

Sustaining the Islands – Community Stewardship Awards Program



Islands Trust

2006 Award Winner Profile

Winner: Michelle Marsden and the BC Coastal Cleanup Campaign,
Pender Islands

Category: Group/Organization

Project: Removal of marine wrecks and beach clean up on North and South
Pender Islands

Nominators: Pender Islands Trust Protection Society and the
Pender Islands Conservancy Association

Project Description: The B.C. Coastal Cleanup Campaign is comprised of island volunteers, who band together each spring to clean up the beaches around the islands, document and remove all debris that has washed up on the shores during the winter high tides and arrange to truck it off the island to the appropriate disposal sites. Starting in December, 2005, this dedicated group of volunteers also took on the onerous task of 'wreck removal' in the Port Browning Harbour area and applied to the 'Receiver of Wrecks' to remove such pollutants and navigational hazards from Bedwell Harbour. The BC Coastal Cleanup Campaign is a strong example of the community working together to protect and preserve our marine waters and beaches. Michelle Marsden is the coordinator and founder of the B.C. Coastal Cleanup Campaign.