

# Thinking of putting down a mooring buoy?

## *Please contact us first.*

**WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?** Mooring buoys are starting to clutter Silva Bay, limiting the space for boats to anchor. As the only fully protected bay on the east side of the Gulf Islands and as a necessary stopover while waiting for Gabriola Pass to turn, **Silva Bay must continue to provide safe harbour for all boaters.**

**WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?** The Friends of Silva Bay (FOSB) are developing a Mooring Plan—one that will ensure the Bay remains accessible to all users. We hope to have the Plan developed within the next few months and begin its implementation by fall 2009.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Until the Plan is ready, we are asking for your help and cooperation. Specifically:

- *Please consider not laying a permanent mooring buoy in Silva Bay at this time.*
- *If you feel you must lay a mooring buoy, please consider making it a temporary mooring that can be moved once the Plan is ready. (Remember that we get some strong winds even in summer, so be sure your gear is adequate to keep your boat secure.)*
- *If you already have a mooring buoy, please contact us so that we can be sure that your needs are considered as we develop the Plan.*
- *If you can help advance the Mooring Plan with volunteer time, funds, research assistance or any relevant expertise, please let us know.*
- *Please let us know if you want to be kept informed as this project moves forward.*

For more information, please contact [fosbmooring@gmail.com](mailto:fosbmooring@gmail.com).

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### ***Friends of Silva Bay***

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