

Search continues for missing kayaker near Sooke

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Timothy Ross is described as 5-foot-eight and 170 lbs with blond hair and blue eyes. (Contributed - RCMP)



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Search and rescue personnel resumed their search Monday for a missing kayaker near Sooke. Police say Langford resident Timothy Ross, 38, launched his kayak from Ella Beach around 12:15 p.m. and was expected to return by 4 p.m. Several witnesses reported a solo kayaker continuing west along the coastline toward Port Renfrew throughout the day, with the last sighting near Shirley, police say.

The search started Sunday night at about 7 p.m. in the area of Ella Beach and was suspended at 11:30 p.m. due to poor visibility. Search coordinators added more resources Monday morning, with search and rescue personnel moving up the coast toward Sheringham Point. A ground search is underway between Ella Beach and Port Renfrew. Ross is an experienced kayaker. He was last seen wearing a black wetsuit and a maroon-striped wool toque. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sooke RCMP at 250-642-5241. Personnel from the RCMP, Canadian Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard, the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue and Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue are taking part in the search.

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