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President’s Message

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Hello and welcome to all False Creek Harbour Authority members and users. The False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf Board of Directors is very excited about the improvements and changes that have happened over this past winter. As many of you have seen the construction work happening at FCHA, I’m pleased to announce we have completed the 2nd phase of FCHA’s Stormwater Management Project by installing catch basins and re-grading the asphalt directing the storm runoff water into the Harbours oil/water separators.

The Harbour staff has worked very hard to implement recycling programs for all of FCHAs Users and in saying that it has been brought to my attention that at least 2 times already this year the Harbour has been fined by the City of Vancouver for having BANNED or RESTRICTED MATERIALS dumped into the Harbours waste stream. Please assist the staff and the environment by ensuring proper steps have been taken when disposing of any garbage or unwanted items. I believe the board has done a great job by minimizing rate increases over the past number of years but its extra costs like fines from the City that may have an impact when budgeting for the Harbours Operation. I think that the majority of the Harbour Users are proud of FCHA’s Clean Marine recognition and the Harbour would like to continue to strive for excellence in all areas of the harbour. The harbour staff are team orientated and need all of the harbour user’s assistance and support in achieving this reachable goal. 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, FCHA - President

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 Julie 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. Also for ALL Pleasure Craft Vessels, as a condition of moorage at FCHA you must provide the Harbour office with a current copy of your vessel insurance. As well, we ask that when your vessel insurance expires could you please have your insurance provider fax us an up-to-date copy to ensure your continued moorage with FCHA.

Parking

The new 2011 annual parking passes are available at the Harbour office for all homeport vessels. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation with the Harbours parking restrictions, and hope that all Harbour users understand the Harbour only has 105 parking spaces with 260 vessels, which limits parking availability. As we approach the busy summer season we will be restricting annual vessel owners to have only 1 vehicle onsite whether it’s an annual pass or a temporary pass. As we are still in the off-season we will be permitting annual vessel owners to have a second vehicle onsite while visiting FCHA permitting space is available. The Harbour will post the peak season parking restrictions as we approach next summer. Please also ensure that when you or your guests are onsite with their vehicles that a proper valid parking pass is displayed.

Harbour Manager's Report

Another winter has come and gone, and summer (so I've heard!), is just around the corner. We'll see about that. April may be bringing showers, but I'm not sure the May flowers are convinced.

This past winter saw the completion of Phase II of our storm/runoff water management project here at Fishermen's Wharf, a project begun two years ago, and one that sees our Harbour become the first 'zero-emitter' of contaminated runoff water. Given that the single largest factor in pollution of the ocean around large urban centres is runoff water contaminated by pollutants from vehicles, this is a very significant step for FCHA. We all can be very proud of this latest milestone.

The completion of that project created an opportunity for the Board and Management to look at usage of the open-storage area, which was long overdue. The area had become very cluttered, despite the best efforts of staff, and much of the gear left there was unidentified as to ownership and best described as 'of very little value'. With long-term planning just beginning, it was only natural to include future use of the space in those considerations. The Board of Directors appointed a Committee tasked with making recommendations for the future of Fishermen's Wharf and the Committee would like to invite comments and ideas from our User Group. Any suggestions can be dropped off at the office.

Looking beyond the waterlot of Fishermen's Wharf, I'm happy to report that the Derelict Vessel Committee formed by the Harbour Authority Association of BC, (HAABC), has made significant inroads in advancing the awareness of the problem at the governmental level, and, together with citizen groups and other concerned stakeholders, will be continuing to work toward a satisfactory solution. Unfortunately, the upcoming Federal Election has temporarily interrupted access to the politicians and Departmental staff we need to be speaking to! However, we will be back on track immediately following the Election.

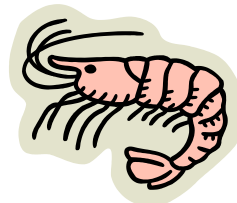
Other news and notes from the HAABC include information about the Dick Maughan Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any qualified individual who is graduating high school and entering post secondary study in a marine related field, or an individual who is already enrolled in a course. If you know someone who may be interested in applying, please check out the information and download the application at www.haa.bc.ca.

We know summer must be close because planning for this year's Spot Prawn Festival are well underway. This is always an exciting and tasty event, anticipated anxiously by Vancouverites who have developed a fondness for the tasty morsels, available commercially for a limited (56 days) season in May and June. The 2011 Festival will be held at Fishermen's Wharf on May 7th, two days after the season opening. I encourage all who haven't yet attended PrawnFest to come down and see what all the excitement is about, and to those who have I say, 'See you on the 7th!', because I know you'll be back!

Lastly, I would like to take a brief moment and express my most sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and my staff who have supported me and continue to support me during a difficult time. Words can't begin to express my gratitude.



5TH Annual Spot Prawn Festival At the Fishermen's Wharf



Each year's Annual Spot Prawn Festival is a great success, with so much energy and excitement this event has brought hundreds of people down to Fishermen's Wharf, (many of them for their first time) to sample Spot Prawn delicacies being served up by some of Vancouver's finest chefs. Anticipation is in the air as the crowds eagerly await the first boatload of Spot Prawns to arrive at FCHA's Public Fish Sales Float. The Prawn boats will continue to come in, 7 days a week, during the approx. 6 – 8 week season giving the public an opportunity to purchase live, locally sourced and sustainable spot prawns directly from our local fishermen at False Creek Fishermen's Wharf. Spot Prawns are an affordable, delicious, and local product that is gaining popularity amongst chefs and foodies alike. Spot Prawns are being increasingly promoted as a responsible and sustainable substitute to farmed and often flavourless tiger prawns.



The festival creates a media 'Spot Prawn Frenzy', as the event is growing bigger and better each year! This year, we are expecting no less excitement and deliciousness. The 5th Annual Spot Prawn Festival will be held at the Fishermen's Wharf on Saturday May 7th, 2011. The ever-popular Go Fish restaurant will also be featuring Spot Prawn specials for the duration of the season. Rain or shine, we invite all members of the community to join us at the Harbour to celebrate the opening of the Spot Prawn season.



Last year the Chefs' Table Society had a book signing for Vancouver Cooks 2, where festival goers could purchase books at the festival and have them signed by their favourite Vancouver chefs.



False Creek Harbour Authorities Clean Marine Commitment

This section is here to keep harbour users updated on environmental policies, practices and recycling programs. Doing our part to keep the harbour clean and free of pollutants, chemicals, and trash is a duty that cannot be overlooked or ignored. To that end we have begun several recycling programs. Accompanying our standard recycling programs (paper, plastic containers, cardboard, waste oil, etc.), we have implemented a program to collect unwanted or broken **electronics** for reuse and recycling. Any functioning/repairable pieces will be donated to local schools through a recycling company, and anything that is non-salvageable will be disposed of in an environmentally responsible way. As well, **fluorescent lights, batteries, and propane tanks** may be returned to the office for proper disposal, especially 1-pound disposable propane tanks, as these CANNOT go into the metal bin. Our metal recycler will not accept closed pressurized canisters of any sort, so these must be dealt with separately.

We have also been actively attempting to guide both our membership and staff in our efforts to become more environmentally friendly. The most effective tool at our disposal in these efforts is not more recycling programs or stricter requirements, but education and information. If everyone understands the importance and reasons behind environmental regulations, then we can all begin to work towards the same goal: a beautiful, CLEAN harbour.



Proper Disposal of Harbour Generated Waste

There are certain materials that Metro Vancouver disposal facilities **do not accept**, either because there are already disposal programs set up for these items, or because they are hazardous to waste collection workers, the public and the environment. At disposal sites, garbage loads are inspected for BANNED, RESTRICTED and RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. Loads that arrive at the disposal sites in contravention of the banned articles are assessed a 50% surcharge. Loads that arrive at the disposal site with restricted items will be refused disposal privileges.

Banned materials

Newspaper, drywall, batteries, tires, electronic waste including computers, printers, TV's, paints, solvents, yard trimmings and green waste, plastic, metal, glass, oil, oil filters, empty oil containers, blue box recyclables (plastic containers 1, 2, 4 & 5, metal food and glass containers) Cardboard and any house hold furniture.

Restricted Materials

Appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators,) Asbestos, compact fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries, propane tanks, hazardous wastes

Join us in our goal to eliminate banned and restricted materials from entering the waste stream. Operation Safe Waste is a program that partners our employees with our customers with a focus on eliminating prohibited materials in our landfills through education and participation. We would also like to remind all Harbour Users that the garbage compactor is **Strictly for Harbour Waste Only**. Please do not bring any large furniture items from home as it creates a disposal problem for the staff. Anyone seen discarding any offsite garbage **will be fined by Harbour Management**.

Please refer to the following links for more detailed information on proper disposal procedures.

Metro Vancouver Banned and Restricted Materials list:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/disposal/pages/bannedmaterials.aspx>

Metro Vancouver Disposal Facilities

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/disposal/pages/disposalfacilities.aspx>

Electronic Recycling Association (National):

<http://www.era.ca>

Recycling Council of British Columbia:

<http://www.rcbc.bc.ca>



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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 bins. The Harbour Staff have found that B- Line appliance recycling ltd. Which is located at 776 Kingsway in Vancouver at (Fraser St.) will recycle them for a small donation (\$5.00) which goes to a breast cancer charity.

For more information please call B- Line directly @ 604-879-4050

***Anyone caught dumping a fridge or freezer will be fined more than the \$5.00 disposal fee.**

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 (\$), Pay the disposal fee (\$) 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.

Product Care Recyclers

An important issue was raised regarding recycling programs and the accessibility of convenient locations to recycle hazardous substances. The recycling of paint, solvents and other chemicals was problem that, until recently, had no clear cut answer. However, we have discovered a non-profit stewardship association that is funded through the Eco-fees that companies include on the purchase price of any of their products. The service is **FREE TO USE** and all that you need to do is take the unwanted product to one of their convenient recycling depots, the closest of which is at 2286 Ontario Street (corner of East 7th Ave.) in Vancouver.

They programs in place to recycle paint, sealers, varnishes, stains, primers, thinners, and pesticides. Specific locations will even accept Marine antifouling paints and gasoline that has been contaminated with water. Some depots have a reusable paint supply where you can pick through leftover cans of paint if you don't need much!

You can contact Recycling Centers of British Columbia by phoning 604-732-9253 inside Greater Vancouver or 1-800-667-4321 toll free throughout BC. They also have a website at www.productcare.org where all of the depots are listed as well as a full list of the products they accept and helpful tips to keep in mind when buying, using, or disposing of recyclable materials! Informational brochures are also available at the Harbour office. FCHA does offer proper disposal of gas, diesel and antifreeze however to ensure that these are properly disposed of, these bins are locked at all times and anyone wishing to use these services must come to the Harbour office for disposal instructions. The Harbour also offers a paint disposal bin onsite to assist in the disposal process but it is being overloaded by Harbour Users dumping house hold items, which is creating a problem for staff to deal with. **Please do not bring these house hold items down to the harbour** and please do not encourage family and friends come down to dispose of these items as **we are not Vancouver's free dump zone.**

Alternative Cleaning Products

The differences between cleaning a vessel, cleaning a car or truck, or even your house are very striking. Any cleaning done on terra firma has a distinct advantage over cleaning on water: any cleaners or chemicals you use for your car or truck will fall to the ground and be filtered by the earth (not completely) before reaching ground water sources. This is not the case on water. Everything you use to clean your vessel is deposited directly into the ocean without filtering of any sort. This can affect marine mammals, crustaceans, fish, and even sea birds. The biggest concern for this type of pollution is definitely petroleum products, but with the amount of phosphates, acids, emulsifiers and other assorted chemicals in cleaners these days, the total cumulative effect can be just as disturbing. Use a bilge sponge (**FREE AT HARBOUR OFFICE**) to keep your bilge water clean and be aware of potential spills when working on your vessel. When working with fluids, put down absorbent materials to catch any spillage. Use a tarp to catch paint scrapings while scraping your boat. These are just a few easy steps towards helping everyone enjoy our waters for years to come.

CLEANING TASK	ALTERNATIVE CLEANER
Decks/Hatches	1 part vinegar to 8 parts water
Fiberglass	Baking soda and salt (in wet paste)
Aluminum	1 tablespoon cream of tartar in ½ litre hot water
Brass	Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and salt solution
Chrome/Metal	Vinegar and salt solution, Polish with baby oil
Copper	Lemon juice and salt solution
Clear Plastic/Glass	1 part vinegar to 2 parts water
Mildew	Vinegar and salt solution or tea tree oil
Wood (Interior)	Polish with olive oil
Bleaching	Hydrogen peroxide bleach (NOT chlorine bleach)
Scouring	Baking soda and water paste
Shower/Toilet	Wet area and scour with baking soda
Hands	Use organic citrus extract based
Dishes	Use minimal amounts of dish soap. Choose non petroleum-based soaps. (e.g. Nature Clean)
Après Cleaning	1 part rum to 2 parts Coca-cola with ice

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Marine Liability Act

DIVISION 1 - CIVIL LIABILITY FOR POLLUTION

There is a 'zero tolerance' under the Marine Liability Act /Canada Shipping Act for pollutants discharged into the water. The FCHA and vessel owners are required by law to report pollutant spills. As a vessel owner, **YOU** are responsible for any discharge into the water and the associated cleanup costs. These costs and/or fines can be substantial. Any cleanup costs incurred by the FCHA will be recovered from the party responsible for the pollution. Be informed on what is required of you; information is available at the Harbour Office. As well FCHA can supply you with some free oil absorbent pads, please inquire at the Harbour office.

Owners of Ships

Liability for pollution and related costs

51. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Part, the owner of a ship is liable

(a) for oil pollution damage from the ship;

(b) for costs and expenses incurred by

(i) the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans,

(ii) a response organization within the meaning of section 654 of the *Canada Shipping Act*,

(iii) any other person in Canada, or

(iv) any person in a state, other than Canada, that is a party to the Civil Liability Convention,

in respect of measures taken to prevent, repair, remedy or minimize oil pollution damage from the ship, including measures taken in anticipation of a discharge of oil from the ship, to the extent that the measures taken and the costs and expenses are reasonable, and for any loss or damage caused by those measures; and

(c) for costs and expenses incurred

(i) by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in respect of measures taken under paragraph 678(1)(a) of the *Canada Shipping Act*, in respect of any monitoring under paragraph 678(1)(b) of that Act or in relation to any direction given under paragraph 678(1)(c) of that Act, or

(ii) by any other person in respect of measures the person was directed to take or prohibited from taking under paragraph 678(1)(c) of the *Canada Shipping Act*,

to the extent that the measures taken and the costs and expenses are reasonable, and for any loss or damage caused by those measures.

Liability for environmental damage

(2) If oil pollution damage from a ship results in impairment to the environment, the owner of the ship is liable for the costs of reasonable measures of reinstatement actually undertaken or to be undertaken.



Please, don't forget of me –

Pumpout Station

The sewage pump-out system installed by Inner Harbour Technologies has been a great addition to our facility and is available for use to anyone who wishes to continue using the holding tank aboard their vessel while in the harbour. It's located at the end of the Fish Sales Float and is **FREE** to **ALL Annual Harbour Users**. The charge for non-Harbour members is \$5.00 per cycle of the pump-out, meaning \$5.00 each tank or if a tank requires multiple cycles (set at 4 minutes per cycle) then the charge applies to each cycle.

We currently have a number of boats using the pump out on a regular basis but we would like to encourage more vessels to use this service to assist us in keeping False Creek waters clean and healthy.

FCHA has had a policy in place for several years of not allowing vessels to pump out sewage in the harbour, but now with the revisions to the Canada Shipping Act, we will be taking a hard line approach in enforcing this regulation. This means that anyone caught depositing sewage into the FCHA waterlot will be reported and dealt with accordingly. This will benefit not only the harbour users, but all boaters and marine life throughout False Creek.



The pump-out station is operated by Harbour staff and the hours of operation are 7 days a week from 8:30am to 3:30pm. For use of the Pump-Out System please inquire at the Harbour office.

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Go Fish - Seafood Shack

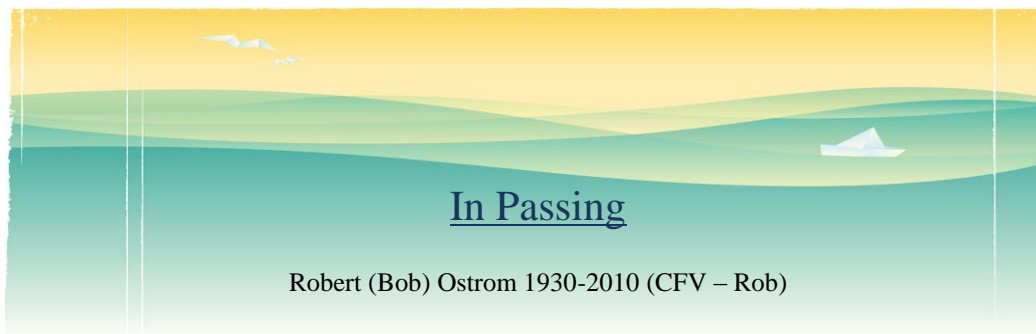


“Go-Fish” Seafood Emporium continues to draw visitors to the False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf, serving up Vancouver’s finest Fish ‘n’ Chips. They offer a wide variety of grilled seafood and an inviting selection of homemade soups. “Go-Fish” has partnered with the local fishermen to create a joint brochure 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 this year by adding new flotation throughout the dock giving it 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 also completed some maintenance on the Harbours pumpout station.



It is with great sadness that the family of Robert Ostrom announces his passing on November 24, 2010 just shy of his 80th birthday.

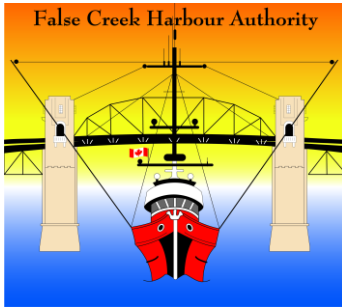
Born in Bella Bella on December 4, 1930, Robert had always been involved in and around the water. With so much interest with the ocean, Robert thoroughly enjoyed his day’s commercial fishing with a brief period working at the mill in Ocean Falls and as a Fishery Officer working on the original Patrol Vessel ARROW POST. He became involved very early in the roe herring fishery and squid seining on the BC Coast and served on the Board of Directors at the Prince Rupert Harbour Authority – (Fishermen’s Wharf) and the False Creek Harbour Authority - (Fishermen’s Wharf). He is survived by Audrey, his wife of 48 years, children, Spencer Ostrom and Heather (Ken) Poole, grandchildren in Kelowna, Calgary and Korea, and his brothers, Axel (Audrey) Ostrom and Erik (Villa) Ostrom, sisters Greta (Gene) Heinz and May (Bob) Nikkel.

After the fishing season, Robert made many friends as a result of his volunteer work at Brock House and the Vancouver Maritime Museum and he also enjoyed spending time studying small boat stability and designing boat hulls.

Robert’s quiet and gentle demeanor will be missed by many, as will his intellect and humor, accompanied by his positive outlook on life.

Throughout his career, he earned a reputation as an honest and kind, hardworking man. He will be sorely missed by all!

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Above photo

Paving crew laying new asphalt during phase 2 of FCHA's Stormwater Management Project



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.

Website

The Harbour Website www.falsecreek.com 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. This past year the website had 388,914 hits and 27, 395 visits and it seems to be catching on, with more visits every year. The opening of this year's Spot Prawn season will definitely see lot more activity on the Harbours website as we are already being approached by people from the media wanting to promote Vancouver's only Fishermen's Wharf. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to see posted on our website please do not hesitate to enquire at the Harbour Office or email them to fchaf@telus.net

Safety & Security

As many of you know we have recently upgraded the bathroom doors with a push code locking system. Between the hours of 11am-7pm the bathroom doors will be open to all of the Harbour users and to the public. For use of the facilities after hours please enquire with the harbour staff to retrieve the access code. Also as a reminder, we encourage everyone to get to know your neighbors and help us fight against theft and other related incidents.

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



*Lock it or
Lose it*

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