with you because the Weighmaster may ask to inspect your tackle and test your line
- If you have caught a tye, the Weighmaster must officially record your catch and your name and address in the official club register

Tip: Keep some money in your pocket! If you become a new member or catch a fish in a new weight class you will probably want to buy your new Tye Club button.! (If not, you *can* do it later)



Best Tip: Ask Questions. On any given day the number of anglers & rowers in the Pool represents hundreds of years of collective experience. The Tye Club is a great community of like-minded enthusiasts and you'll find lots of people who will be happy to share (most of) what they know. Just drop by the Clubhouse and share your stories

Tye Club Rules:

Rowers and anglers are responsible to know and abide by all official rules of the Tye Club. You can find a complete version in the Year Book or on the Tye Club website at: www.tyeeclub.org/regulations

Here is a condensed version of the most referred-to rules.

- The rod must be between 6 and 9 feet long
- The line must have a breaking strength of 20 lb. or less. Line testing shall be performed by the Weighmaster using the Official testing weight of the Club
- All fish taken must be caught on a single hook and artificial lure. The use of natural baits is not permitted
- All qualifying fish must be taken from a boat that is rowed or paddled. Trolling must not be done with a motor of any kind. Outboard motors may be used for transportation only and should be tilted up while fishing to avoid any entanglement
- The angler must bring their fish to the net or gaff by use of a rod or reel only. The guide or another angler in the boat may assist, but only if the angler's line tangles with another, catches on the propeller or is fouled by other objects. The angler may also get assistance to release the weight, if required
- Anyone may compete in the Annual Tournament. Along with Life and Active club members, other anglers may compete by registering or filing an "intent to register" with the weigh master or a club director prior to angling. A fee is charged to compete. Anglers under the age of sixteen do not have to pay the registration fee. Any applicant for membership must qualify by taking a Tye salmon of at least 30 pounds, on approved tackle, from an approved boat
 - Annual fee for active members: \$20.00
 - Annual non-member registration fee: \$10.00
Note: Upon registering a Tye, you will be required to pay an additional \$10.00 fee as an active member
 - Lifetime memberships: \$500.00
- In the case of a tie in weights, the first fish landed shall be considered the winner
- People fishing under Tye Club regulations are required to adhere to all Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations including, but not limited to, catch limits