

False Creek Tidings

Spring 2007



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Upcoming Projects

- ◆ New Ramps C-D-E
- ◆ Completion of C-Dock Finger Floats
- ◆ New "Smart" Lighting fixtures in Locker aisles
- ◆ Dock Leveling

Managers Comments

Will it ever end? The winter of 06-07 will be remembered as one of the most damaging in recent memory, but luckily, Fishermen's Wharf was spared. We're very fortunate to have the location that we do, well protected from nature's wrath.

This winter has also been a time of change at Fishermen's Wharf. We have adopted some new policies regarding how moorage charges are assessed and increased our commitment to enforcing already established policies regarding Harbour usage. Staff has been working hard to improve the level of service we provide to all Harbour users, while ensuring our commitment to the commercial Fishing fleet is maintained. As always, change is often met with resistance.

Thankfully, most Harbour users have adapted to these changes without difficulty. Some have not, and we try to work with those individuals on a one-to-one basis, clarifying any misunderstanding of the policy. It is our hope that we have succeeded in that effort, but we recognize that for some, the "old ways" will always be the "only way". Unfortunately, times change, and with those changes, businesses like FCHA must adapt to the new business climate. We have taken great strides forward in how we conduct our daily affairs. Our business practices have tightened up, improving our financial position and allowing us to plan for significant upgrades to the facility without being totally reliant on, and also limited by, DFO funding. Security has improved dramatically. This winter, much like any other winter, boats were targeted in ever increasing numbers. Thieves like the often dark and deserted locations that boats are moored in, and consider them "easy pickings". We have adopted an aggressive stance on Harbour security, increasing camera coverage and staff vigilance, while at the same time working cooperatively with many of our Harbour users on an informal "dockwatch" program. This has paid huge dividends by

Harbour Manager - Art Childs

way of an almost complete absence of theft and break-ins reported to the office.

As I look ahead to the coming season, and to the coming years, I see Fishermen's Wharf continuing to maintain our role as the number one fishing Harbour on this coast, and rapidly becoming one of the most sought after moorages for the resident recreational boater. With transient boaters arriving in increasing numbers, we will continue to claim a larger share of that market. As we develop strong relationships with the City of Vancouver, we strengthen our position as an attraction in the city, rather than being seen as "that collection of out of work fishboats". Our participation in the Harbour Authority Association of BC has allowed us to contribute to improving the overall network of Harbours on this coast, as well as playing a role in the establishment of a National Association, which will provide all Harbours with a larger voice. In closing, let me wish all of our Harbour users a safe, enjoyable, and prosperous season.

Presidents Message

Welcome back for another wonderful season at the False Creek Harbour Authority. Hopefully, this year will be a great success to all. The board is very excited about the improvements and changes happening, at Fishermen's Wharf and is looking forward to another great year filled with upgrades & projects to benefit all of the Harbour Members and its Users.

The FCHA Board of Directors 2007

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HAABC News- Harbour Authority Association of BC



New HAABC logo used as a Harbour Authority identifier

HAABC - A DECADE OF PROGRESS

This year marked the 10th Anniversary of the Annual Harbour Authority Conference, which was held in Nanaimo.

History of the HAABC - On April 25, 1997, an ad hoc meeting of Harbour Authorities Managers, Directors and DFO / SCH representatives was held in Courtney to discuss the need for the formation of an association of Harbour Authorities. The first meeting of the HAABC was held on

Oct. 17, 1997 in Parksville to review the incorporation process and establish a mandate for the Association. The very first HAABC Conference was held in Parksville on Feb. 20th 1998, where HAABC celebrated its final incorporation. Each following year, a conference has been hosted in Various HA locations, progressively strengthening our association and increasing communication and education for all its members.

FCHA - Communications

Website

The Harbour Website has been a great addition to FCHA, as we receive a large number of emails from people inquiring about our facility. The Website has been renewed and updated, adding a fresh look by uploading new pictures of the Harbour and its surroundings. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to see on our website please inquire at the Harbour office. www.fasecreek.com

Security & Security Cameras

In the last several months we have had minimal reports of theft. We feel with the installation of the 2 new cameras we have a greater coverage area. As many of you know due to theft and vandalism, we have locked the washrooms after dusk. For after hour service please ask the security officer on duty for entrance. For any suspicious activity please call the Harbour cell 24hr/7days @ 604-834-1140



Haida Chieftain
18' Double Ender Life Boat

The steel tug "Haida Chieftain" was built in 1944. The ex-Navy vessel was a log barging tug, transporting materials up and down the BC coast.



145' Tug Haida Chieftain

FCHA - Services

Tidal Grid

With Environment Canada enforcing the new policies pertaining to all Tidal Grids on the BC Coast, we have been doing our best to comply. For anyone wishing to use the Tidal Grid please inquire at the Harbour office during regular business hours, to sign a Tidal Grid Agreement form, make a payment and receive a current copy of regulations provided by Environment Canada.

Waste Net & Rope

With our garbage compactor being unable to discard of any net & rope, we have set up bins next to the compactor to hold the waste material. If you find that the bin is full please inquire at the Harbour office for assistance in receiving an empty bin for your net & rope. It also gives an opportunity for others to reuse the waste material for various other projects.

Open Storage

As many of the current open storage users are aware, the charging for the storage area has changed. It was previously charged at \$1.50 per m2 and is now charged at a minimum of \$20 per month, per owner of combined items. Any total combination of items that is over 14m2 will be charged at \$1.50/m2. As a reminder the open storage area is to be used for gear pertaining to commercial fishing and any current

items not pertaining to commercial fishing will be asked for removal. We would like to remind everyone using the open storage area to please identify your belongings with your CFV # and vessel name. Items currently in the open storage area that are unmarked will become property of FCHA and disposed of at our discretion. We do encourage anyone needing assistance to retrieve any items, please ask at the Harbour office.

Fish Sales Float

The Sales Float has undertaken a significant realignment with the aim of having better maneuvering area for vessels approaching the wharfhead and a better layout for vessels wishing to sell their product. The Fish Sales Float committee will be looking at ways to promote the Sale of Fish / Seafood and increase customer traffic. Check out the website for an up-to-date listing of fishing vessels currently selling @ FCHA



"Go Fish" - FCHA's Own Seafood Restaurant



"Go-Fish" Seafood Emporium continues to delight visitors to the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf, serving up Vancouver's finest Fish 'n' Chips. They offer a wide variety of grilled Seafood and an inviting selection of Homemade Soups. "Go-Fish" has partnered with the local Fishermen to create a joint brochure to promote and inform people of our spectacular facility and what we have to offer our community. These brochures are located at the Harbour office.



"Famous" Halibut & Chips

FCHA Pump Out Service & Green Areas

The sewage Pump Out System installed by Inner Harbour Technologies has been a great success to our facility. It's located at the end of the Fish Sales Float and is FREE to ALL Harbour Members. For use of the Pump Out System please inquire at the Harbour office.



Harbour Ambiance

Special Thanks to Karyn and Steve on the
" Long Trick "

For the continuing care and attention to the
Flower baskets, displays and the " Green " areas.



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False Creek Harbour Authority - Awareness

Electrical Cords

In keeping up with FCHA's Electrical Code requirements, we have been asking all vessel owners with undersized cords to upgrade them. For a 20amp outlet a #12-AWG cord is the minimum requirement and for a 30amp outlet a #10-AWG cord is the minimum requirement. If you know that your cord is undersized please replace it and help us in providing a safe place for everyone.

Storage Lockers

In good standing with our Fire & Safety regulations, we would like to thank all locker users for the co-operation in removing all items that were hanging off of the sprinkler lines and by keeping all the fire lanes open, located at the end of each locker aisle.

Vessel Identification

This is a reminder to all Harbour users that **ALL** vessels must have a name to identify the vessel that is clearly visible from the dock to assist staff when doing our daily boat check. An emergency contact number posted in the cabin window is also a good idea to ensure a maximum level of security & safety for your vessel. Thank you for your support with helping the staff.

Healthy Docks

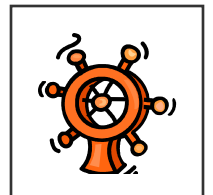
Some Harbour users may have noticed that their mats that they have placed on the docks have been removed to their vessels. Mats **are not** allowed on the docks as they retain moisture and promote rot. If you wish to keep dirt off of your boat the best place for the mat is on your vessel at the boarding point.

Ten Steps to Vessel Security

1. Lock your Boat! (Doors, Windows, Hatches & Storage Lockers)
2. Remove items of value from sight. (GPS, CD's, Binoculars & Alcohol)
3. Mark your valuables (Use your Drivers license number.)
4. Alarm your boat. Or leave a small Light and radio on!
5. Lock, Secure you're dingy & motor.
6. Check on your boat frequently and And report any tampering to Staff.
7. Talk to your neighbors.
8. Introduce yourself to the Harbour Manager and Security Staff.
9. Inform your trade's people to Check in at the Harbour office.
10. Reduce the chances of theft
"Go Boating"

We actively encourage all harbour members and users to take precaution with their belongings to ensure a maximum level of security!

Thanks to Chris Barnett, Harbour Master,
RVYC, COAL HARBOUR



Thank you from the staff @ FCHA