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The Nanaimo Port Authority announces the retirement of David Mailloux, Director of Communications. After 18 years working with the Port of Nanaimo, David has decided to retire.

“David has seen many changes and developments during his time with the Port. As a respected member of the tourism community David was a natural fit for his first position in 2003 of managing the Port’s marina business. Utilizing his knowledge and skills in marketing and communications, David became the Port’s Director of Communications developing and communicating the Port’s vision with a wide range of stakeholders and the media. David’s positive outlook will be missed and we wish him the very best on the seas of his retirement” says Ian Marr – President and CEO.

David was instrumental in establishing the **Port’s Floating Boat Show** and **Port Connect** a forum to assist people looking for employment with marine-based stakeholders connected to port activities. Working with community partners David led the Port’s support for numerous community events among which were **World Ocean’s Day**, **Canada 150 Celebration** and the **Cruise Ambassador Program**. David also worked with many media members and gained their respect as an honest and forthright communicator.

“There is a wide range of issues and businesses that the Port deals with, reflected in the daily activities of my position. I always enjoyed my many connections with stakeholders and Port partners in the community, regionally, provincially, nationally and internationally. I was moved that the Port President & CEO Ian Marr, others before him, and the Port Board placed their confidence in me to manage key and often dynamic situations. Port staff are professional and excellent to work with and as we say at the Port – No two days are the same and this is what makes Port work fulfilling as one of the key economic pillars in a vibrant community” says David.

David is currently Chair of **Community Futures Central Island** and founding Chair of the **BC Ocean Boating Tourism Association – AHOYBC.COM** recognized since 2015, as a tourism sector supported by Destination BC. David will continue to be available on a contract basis to serve the community and welcomes some extended leisure time with his wife Elverna, his four stepchildren and seven amazing grand children. “*Life is good*” is his farewell remark.

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