

Fresh Coat of Paint

Painted Boat Resort Spa & Marina is the latest addition to the roster of Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts. The 31 villas are built on the site of Lowe's Resort, which opened in 1952. The updated accommodations have views of Pender Harbour and access to a host of amenities, both natural and man-made. On that last score, think granite countertops, stainless-steel appliances, patios and barbecues.

There's also a fitness centre with views of the water--both the ocean and the nearby infinity pool. If you want a closer look at the Pacific without getting wet, the Zen Tent is a tranquil spot to get a massage and contemplate the waves.

The restaurant is headed by David Cox, formerly the chef at Muse and, more recently, a sous-chef at Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts' Divino Wine & Cheese Bistro. For rates and reservations, visit www.crmr.com/painted-boat.