

# The Pitfalls of Confusing Acronyms

## **ACRONYM: A Clever Ruse Of Nudging Your Memory**

Acronyms can be helpful but they can also be confusing. Guemes Island (GI) acronyms are a good example.

Recently, a GICCA Board member was questioned about why GICCA had disbanded. The Board member, at first surprised but quickly realizing the confusion, clarified that no, sadly GIPOA has disbanded. GICCA, the Guemes Island Community Center Association, is still going strong.

It's easy for those of us involved with island organizations to forget that island acronyms are not familiar to everyone.

Here's your guide to island organizations and their acronyms:

- \* **GICCA** – Guemes Island Community Center Association
- \* **GIPOA** – Guemes Island Property Owners Association (now disbanded)
- \* **GIPAC** – Guemes Island Planning Advisory Committee
- \* **GIFC** – Guemes Island Ferry Committee
- \* **GIHS** – Guemes Island Historical Society
- \* **GIET** – Guemes Island Environmental Trust
- \* **GIVE** – Guemes Island Volunteer Exchange
- \* **GICC** – Guemes Island Community Church
- \* **GIFT** – Guemes Island Ferry Trail
- \* **GIFD** – Guemes Island Fire Department
- \* **GIGS** – Guemes Island General Store
- \* **GIL** – Guemes Island Library

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