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THE SPA AT PAINTED BOAT BECOMES THE SUNSHINE COASTS FIRST FULL-SERVICE SPA, PROMISING WORLD-CLASS TREATMENTS, EXPERIENCE FOR GUESTS

Spa Grand Opening Set for Victoria Day Weekend

PENDER HARBOR, BRITISH COLUMBIA, May 4, 2009 – The Painted Boat Resort Spa & Marina announced today the opening of its much-anticipated full service retreat spa on Saturday, May 16 with an event that will include food, beverages and tours of the expansive facilities. On Sunday, the spa will open to offer its complete menu of massages, body treatments, facials, manicures and pedicures at a 15 percent grand opening discount.

Surrounded by acres of Douglas fir, red cedar and arbutus trees and the naturally-protected waters of Pender Harbour on the Sunshine Coast, the Spa at Painted Boat will provide a calming refuge for guests. It is the area's first and only full-service destination

spa and is open to the resort's villa owners, vacationers, boaters and day-spa enthusiasts.

"We are very excited to announce the opening of the Spa at Painted Boat," said Ken Delf, president of Painted Boat Development, Ltd. "Great care has been taken in its construction, finishes, treatment rooms and outdoor water features. We wanted to weave the sensibility of the surrounding natural environment into both the interior and exterior of the spa resulting in a beautiful and peaceful retreat for guests. With the spa in place, I believe Painted Boat Resort has truly become the crown jewel of the Sunshine Coast."

Inside the Spa at Painted Boat are seven treatment rooms, hydrotherapy room, Glacial Clay room, aesthetics facility and relaxation lounge. The Glacial Clay room in particular is a unique offering that allows guests to apply mineral-rich Canadian glacial mud prior to entering the heat and steam area. This soothing combination of minerals, heat and moisture is said to be one of the most effective methods of revitalizing and softening the skin. The full menu of massages, body treatments and scrubs, soaks, facials, manicures and pedicures, and bridal/groom party packages is based on a nature-inspired platform that incorporates a unique blend of sea nutrients, plant life, essential oils and other natural components. Treatments range from 30 to 170 minutes, and custom packages are available as well.

"Our treatment menu is ideally suited for this locale and setting," said Spa Manager Catherine Weatherbe. "We have developed treatments specifically with the Painted Boat guest in mind, from our Salts of the Earth Scrub which incorporates various sea salts and lava pumice, to our Deep Tissue Therapeutic Massage which is perfect after a day of active boating, kayaking or fishing. There really is something here for everyone."

The outdoor portion of the spa includes the expansive Spa Garden which provides a series of hot and cold interactive water features designed to relax and rejuvenate guests. Complete with a hot sauna cave, outdoor glacial rain shower, warm saltwater flotation pool, multi-jet hot pool and large outdoor fire pit, access to the Spa Garden is included as an amenity with any treatment. For those who simply want to enjoy the Spa Garden without a spa treatment, memberships and day passes also are available.

In addition to the spa, Painted Boat includes a newly updated marina with space for approximately 60 boats with moorage slips ranging from 20-60 feet. The resort also features an exquisite waterside restaurant with 279 feet of short-term moorage dedicated to it, fitness centre, and large, beautifully appointed two-bedroom/two-bathroom villas that are available for ownership or for vacation stays.

Painted Boat has recently teamed with Salt Spring Air (www.saltspringair.com) to provide regular float plane service directly to the resort from Vancouver, an approximate 20-minute ride. Guests may also take the Horseshoe Bay Ferry to Langdale and Highway 101 North to Sechelt. The resort is located within Madeira Park and is only 1.5 hours from downtown Vancouver.

For more information, visit www.paintedboat.com.

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PHOTOGRAPHS: Available upon request

DOWNLOADS: Downloadable spa treatment menu is available at www.paintedboat.com