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These are some of the events that have happened which we think are particularly newsworthy.

1999

- November 20 SPARS / Reefkeepers Information Night with theme "Where do we go from here?"
- November 20 New SPARS web site launched
- October 20 Shaw Cable from Victoria, BC aired a special on SPARS
- October 12 Discovery Channel aired a special on SPARS
- July 21 **Peninsula News Review (Sidney BC) front page "It's #1 - in the World" (by Judy Reimche) SPARS and the Pier on Bevan project awarded "Best Overall Reef Ball Project in 1998" by the Reef Ball Development Group out of over 300 projects world-wide.**

1998

- November 1 **Visit from Todd Barber, President of Reef Ball Development Group**
- October 17-18 Festival of Science and Technology event. SPARS conducted an informative 'Open House on the Pier' event with multimedia display and live video and audio of the reef.
- October 8-11 CAUS (Canadian Association for Underwater Science) & AAUS (American Academy of Underwater Sciences) conference, Vancouver BC (poster presented)
- October 1-4 Institute of Ocean Sciences (IOS), Sidney BC, Open House (display presented).
- September 8 Earth Day Festival, University of Victoria (display presented).
- Aug 30 - Sept 3 Coastal Zone Canada '98 conference, Victoria B.C. (paper presented)
- August 28-30 Coastal Zone Canada Youth conference (display presented).
- July 31 Sidney Whale and Historical Museum officially opens their permanent SPARS display.
- May 19-22 Canadian Hydrographic Service acoustic bottom

- classification survey of reef and adjacent area.
- March SIMS (Seabed Imaging and Mapping System) video mapping survey conducted.
- March 12 Canadian Hydrographic Conference '98, Victoria BC (paper presented)
- October 17-18 Edu-Tech '97, science and technology career fair in Sidney BC (display presented)

1997

- July **Coastwise (Prince Rupert BC) page 7 "Artificial reef a big success" (by Judy Parkin).**
- July 31 **CHEK TV's "CHEK Around" aired a segment on SPARS.**
- July 29 **CHEK TV's "CHEK Around" aired a segment on the "Pier on Bevan" project.**
- May 7 **Peninsula News Review (Sidney BC) page 4 "Life abounds off Bevan Pier" (by James Clarke).**
- May 7 **Sidney (BC) Beachcomber front page "Sun-sational".**
- May 4 **FRONT PAGE OF VICTORIA'S TIMES-COLONIST "Discovering new life in the sea" with further story on page A3 "After five months, reef life abounds" (by Susan Chung).**
- May 4 **The Province (Vancouver, BC) page A24 "Reef balls support fish and scientists" (by Charlie Anderson).**
- May 3 **Royal BC Museum (Victoria BC) Press Release: [Scientists have first peek at artificial reef newcomers](#) (by Chris Higgins).**
- March 26 **Sidney (BC) Beachcomber front page "Reefball project more in-depth than visible on surface" (by Bruce Methven).**
- February 21 Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) acoustic swath mapping survey.

1996

- November 12 **Times-Colonist (Victoria BC) article "Concrete balls may be haven for marine life" (by Susan Chung).**



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