

# DERELICT IS DANGEROUS

Abandoned and derelict vessels are serious navigational and environmental hazards



## LIABILITY

- Derelict boats can damage private and public property
- Sunken boats can cause navigational dangers and may make normal channels unpassable

## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Long term source of marine debris, including plastics
- Contain toxic liquids such as oils, fuel, and human waste that will be ingested by fish and other aquatic life
- When vessels sink or are stranded on the shore, they can damage sensitive habitats and change hydrology, causing erosion or scouring

## HOW CAN YOU PREVENT DERELICT BOATS?

- Before predicted storms, trailer your boat or put it in dry storage when available
- If you are unable to pull your boat out of the water, ensure that it is properly moored in a sheltered location
- Prior to a storm, pump out your toilets and remove excess fuel to reduce the environmental impact if your vessel does get loose
- Ensure that your registration and contact info are current, so you can be contacted if your boat gets away

## REPORT DRIFTING OR STRANDED BOATS TO ALEA DISPATCH:

251-660-2300

