



# BRITANNIA SHIPYARDS NHS

## Rental Information 2026

### Outdoor Rentals

Bookings such outdoor wedding ceremonies and small gatherings are coordinated through Britannia's Visitor Services Coordinator. Please call 604-238-8037 or email [rentals@stevestonheritage.ca](mailto:rentals@stevestonheritage.ca).

Having a small function and you'd like to reserve space? Britannia Shipyards offers two outdoor spaces for rent. These spaces are unique waterfront areas and full of history and character that will enhance your event

experience. Because of the often fragile nature of heritage buildings, the use of these spaces are governed by regulations that help us ensure we conserve these important heritage assets for the future. Please read the following descriptions, fees, and regulations, and feel free to call us if you have any additional questions.

#### Seine Net Loft Deck\*

The Seine Net Loft was originally constructed by the Anglo British Columbia Packing Company to provide storage for large commercial fishing nets. Completed in 1955 and restored in 2013, the Seine Net Loft has a secluded back deck which sits over the Fraser River.

\*The Seine Net Loft will be closed for restoration in 2026, including the outdoor deck.



## The Chinese Bunkhouse Deck

The Chinese Bunkhouse was built in 1917 and is one of the last surviving bunkhouses on the Pacific Northwest Coast. The building was originally located in Knight Inlet and was relocated to Britannia Shipyards by BC Packers. This bunkhouse was once home to 75-100 Chinese cannery workers who were employed through Chinese contractors. This deck is on the banks of the Fraser River.



## Availability and Price Options 2026

The Seine Net Loft and Chinese Bunkhouse decks are available for rental during the following times:

Date	Booking Times
May 1 - May 17	Daily 8:00am to 3:00pm
May 16 (Victoria Day long weekend) - Sept 7 (Labour Day)	Daily 8:00am to 4:00pm
September 8 - 30	Daily 8:00am to 3:00pm

Outdoor Space Rental Options		
Option 1	Up to 10 people, no chairs (except for those with mobility issues), tables or décor set up. Music is permitted. Up to one hour.	Seine Net Loft deck: \$300 Chinese Bunkhouse deck: \$100
Option 2	Up to 50 people, chairs, tables, tents permitted. Free standing décor permitted. Music is permitted. Up to four hours.	Seine Net Loft deck: \$400 Chinese Bunkhouse deck: \$200

\*All fees do not include tax and are subject to change.

Rentals can be booked up to one year in advance. For example, if you are hoping to book August 20th 2027, you may call as of August 1st 2026 to reserve. If your call-in day falls on a weekend, please leave a message.

### Included in Rental

- Deck space.
- Non exclusive use of the park bathrooms.
- Non exclusive use of site parking lots.
- There is no access down the ramps to the floats on the water during rentals.
- 1 site attendant (depending on location and size of rental) to supervise safety of guests and the building.
- Option 2: Chairs and tables available for a fee. Set up not included. Chairs: \$2.50 each Tables: \$15 each
- \* Any other supplies needed such as additional tables/chairs, chair coverings, decor are not supplied by the site and will not be set up by site staff. Please ensure all deliveries and pickups are within your rental timeframe.

## Licences and Insurance

- Liquor is only permitted to be served on the Seine Net Loft deck. A Special Event Permit (SEP) must be obtained if serving alcohol. This permit is specific to the building applied for only – no alcohol will be permitted in other buildings or in any outdoor park space.
- All rentals require liability insurance of no less than \$2,000,000. If alcohol is being served, liability insurance of \$5,000,000 must be obtained and must include Host Liquor Liability. This needs to list the "City of Richmond" and "Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site Society" as additional insured and cover all dates of rental.

## Payment

- Upon booking, a 50% deposit and damage deposit (if required) must be paid to secure your rental.
  - A damage deposit is needed for rentals above 10 people and is \$300.
  - The payment balance is due 30 days prior to your rental.
  - The damage deposit will be returned in the method it was paid (e.g. Visa to Visa), within one week after your rental date if there is no damage.
- Please note that if paid by cheque, the refund process will take multiple weeks.

## Cancellation and Refund Policy

- If cancellation notice is given more than 30 days in advance of the booking, a refund minus the deposit will be given.
- If cancellation notice is given less than 30 days in advance of the booking, there is no refund given.

## Important Restrictions and Cautions

- Rentals with over 10 people are welcome to bring free-standing decorations. There is to be no use of nails, screws, tape, fabric tape, Gaffer's tape or mac tac to affix objects. Any details for set up, décor, catering, and photographer must be listed on a provided template, submitted to and reviewed by the Visitor Services Coordinator in advance. Items not approved will not be permitted at your rental.
- If the renter would like to have food services for the Event, it is the renter's responsibility to obtain all required permits from Vancouver Coastal Health and any other regulatory authorities. The renter also must ensure the provision of food services is in strict compliance with VCH requirements and the requirements of other regulatory authorities. The renter will provide the City of Richmond with copies of permits.
- All electrical cords are to be covered by cord covers or mats. Nails, screws, tape, fabric tape, gaffer's tape or mac tac is not allowed as they damage the deck.
- No open flame is permitted. Flameless candles may be used as an alternative. No BBQs permitted.
- No helium balloons, bubbles, glitter, confetti, rice, sparklers or fake flower petals are permitted. Real flower petals are permitted, but must be swept up afterwards.
- Music sound volumes must be kept to a reasonable level, as determined by the City under Bylaw 6989. If live or recorded music will be played, the renter is responsible for securing all licenses required.
- All garbage, leftover food, bottles, cans and cardboard must be placed in appropriate garbage or recycling receptacles. Staff will transport garbage to the site bin.
- Set up and take down of the event is the responsibility of the renter and must be done within rental timeframe. Please respect site regulations and the site's fragile heritage buildings and artefacts.
- Any tents required must not exceed 10' x 20'.



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