

FALSE CREEK TIDINGS

November, 2004

Presidents Message

Welcome back from another fishing season. I hope it was successful for all and the good weather paid off in more fish for all.

The 2004 Board and Executive is as follows:

Ron Fowler, Vice-President, *Sundance II*
Bob Ostrom, Secretary, *Rob*
Mike Emes, Director, *Ocean's Best*
Frank Cox, Director, *Advise*
Ken Martin, Director, *Miss Katrina*
Fred Green, Director, *Brittany Bay*
Steve Johansen, Director, *Blackheart*

Wally Erickson, President, *Joy II*

Christmas Party

You are all invited to the Christmas Open House at False Creek Harbour Authority. It will be held in the boardroom at the Harbour Office on Friday, December 17 from 13:00 to 15:30. "Go Fish" have agreed to cater the party and refreshments will be served. See you there!



Barb Parker-Harbour Clerk

Food Services

Gord Martin of "Go Fish" is open for business. The food is great and business is brisk. Check it out in the east end of the parking lot in the little blue shed.

Fish Sales Float

We have been keeping the fish-for-sale page of the web site up to date all summer. It really helps if boats selling fish let the office know in advance of when they will arrive on the float. We can put a notice up on the web site in advance of your arrival.

Harbour Ambiance

Thanks to Steve and Karen, *Long Trick*, for the care and attention to the flower display this summer.

Security Cameras

The security cameras have been working well all summer giving staff an ability to see more of the harbour uplands more of the time. We can also go back in time after an incident to see what happened.

Weather Woes

Don't let weather make you woeful. Winter wind and heavy rain can do bad things to vessels. Ensure your vessel tie up lines are strong and secure, that your batteries are fully charged, that your electrical cords are the right size, (#14AWG for a 15 amp breaker, #12 AWG for a 20 amp breaker and #10 AWG for a 30 amp breaker), all your bilge pumps 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 an improper installation or use of electrical cords.

Website

The harbour Website has been renewed and has a fish sales float page. Check out our Website at www.falsecreek.com.

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In Passing

Laura Black, wife of Bob Black, skipper of the "Pacific Marl", passed away on October 28, 2004. Condolences to Bob and the rest of the family on the passing of this lovely, generous soul.

Kenny Rivard was lost at sea on November 7, 2004 when his boat the "Lady V" struck a reef at Cape Beale, Vancouver Island west. Kenny will be missed by the harbour community for his character and quirky sense of humour.

Rate Increase

The Harbours fiscal year ended October 31, 2004. During planning for the 04/05 fiscal year Harbour Board members identified several financial challenges for the coming cycle. These challenges included repairs to floats and piles, increases in specific areas such as hydro and a general cost-of-living increase on all other expenses. In order to manage these costs effectively and ensure that the harbour financial affairs remain on a sound, business-like basis, a 10% increase in moorage and a 20% increase in hydro rates will be put in effect as of January 1, 2005.



Art Childs-Assistant Manager

Assistant Manager's Report

With the summer season behind us the Management of the Harbour would like to thank ALL Harbour users for their patience and cooperation this season. Providing safe, secure moorage for the Commercial fishing fleet, is our primary focus at FCHA, but we recognize the important role pleasurecraft play in our Harbour operations. To that end, we have tried to focus on creating a stable, consistent environment for pleasure craft owners.

This has involved some movement of vessels within the Harbour, something that we try to minimize, but is unfortunately necessary to ensure efficient use of the space available. The other component has been an increased level of communication between Harbour users and Management regarding coming's and going's during the season. Simply put, the more communication there is regarding departure dates and return dates, the easier it is to ensure the space you left is empty when you return. Based on reports back to the office this season, we were successful the majority of the time.

All Harbour users are reminded that sufficient, valid liability insurance is required on all vessels moored at False Creek Harbour Authority. This requirement is monitored closely on all vessels coming into the Harbour for the first time, and proof of current coverage will be asked of all existing Harbour users. This requirement protects ALL Harbour users.

Some of the new services introduced this year include the opening of the new laundry facility in Locker Aisle 'A', next to the office. This service should be invaluable to FCHA users, whether they are visiting boaters or long-term Harbour users. Outside the Laundry room door, Harbour users will find the new Ice machine, and Snack vending machine. The ability to purchase ice at the Harbour will make 'getting out there', that much easier for all FCHA users, and the benefit for visiting boaters is obvious. The snack vending machine should be a good companion for the pop machine, a handy convenience when the munchies strike.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many Harbour users since I started as your Assistant Harbour Manager, and look forward to meeting many more of you. I've heard many comments on Harbour operations, mostly positive, but some negative, as well. As most of you who have spoken with me know, I am open to all

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suggestions or comments, whether positive or negative. The input from Harbour users plays a significant role in helping us plan for the future. Hopefully, we can build on this spirit of cooperation, and make FCHA an even more desirable place for mariners, and an interesting stop for visitors to Granville Island and the False Creek area.



Cliff Warburton-Dock Attendant

Healthy Docks

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

Vessel Identification

This is a reminder to all harbour users that vessels must have either a name or number to identify the vessel that is clearly visible from the dock to assist staff when they do the daily boat check. Thanks for your co-operation.

Ten Steps to Vessel Security

There have 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 drivers licence number.)
4. Alarm your boat. Or leave a small light and radio on.
5. Secure your dinghy & motor and remove the oars.
6. Check on your boat at least monthly. 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.
10. Reduce the chances of theft. Go boating.

Thanks to Chris Barnett, Harbour Master, RVYC, Coal Harbour.

Berthage Agreements

All harbour users are reminded that they are required to fill out berthage agreements each year as they are changed and updated annually. Thanks for your co-operation.



John Tee-Harbour Manager

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