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Presidents Message

Welcome back from another fishing and cruising season. Hopefully, this year has been a success for all. The Board is very excited about the improvements and changes happening, at Fishermen's Wharf, and is looking forward to the coming year. The 2006 Board and Executive is as follows:

Mike Emes, Chair, *Ocean's Best*
Wally Erickson, President, *Joy II*
Mac Matheson, Vice President, *Deductible*
Ken Martin, Treasurer, *Miss Katrina*
Barry Curic, Director, *Western Warrior*
Robert Ostrom, Director, *Rob*
Roy Helland, Director, *Solita*
Ron Fowler, Director, *Sundance II*

Berthage Agreements/Insurance

All Harbour users are reminded that they are required to fill out a berthage agreement and provide current insurance documents each year as they are changed and updated annually. As a result of non compliance, privileges will be removed. The responsibility is with the vessel owners keep your documents current. To all of the harbour members who keep their documents up to date we would like to thank you for your continued co-operation.

Security & Security Cameras

FCCHA has installed two new cameras on the ends of "A" & "C" Floats, giving us a wider coverage area. We have also upgraded the computer system, allowing us to keep data for a longer period, and make the system respond quicker, and more accurately. As many of you know due to theft and vandalism, we have recently been forced to lock up the washrooms after dusk. For after hour service to the harbour members and users please ask the security officer for entrance. For any suspicious activity we encourage that all harbour members and users call the cell # 604-834-1140 for after hour service as the security officers carry this cell phone throughout their shift. There are also cards with the cell phone # located at the office.

Christmas Party

You are all invited to the annual Christmas Open House at False Creek Harbour Authority. It will be held in the boardroom at the Harbour office on Friday, December 15/2006 from 13:00 to 15:30. Fresh snacks and refreshments will be served. Hope to see all of you there!

Harbour Ambiance

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

Food Services

"Go Fish" Seafood Emporium continues to delight visitors to False Creek Fishermen's Wharf, serving up Vancouver's finest Fish 'n Chips, as well as grilled seafood, and an inviting selection of soups. "Go Fish" has partnered up with the local Fishermen to create a joint brochure to promote their delicious restaurant and also the Fishermen who sell their catch on the public sales dock. These brochures are available at the harbour office.

Fish Sales Float

We have completed a significant realignment of the Public Fish Sales Float, with a goal to have better maneuvering area for vessels approaching the wharfhead, a better arranged layout for vessels wishing to sell product and easier docking at our courtesy customs dock. The Sales Float Committee will be looking at ways to promote the sale of fish, and increase customer traffic. It would be beneficial to vessel owners who wish to sell their catch down on the sales dock, to inform Assistant Harbour Manager Mike Loy, and let him know what you are selling so he can keep all information up to date on the website. As mentioned there is a new brochure to help promote the sale of fish, it is located at the harbour office.

Website

The Harbour Website has been renewed and updated, adding a fresh look by uploading new pictures of the harbour and its surroundings. If anyone has pictures that they would like to see on our website please talk to Mike Loy, at the office. Please check out our Website at www.falsecreek.com

Healthy Docks

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

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Manager's Message

Taking a few minutes to pause and reflect on the past year, I find myself reminded of all the people who have made this a very special year for me. Stepping into the position as your Harbour Manager, while at the same time trying to accept the loss of my good friend, John Tee, was a very difficult challenge. The support I've received from the Board of Directors, FCHA Staff and Harbour Users has made meeting that challenge a gratifying experience. False Creek Fishermen's Wharf has seen a great deal of change in the past few years, most of which has been easily accepted, some, not quite as easily. Upgrades to the facility like new, longer, safer gangways on 'A' and 'B' docks, additional fingers on 'C' dock, increased security camera coverage and signage, and the addition of a new, efficient holding-tank pump-out facility are all readily recognizable, welcome additions to our Harbour. Just as important, though, are the changes that take place behind the scenes. This year, we've developed a closer working relationship with the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Police Department, Environment Canada, and harbours and marinas in the Lower mainland. These relationships have led to a better understanding of the long term vision for Vancouver's waterfront, and how Fishermen's Wharf can be a part of that, a more cooperative approach to security issues and crime prevention, the impact of change in the environmental regulations and a more "industry standard" approach to how we conduct business. In developing these relationships, and adopting these long-term strategies, we have strengthened our commitment to making False Creek Harbour Authority a significant presence on the Vancouver waterfront in the years to come. Being a part of these changes has made me very proud, and although there are those who would disagree, I believe we have brought FCHA a new level of respect within our community, and made Fishermen's Wharf one of the most sought after moorages within the boating community. All this, and no moorage rate increase!! Fishermen's Wharf moorage customers continue to enjoy highly attractive moorage rates in a city that is experiencing an incredible shortage of moorage space. Yes, it's been quite a year. The coming year promises to be just as exciting!

Assistant Manager's Report

The summer season was a great success bringing in more transient boaters to our diverse facility than in any prior season. With the summer season behind us the Management of the Harbour would like to thank all Harbour Members for their patience and co-operation this season. Providing safe, secure moorage for the Commercial Fishing Fleet is our primary focus at FCHA, but we recognize the important role Pleasure Craft play in our Harbour Operations. To that, we have tried to focus on creating a stable, consistent environment for pleasure craft owners. The summer's film season was also a tremendous success with the locally based TV series "Intelligence", filming a number of episodes. This summer's upgrades to the parking lot area by the Fish Sales Dock (resurfacing new asphalt) turned out to be a great success. The major landscaping project was completed and its purpose is to improve the ambiance of the Harbour and to assist in the control of vehicle oil entering our water. The end result has been a spectacular addition to the FCHA facility. We will be replacing the dockside water service with backflow preventers. These are not to be confused with pressure reducers and are not to be removed. With the current upgrades and with the installation of the new 40ft fingers on C-dock, it has been a great success with the harbour members' co-operation in moving their vessels around to accommodate the new slips as we try to maximize the space available. It will be a continuing project as we are currently building new 40ft fingers in our open storage area. In saying this, the open storage area has been a little cramped due to our lumber needed for the docks. We apologize for any inconvenience in getting to your storage locker. If anyone has a hard time in retrieving their gear from their locker please inform us at the office and we will be glad to assist you. Looking into our future at FCHA we will be replacing the ramps on C-D and E - dock, to decrease the angle of the ramps on a low tide. This may require the pile - driving barge to come back to complete this work and we will need to shift a few boats around to achieve this project. I have also recently attended a hull maintenance and best management practice workshop locally in Vancouver. The workshop was held by Environment Canada to inform Boatyards and Tidal Grid operators of the

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changes that will affect all of its users. For any one wishing to use the “Tidal Grid” please sign up during regular business hours for a copy of the current regulations enforced by Environment Canada. I would like to thank everyone again for their cooperation in helping us achieve our all of our goals and our future plans. I believe that communication is necessary between all vessel owners and Harbour staff to ensure that we can all work together to achieve a positive working relationship. If anyone has any questions, comments, concerns or requires assistance, please don’t hesitate to approach myself, or the rest of the team at FCHA. Thank you for this opportunity.

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 of our fire lanes open, located at the end of each aisle.

Waste Net & Rope

We recently had a rope and net bin onsite for a 3-day period to provide an opportunity to discard any waste net or rope, which our garbage compactor can’t take. Since we don’t have the volume to hold a net bin on a permanent basis, we have a few small bins to use for waste net & rope until it is time to have the large bin back in for another 3 day period. If you find that our bin can’t hold your net or rope due to its size and volume please inquire at the office for assistance in receiving an empty bin for your net & rope.

Pump out Service

The newly installed sewage pump out system from Inner Harbour Technologies has been a great success to all its users. It is located on the public fish sales dock, and is free to all Harbour members. For use of the pump out system, please inquire at the Harbour office.

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, (#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.

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. Even if you could use a black marker and write it down on a piece of paper and tape it in the window, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your co-operation.

Open Storage

Many of you are aware of the adjustments that have been made in the open storage area. Our goal is to use the area in a way that maximizes its capacity. In regards to that, we appreciate users only storing items pertaining to commercial fishing, and any current items not pertaining to fishing will be asked to be removed. We would like to remind everyone using the open storage area to please identify your current belongings and to identify any items that you will be leaving in the open storage area, by having your CFV # or Vessel name on the item. As a friendly reminder, any items that are not properly marked will become property of the FCHA and will be disposed of at our discretion. We do encourage that anyone needing assistance to retrieve any items, please come to the Harbour office and we will be glad to help.



Thank you from the Staff @ FCHA

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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 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 regularly. Report any tampering to staff.
7. Talk to your neighbours.
8. Introduce yourself to the Harbour Master and security staff.
9. Inform your trade's people to check in at the office.
10. Reduce the chances of theft. Go boating.

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