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## HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAMS THRIVE ON THE ISLAND

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When looking at women in business, there is one particular demographic that can't be overlooked: those who are in business with their significant other. It's an interesting choice that these couples have made – being in business with your other half is not for everyone, but it certainly does have its perks.

Bev O'Hara and Franc Charpentier are co-owners of Just Like Mom's home-made baking delivery service in the Comox Valley; she bakes, he delivers. They've been in business together since 2007.

"I think partners and spouses in business see things that need to be done to add that special touch or make a customer feel extra special and appreciated," says O'Hara.



O'Hara, like Cooke-Dalin, says that getting time away from the business is difficult, but without it, there is no business.

"Working together and living together is a delicate balance of time," she says. "You have to make sure you get the work done and have time for each other that doesn't involve work."