



To: Richmond Community Groups & Schools
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Re: Invitation to view the Martin Mars Bomber

On Tuesday, February 23, 2010 the Martin Mars Bomber will be coming to Garry Point Park in Richmond.

We would like to invite you to help celebrate the arrival of the Mars with a community celebration at Garry Point Park. The festivities will include live music and a spectacular flyover, water pick up and release by the gigantic Martin Mars Bomber.

Celebration details are as follows:

Date: February 23, 2010
Time: 1:30 p.m until 3:30pm
Location: Garry Point Park located at 12011 7th Avenue (entrance at the corner of 7th avenue and Chatham Street in Steveston)

In addition to the event on the 23rd, we are inviting members of the public to attend an additional demonstration by the Martin Mars on February 24th at approximately 4:00pm.

The Martin Mars Bomber is the world's largest flying air-tanker with a wingspan of 200 feet. Originally used in World War 2 as planes for the Navy, the Martin Mars was converted into a fire-fighting machine in the 1960's. The Mars can pick up and release over 27,000 litres of water at a time, an impressive contribution in the fight against forest and wild fires.

We hope you can join us for what is sure to be a fun filled afternoon. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 604-244-1275.

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