



# BLUEWATER ADVENTURES

## SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2018

### 2018 Commitments

- Bluewater Adventures (BWA) has been rated carbon neutral since 2007. Through a comprehensive program offered by **Climate Smart**, BWA continues to monitor operations in efforts to discover new ways to reduce our carbon footprint.
- The factors responsible for most of our emissions are fuel usage and Crew flights. Because we are limited to how we can reduce such emissions, we choose to offset them via **Offsetters**. We offset by supporting projects close to home whereby communities that we work with benefit directly.
- In the fall of 2017, BWA underwent our second 2 year audit by **Green Tourism Canada**. Bluewater is committed to operating in accordance with GTC's standards while continually making changes to improve our operational sustainability.
- Bluewater is in its fifth year of partnering with **Bullfrog Power**, Canada's leading organization supporting energy projects that help to protect the environment. They take our office energy usage and convert it to green energy alternatives helping us to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in our office as well. This year we replaced all fluorescent lighting with LED lighting.
- Bluewater menus adhere to **Ocean Wise** program standards. Our cooks have opted for local and sustainable seafood options since the beginning and are eager to share their enthusiasm for the program through their delicious menus and by sharing information with our guests. Bluewater features local and sustainably sourced seafood in the areas that we operate.
- Bluewater vessels undergo rigorous maintenance in the off season to ensure they are running efficiently. In 2015, BWA replaced all LEDs in Island Roamer, created a recycling centre and have plans to make upgrades from small fixes to full scale projects. Winter of 2018 Bluewater launched the brand new, locally built 82' sloop, SV Island Solitude.
- Bluewater has been a member of the **1% for the Planet** alliance since 2013. We have been supporting science & research and conservation for many years and it was a natural step to join the 1% community. 1% aligns members like Bluewater Adventures with non-profits and distributes donations to non-profit partners. Bluewater contributions in 2016 to 1% include:
  - [Raincoast Conservation](#)
  - [Laskeek Bay](#)
  - [LeadNow.ca](#)
  - [Wilderness Tourism Association](#)
  - [David Suzuki Foundation](#)
  - [Dogwood Initiative](#)
  - [Watershed Watch Salmon Society](#)
  - [Oceanwise](#)
  - [Sierra Club of BC](#)
  - [Ecojustice](#)
  - [Georgia Strait Alliance](#)
  - [Living Oceans](#)
  - [Cetus Research & Conservation](#)
  - [West Coast Environmental Law](#)
  - [Wilderness Tourism Association of BC](#)
  - [NIMMSA](#)