



# FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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## President’s Message

Hello and welcome to all of the False Creek Harbour Authority’s members and users. Even though the weather didn’t quite cooperate this summer I hope that all of the Commercial Fishers had a great fishing season and that the recreational boats were able to spend some memorable boating days with friends and family. The Harbour was once again very busy this summer with transient boaters cruising into our Harbour for events including the Jazz Festival, Canada Day Celebrations, Folk Music Festival, and the Celebration of Light. We also saw an increase to our crab fleet this summer with the addition of about a dozen new boats who decided to make FCHA their home for the season.

The mandate of the False Creek Harbour Authority is to operate FCHA as an Active Commercial Fishing Harbour. Directors of the FCHA set the policy and direction to fulfill this mandate. Once a year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board of Directors report to the membership on the FCHA’s progress. In this issue of the newsletter we have gone into some detail about the AGM and why it’s so important to the harbours operation. In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy winter season. We hope to see everyone at the FCHA – Christmas Open House as it is an opportunity to bring various types of boat owners together and gives everyone the chance to meet and get to know one another, strengthening the relationships between all of the harbour users. Finally, we remain “Committed to providing safe, affordable moorage for Commercial Fishers and the preservation of the Commercial Fishing Harbour as a valuable asset for the citizens of Vancouver.”

Barry Curic, President, FCHA

## Payments and Charges

This is a reminder to all vessel owners that if your account is in Arrears when monthly charges are processed, **the Daily Rate will apply.** We will do our best to remind and give advance notice to all Harbour Users when their moorage is due, **however it is ultimately up to the vessel owners to be responsible for their own accounts.** The harbour is also set up to receive payments over the phone to help simplify the payment process as we understand that some Harbour Users live out of town or work during regular business hours. For any account inquiries please contact Nicole at the Harbour office.

## Berthage Agreements and Vessel Insurance

To ALL Vessel Owners, a Current Berthage Agreement must be filled out for each calendar year. ALL Pleasure Craft Owners, (as a condition of moorage at FCHA) you must also provide the Harbour office with a current copy of your vessel insurance. As well, we ask that when your vessel insurance expires that you kindly have your insurance provider fax us an up-to-date copy to ensure your continued moorage with FCHA.

## Parking

In December the new 2012 annual parking passes will be available at the Harbour office for all homeport vessels. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with the Harbours summer parking restrictions, and hope that all Harbour users understand the Harbour only has 75 parking spaces with 260 boats, which limits parking availability. As we are in the off-season we will be allowing annual vessel owners to have a second vehicle onsite while visiting FCHA permitting space is available. Users are reminded that all vehicles parked on site must have a valid parking permit, valid license and insurance. License and insurance refers to the ability to drive the car on the road. Storage insurance does not apply. If you have a guest coming on site, please make sure that they get a temporary parking permit from the FCHA office. Vehicles without a valid permit may be towed from the site without notice, at the owner’s expense.

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### Harbour Manager's Report

It's been quite a summer. Short, but busy in the Harbour when the weather cooperated. Lots of great product available on the Sales Dock and sunny days combined for the usual busy days with tourists and locals enjoying time on the docks. Now, heading into a dreary fall and winter season, I think I'll just look past it to next summer and hope it's a good one!

The Board of Directors has faced some tough issues over the past year. Crafting policy and direction is a very difficult task, but through dedication and flexibility, we're very close to having a new Long Term Plan. This is a very important accomplishment, and will help guide our growth as an important part of our community while ensuring our ability to fulfill our commitment to the commercial fleet. With the establishment of a committee tasked with identifying and prioritizing upgrades and maintenance projects, we can now begin working with the Program Officers and Engineers from Small Craft Harbours – DFO to plan strategy for achieving these goals.

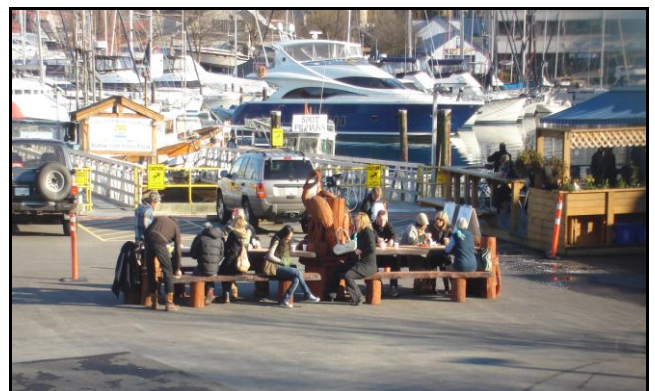
Our staff continues to demonstrate their dedication and commitment to the Harbour and our Users. During the busy summer season, I receive numerous compliments on the level of service and friendly attitudes of our staff, as well as the overall condition and cleanliness of the Harbour. It's very gratifying to hear! On that note, I'd like to formally welcome Nicole Persak to the staff. Nicole joined us May 30, taking over from Julie Taylor in the role of Harbour Clerk, and we're enjoying her cheery smile and pleasant manner. I'm sure all our Users will appreciate her efficient handling of all their needs. We also wish Julie all the best in her future endeavours.

Like all organizations that receive support from the Federal government, we have experienced the effects of funding and staffing cutbacks. We don't anticipate that situation to change much in the coming months or years, so all Users should expect increases in service rates, taking effect January 1, 2012, as FCHA strives to maintain a competitive place in the market, while maintaining a high level of service for our Users. A formal Notice outlining all increases will follow in the next couple of weeks.

I have been with FCHA for almost 8 years, now. During that time, I've encountered many different challenges, satisfactorily resolving most of them. Others have been more difficult. This past year I have faced my toughest challenge so far, and it had nothing to do with the work I do here at FCHA, or with the HAABC. Everyone I know has had their life touched in some way by cancer, so it shouldn't come as a surprise when it hits close to home. It always is a surprise, though. Nobody expects it. I'm one of the lucky ones, I guess. Mine was diagnosed early, and treatment started early. It hasn't been an easy go, but I feel very fortunate to have had the support of my family, my friends, the staff and Board of Directors at FCHA, and all the attending medical staff who worked with me through the fight, and I'm happy to say that, for now, the fight is won. To all of you who were aware and sending your positive energy, Thank-You! I appreciate your kindness and support.



FCHA has obtained a beautiful carved table which was personally carved for FCHA by a team of the world's best chainsaw carvers for a reality TV show called "Saw Dogs". The series will start airing on TV in early January of 2012 and will be shown on the OLN channel.



If you haven't been fortunate to see it yet, it's currently located in the old open storage area. The table has only been here for a short time but we are finding that people are utilizing it as it offers a fantastic seating area while dining at the ever popular Go-Fish.

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## Annual General Meeting

The AGM serves several purposes: the financial and operational status of the FCHA is presented to the membership; and new directors are elected to the Board.

### **Who can vote at the AGM?**

You must be a registered Commercial Fishing Vessel owner or operator and have made False Creek your home port for the last year and or have a storage locker at FCHA.

### **What is a home port vessel?**

A home port vessel must have spent 4 months or more in False Creek Harbour over the last year. CFVs who actively fish for more than 8 months a year must have designated False Creek as their home port.

### **Are proxy votes allowed? What if I have two boats?**

Proxy votes are not allowed. You must be present to vote. If you own two or more boats you are only permitted one vote.

## So you want to be a Director?

The Directors of the FCHA have an important job: They decide the policy that best serves the FCHA mandate. Listed below are some of the requirements:

Directors' vessels must possess an active commercial fishing license and make False Creek Harbour their home port.

Directors serve a 2 year term in their position which is unpaid and voluntary.

Directors must be prepared to commit some time to FCHA business. Board meetings can occur several times a month during the winter season.

Get involved and have your say!

Fishers are required to help on the sub-committees; you do not have to be a director.

More information on Directorship is available at the Harbour Office.

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### AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Previous Minutes read/adopted
3. Report from Chairperson
4. Report from Treasurer
5. Questions and Answers
6. Report on nominations from Corporate Secretary
7. Elections



### TO BE ELECTED:



- ⊗ Four directors from the membership.
- ⊗ Nominations for directors must be submitted to the Board of Directors (Via the Harbour Manager).
- ⊗ Nominations require 3 sponsors who meet the voting criteria.
- ⊗ Nomination forms will be available at the False Creek Harbour Office.

### TO VOTE:

Have an Idea?

Get Involved!

Your input as a voter or director is important!

1. The voting membership is limited to those owners or operators of Commercial home port fishing vessels and or have a storage locker at FCHA
2. At registration, each registrant shall declare their name and their vessel's name
3. Each home port vessel is entitled to have only one vote. Either the owner or operator, but not both, may vote. In the event of joint ownership of a vessel only one vote is permitted.
4. Only those persons having registered will be permitted to vote.

## Smart Plug Marine Shore Power Connection

### What is a smart plug?

The Smart Plug is a revolutionary shore power system designed to replace the outdated and problematic twist -type standard plug that is in use today. It's intuitive to use and provides greater protection against loose connections and corrosion - the leading causes of shore power failure and fires.

### Why the Smart Plug Is Better?

#### The Problem

Contrary to popular belief, the #1 cause of shore power failure and fires is not electrical shorting, but rather overheating caused by poor electrical conductivity. How does this happen? The problems with many plug designs are that the shape of electrical pins allow for very little contact area, and the pins themselves are also largely responsible for bearing any physical stress placed on the cord (from constant movement of the boat, someone tripping on the cord, etc.) This results in the pins working loose, further lessening the precious little contact area they had to begin with. Furthermore, such loose connections allow for moisture intrusion and ultimately corrosion of the pins. Arcing occurs and the connection heats up, scorches, and in some cases, catches fire. Because the current draw is unchanged, all of this happens long before a breaker or a GFCI can cut the power. Additionally, the old design can be very difficult to use in low light or hard-to-reach scenarios since the "L" shaped pin must first be located and then oriented before connection.

#### The Solution

Smart Plug's 4-stage solution protects against overheating every step of the way. Loose connections are addressed by a sleeve design and multi-point locking system which take all the physical stress off of the pins while securely fastening the plug to the receptacle. The pin contact area is increased by more than 20x and is protected behind three waterproof seals for a dry, corrosion free connection. Finally, an integrated trip thermostat cuts power at the first sign of overheating.

### Smart Plug Features

#### Overheat Protection

The 30 Amp Inlet contains a trip thermostat which will cut power in the unlikely event of overheating. It is set to trip at 200 degrees (just below the temperature at which wire insulation begins to soften) and turn the power back on once it has cooled back down to a safe operating temperature of around 120 degrees.

#### Push Straight-In Sleeved Design

One of the primary causes of electrical arcing in twist-type designs is the fact that the electrical pins bear any weight or tension in the cord, and eventually work themselves loose. The Smart Plug's sleeve design means that the body of the plug bears that weight or tension, rather than the electrical pins, keeping those points of electrical contact secure.

#### Weatherproof

Water intrusion leads to corrosion, and corrosion leads to electrical arcing and overheating. Smart Plug's three weatherproof seals eliminate the possibility of water and moisture intrusion, ensuring a safe and dry connection.

#### Multi-Point Locking System

Smart Plugs employ two locking side levers as well as two points of contact on the locking cap to ensure a rock solid connection. When not in use, the cap can be closed to form a weatherproof seal on the inlet.

#### Ease of Use

Simply push the plug straight in until the side levers 'click' and then snap the locking cap down on top to finish the job. Additionally, the unique shape of the plug ensures a straight-in connection that can only be plugged in one way. No more finding the offset pin in the dark and no twisting required!

#### Easy Installation

Simply remove the legacy twist-type round inlet from your boat, connect the wiring to the Smart Plug inlet and reinstall using the same screw hole footprint. On the plug end, you simply cut off your old plug end and attach wires to the new Smart Plug.

#### Quality of Materials

SmartPlug Systems uses only the finest materials available in construction of its products. All external metals are Marine-Grade 316 Stainless Steel, the electrical pins are nickel-plated brass for maximum conductivity, and plastics are UV and heat resistant Valox 553U resins made in the USA.

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## How do I use it?

In the quest to make shore power safer and easier to use, Smart Plug decided to attack the boatside end of the problem first. By introducing boatside products first, you are able to *protect your boat now* without having to wait for your marina to upgrade. The first step in making your shore power system safer, more reliable and easier to use is to replace the old inlet on your boat with the Smart Plug 30 Amp Inlet. Using only basic tools, the Smart Plug Inlet can be installed right into the same cutout using the same typical 4-hole mounting pattern in only minutes. From there, you can choose to replace the boatside end of your existing cordset with the Smart Plug 30 Amp Boatside Connector *or* - replace your entire existing cordset with the fully molded Smart Plug 30 Amp Dual Configuration Cordset which comes pre-adapted with a Smart Plug connector on the boatside end and the old twist-type plug on the dockside.



	Twist Type	Smart Plug
Introduced	Circa 1938	Circa 2008
Electrical Contacts	Minimal contact area means more heat and a higher chance of arcing	Over 20x more contact area keeps things cooler with no arcing
Water Proofing	Barely water resistant. Only a dust shield around cord (on retrofit models)	3 weatherproof seals keep moisture away from electrical contacts
Secure Connection	Screw-on plastic retaining ring (if supplied) prone to stripping & cracking	Self locking side levers and snap-down locking cap create a rock solid connection
Electrical Contacts	Minimum electrical contact area means higher chance of arcing	Over 20x the contact area means no chance of arcing
Overheat Protection	No thermal protection - prone to overheating and failure	Integrated thermostat cuts power at 200° and restores it at 120°

These Smart Plugs can be purchased at any local marine supply store like West Marine, Steveston Marine, Massey's Marine, Thunderbird Marine Supply, Martin Marine or Poco Marine. Also there are some local marine electricians (Jim's Marine Electric 604-417-3130) or (McKinley Electric 604-833-3881) that can either offer advice or their expertise for proper installation. The False Creek Harbour Authority would like to remind all vessel owners that a certified marine electrician should be called for any installation work. Attempting an installation yourself could result in loss of insurance.

### Proper Procedures for Disposal of Freezers & Fridges

Believe it or not there are proper procedures for the disposal of freezers and fridges whether it's a chest or stand-up freezer or even a small boat fridge. The harbour is no longer able to dispose of these items as they are banned from the garbage and metal bin. The Harbour Staff have found that B- Line Appliance Recycling Ltd. which is located at 776 Kingsway (at Fraser Street) in Vancouver will recycle them for free. For more information, please call B- Line directly @ 604-879-4050



**\*Anyone caught dumping a fridge or freezer will be fined accordingly.**

In the event that a fridge or freezer has been dumped and the Harbour Staff are unsure as to who dumped it, the harbour has to pay to rent a truck (\$), pay staff (\$), Pay mileage (\$), Pay the gas (\$), and waste staff time. So please help the harbour keep our rates the lowest in False Creek by taking responsibility and properly disposing of your own waste.

### Weather Woes & Healthy Docks

Don't let weather make you woeful. Strong winter winds, heavy rain and snow can have a negative impact on vessels.

Ensure your vessel tie-up lines, tarps and other boat covers are strong and secure and that your batteries are fully charged. Before asking to be plugged into power, please ensure your electrical cords are the right size (#12 AWG for a 20 amp breaker and #10 AWG for a 30 amp breaker). Check all of your bilge pumps and make sure they are in good operating condition and that an emergency contact number is posted in the cabin window. See the cord cap display in the office for examples of what can happen to improper installation or use of electrical cords.

Some Harbour users may have noticed that the mats 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 your boat, the best place for the mat is at the boarding point of your vessel. Furthermore, the Harbour would appreciate vessel owners keeping vessel debris to their boats, as the docks are not for storage. For safety reasons, please coil up lines and hoses when not in use to prevent tripping.

As the colder weather approaches the FCHA users are reminded to please leave all bleeder valves on the floats as they are. Staff will be taking steps to ensure that they are opened when needed to prevent them from freezing.

### FCHA - Christmas Open House

FCHA Board of Directors and Staff would like to welcome all of the harbour users to attend this year's Christmas Open House; it will be held on Friday December 16, 2011 from 1pm – 3:30pm in the Harbour office boardroom. We encourage everyone to attend as there will snacks and refreshments for all. As we approach the Christmas Open House, staff will be placing reminder notices throughout the Harbour.



**We hope to see you there!**



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### Go Fish - Seafood Shack



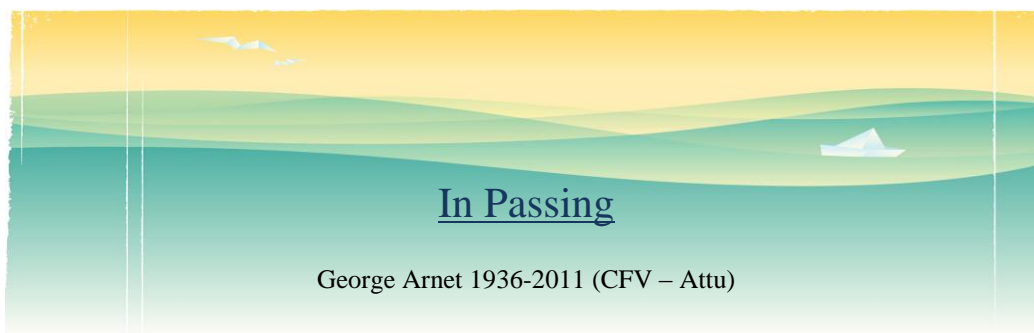
“Go-Fish” Seafood Emporium continues to draw visitors to the False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf, serving up Vancouver’s finest Fish ‘n Chips. They offer a wide variety of grilled seafood and an inviting selection of homemade soups. Go-Fish has partnered with the local fishermen to create a joint brochure to promote and inform people of our spectacular facility and what we have to offer the community. These brochures are located at Go-Fish and the Harbour office. In a rush? No need to stand in line, phone in your order @ 604-730-5040.



### Public Fish Sales Float & Courtesy Customs Dock

The False Creek Harbour Authorities Public Fish Sales Float has undergone a few changes over this past year including new flotation throughout, giving the dock a much needed boost up and out of the water. The Harbour also installed new decking at the end of the Fish Sales Float where the Courtesy Customs Dock is located and completed some maintenance on the Harbours pumpout station.

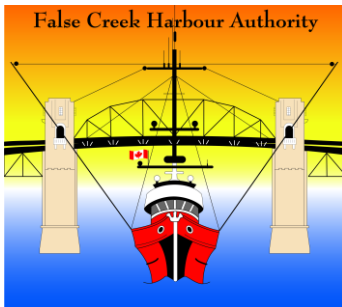
This year’s annual Spot Prawn Festival was another huge success, bringing thousands of people down to the sales dock, many of them for the first time. As we have seen in years past, there were people lined up waiting in anticipation for the boats to arrive with fresh local product!



**George Edgar Arnet**, - George Passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the age of 75. Lovingly remembered by his wife and soul mate of 48 years Sue, sons Russell & Roger, sister Edna, grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. George was always very proud of his Norwegian heritage and first started his career fishing halibut with his father in the Bering Sea and continued his passion for the sea by captaining his pride and joy the CVF – Attu on many, many Salmon and Herring seasons. In his retirement years, George was a proud and loyal Vancouver Canucks fan, a keen traveler and always enjoyed the fun times in Birch Bay with friends and family. His smile will always be remembered by the staff at the Fishermen’s Wharf when he would come by just to say hi while he was in the harbour checking in on his beloved boat. The False Creek Harbour Authority will be honoring the late George Arnet by creating a plaque in memory of all of his years of service in the Commercial Fishing industry for more than 5 decades.



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### Above photo

The Fish Sales Float on a beautiful summer day, sporting the Clean Marine BC Eco-Rated Marina sign.



### Harbour Ambiance

A Special Thanks to Karyn and Steve on the "Long Trick" for their continuing care of, and attention to the flower baskets, displays and the "GREEN" areas.

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## Safety & Security

Over the past month the Harbour has had numerous instances of breaking & entering that have happened not only at night but during the day as well. No matter the time of day all valuables should be taken off of the boat or kept out of site. As a reminder, we encourage everyone to get to know your neighbours and help us fight against theft and other related incidents. On a side note, we have recently said fare well to one of our Commissionaires, David Luttger who has been a valuable asset for the FCHA for over 2 years. A great opportunity arose for Dave to move to Australia so that he could spend time with his loving partner Priscilla.

We wish Dave & Priscilla all the best in their future endeavors "Down Under" and hope they share a long happy life together!

We would also like to welcome Commissionaire, Matthew Dennison, to the FCHA team. If you see a new face out walking the docks, please introduce yourself to him and say hi.

**To report any suspicious activity,  
please call the Harbour cell.**

**24hr/7days @  
604-834-1140**



*Lock it or Lose it*

### Ten Steps to Vessel Security

There has been a rash of vessel break-ins, both in False Creek and Coal Harbour. Hence the list!

1. Lock your boat! (Doors, windows, hatches & lockers.)
2. Remove items of value from sight. (GPS, Binoculars, CD's, Alcohol.)
3. Mark your valuables. (Use your driver's licence number.)
4. Alarm your boat. Or leave a small light and radio on.
5. Secure your dinghy and motor and remove the oars.
6. Check on your boat regularly. Report any tampering to staff.
7. Talk to your neighbours.
8. Introduce yourself to the Harbour Master and security staff.
9. Inform your trades people to check in at the office.