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- Introducing the launch of our new website....

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday
 9:00 to 5:00

Saturdays.

By appointment only.

Recently we have been closed Mondays and have been shutting down for the month of August. We are happy to announce that we are back to 5 days a week. The loft will be open in August in order to meet all your new sail and service requirements.

There is still time to have you sails checked over...

Spring is almost here but there is still time to have your sails checked over and serviced at Leitch and McBride. As sailmakers we know that an annual check over can save you from expensive repair bills and lost time during the season. We are happy to evaluate your sails, make recommendations and provide you with a quote. Often we can identify a problem before it escalates into an extensive repair or leads to catastrophic failure. If you have roller furling sails we can check the condition of the stitching, webbing loops at the head and tack and the clew ring

We can give assess the condition of the sacrificial UV protection to see if it needs replacing. We often get “rush” jobs in the summer when a customer’s U.V. protection has become rotten and flogs off in a stiff breeze. This can lead to more damage and lost time on the water, sometimes right in the middle of your cruise. On main sails we can check for wear and tear, damage to batten pockets, look the slides and check for chafe and worn stitching. We can tune up your race sails, check for shape , inspect leech and foot lines and replace tell

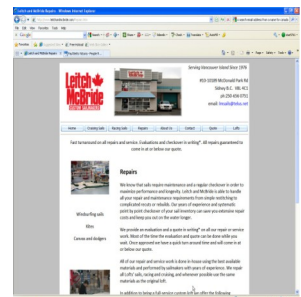
ails in we are happy to evaluate them while you wait. If you can’t make it to the loft give us a call to arrange for free pickup



and drop off (Greater Victoria area) or to arrange shipping if you are from out of town.

Our new website in now on line...

On February 1st we launched our new website at www.leitchandmcbride .com As Rick says “we have now entered the 21st century” Feel free to take a look and check back regularly. We have contact information for the Sidney and Vancouver lofts, measurement forms, info on our cruising sails and our race sail program. You can also check for upcoming seminars and which rendezvous we will be giving talks at. Go “Green”, visit the website, sign up to receive out newsletter via email and save paper.



For new sail quotes and information on our products, designs and services go to www.leitchandmcbride.com

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Made in North America
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Repair and service work.
Fast turn around time and evaluations while you wait.



We are a full service loft offering new sails, repairs and service work, sail cleaning and marine canvas. We do our best to ensure that our repairs leave the sail in better shape than the day the sail was damaged.

Leitch and McBride sails are built in North America using only high quality cloth from Challenge, Bainbridge and Dimension-Polyant. We still build sails here in B.C. both in our Sidney and Vancouver lofts. We also partner with Sobstad Sails and many of our race sails come out of their Genesis program.

We repair all brands of windsurfing sails and kites using original materials. Paul is an avid windsurfer and kite boarder and has sold a variety of sail brands including Severne, Sailworks, and Neil Pryde. He was one of the first kite dealers in Victoria and has experience with Airush, Naish, North, Slingshot and Globberider. Bring your gear in and be confident that it will be repaired properly.

We would like to welcome Paul Betts to the Leitch and McBride team.

On February 1st Paul Betts joined us at Leitch and McBride to help extend our business hours, maintain our high level of personal service and bring new energy to the firm. Paul has over 20 years of experience working in the marine industry as a sailmaker, rigger and in retail. He last worked at UK Halsey Sailmakers and prior to that Paul ran Bosun's Locker, the Vancouver Island Vanguard Laser Dealer. Paul learned sailmaking at the Hood Sails loft in Victoria and spent time in Japan working at

the Hot Sails Maui overflow loft. Paul has years of experience with sailboat hardware, systems and rigging and is available to consult with our customers on any aspect of sails, rigging and deck layouts.

Paul is an avid windsurfer and more recently a kite boarder. He is happy to repair your torn kite or replace a panel in your windsurfing sail.

Paul grew up cruising and spent over eight years offshore with his family cruising the Caribbean, Central and south

America. In University he sailed with the U Vic Sailing team and is currently a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. He owns a Star boat, a J24 and is active in



the District 6 Vancouver Island Star Fleet. If you haven't been in the loft for a while free to drop in, meet Paul, and take a look at the kind of things that we are doing at Leitch and McBride.

Time for a new Long Arm Machine.

The time has come to replace one of our sewing machines and after some searching we have ordered a new 30" long arm heavy duty zig-zag machine. As sails have increased in size we have more and more often felt the need for a longer arm machine. Our new machine will allow us to repair and service all of the bigger and heavier sails that we see and will modernize our machine inventory.

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