

## SANDTANGLE at SARATOGA

**Come on Down, Tangles!**

**Saratoga Beach on Saturday, September 6, 2014, 9 am- noon**

I'd like to invite all Tangles to come out and super-size tangle patterns on the beach. Let's do huge tangles in the sand at low tide, smaller art sitting in beach chairs, and invite the participation of all Tangles and the public to this free create-your-own-entertainment event.

Here is my inspiration, California artist, Andres Amador:

See <http://www.saidaonline.com/en/news.php?go=fullnews&newsid=35234>



And here are the designs I did on Stories Beach (near Campbell River) on May 29 as a test:



My designs were done solo in about two hours. Rather than doing one overall pattern as Andres has done, I created "Strings" on the beach and filled in with tangles ..just like on a tile, only much, much bigger. Lots of fun, but also very satisfying hard work. I used a standard garden rake, and added divers' ankle weights to help the rake bite into

the sand better. This was very heavy work and the lines were too wide. In subsequent trials, I have found that a 6" wide rake or cultivator works just fine.

**How SANDTANGLE SARATOGA will happen:**

- Come to Saratoga Beach (Seaman's Road entrance) between 9 am & noon on Sat. September 6, 2014
- Play with large scale tangles using a rake in the sand (and stop when you are tired)
- And/Or sit on the beach and do some regular pen-and-paper tangles.
- Bring a picnic lunch, meet other Tanglers and socialize.

**BRING:**

**A) Expandable Leaf Rake/ Narrow Garden Rake/ Cultivator/ Shrub Rake/ other suitable implement(s)** What Andres uses is an expandable leaf rake, extended only about half-way out. This is ideal. Note: In my test in May I used a heavy 16" wide rake - a lot of work and I won't recommend that...a narrower (maybe 6" wide) rake is perfect.

**NOT** a wide "level rake", "bow rake" or landscaping rake" (below)



**YES** to any of these (below left) - sometimes called "cultivators" or "shrub rakes":



**B) Gloves**  
gloves) to help  
raking

Or, on  
right-  
narrow or  
expandable  
leaf rake

(far right is  
my fave -  
with longer  
handle of  
course)

(gardening  
with the

C) **Sunscreen**, hat, beach shoes, a beach chair, beach umbrella, etc.

D) **Zentangle supplies** and a clipboard or lapboard to work small scale.

E) **Lunch and drinks** for yourself and whoever comes with you (if you are not staying for lunch at least bring water!)

F) Ideas for a couple of your **favourite tangles** to try large-scale (or small scale) and some **show and tell** (if you are comfortable bringing your art to the beach)

#### **THE PLAN:**

I will draw large strings in the sand. There will be double lines between major sections, so that Tanglers and the public can walk between the designs (on "paths" between the double lines) and enjoy the art without walking on it.

This is a public beach so the general public need to be accommodated and included where possible. My hope is that they can informally see and discuss Zentangle with Tanglers working with pen and paper nearer shore, and then enjoy the larger patterns on the sand. They can also volunteer to work with the Tanglers on their sand designs. Walking on the double-strings pathways ought to be somewhat like walking a maze.

**Please** come prepared to demonstrate, discuss, design, pull rakes (if you are able) and assist as opportunity arises. Be creative, be supportive of each other, open to answering questions from the public, and if you have a good idea, try it.

One issue is getting high enough to photograph the designs to their best advantage. I will bring the famous step-ladder to climb up for photos, and am working on other ideas. Call me if you have a high-flying idea. (250-923-0739)

**RSVP:** If you are planning to come, please give me a call or drop me an email, so I have some idea of how many people might attend. Or - just drop in anyways!

**Directions and Map on next pages.**

## HOW TO GET TO SARATOGA BEACH, SEAMAN'S ENTRANCE:

(map on next page)

- OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY South from Campbell River
- pass Discovery Foods / Medical Clinic Shopping Centre at Oyster River and go over Oyster River Bridge
- next left: Regent Road (large square church on corner: Living Waters Fellowship)
- next right: Saratoga Road
- second right : Henderson
- next left: Eyre Road  
(main beach entrance that most people are familiar with - don't stop there!)
- next right: Clarkson Ave
- next left: Seaman Road

### From Courtenay/Comox

- OLD ISLAND HIGHWAY North from Courtenay/Comox
- pass Miracle Beach Road and Schulze Road
- next right: Regent Road (large square church on corner: Living Waters Fellowship)
- next right: Saratoga Road
- second right : Henderson
- next left: Eyre Road  
(main beach entrance that most people are familiar with - don't stop there!)
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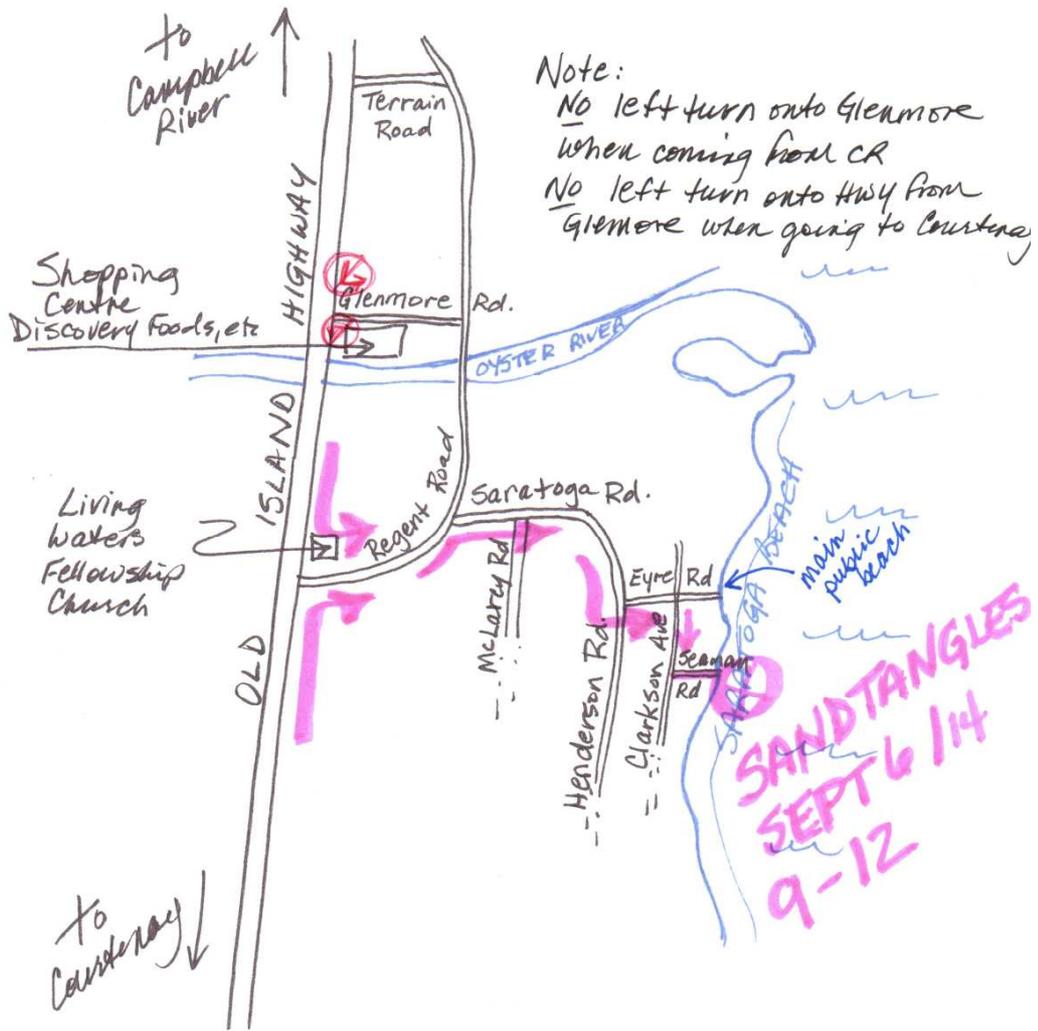
### Notes:

Seamans Road is very short and ends at the beach. Fairly easy beach access (don't have to climb over big logs) and parking along both sides of this short road.



Note: there are no bathrooms at this beach. There is a porta-potty on the main beach (see-able and walkable from the Seaman's Rd beach area). Or you could jump in your car and go elsewhere. (Sorry - the beach is ideal for Zentangle in the Sand, even if the bathroom situation is not.) (We managed last time)

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Note:  
 No left turn onto Glenmore when coming from CR  
 No left turn onto Hwy from Glenmore when going to Courtenay

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