



FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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President’s Message

Welcome back for another wonderful season at the False Creek Harbour Authority – Fishermen’s Wharf. Hopefully, this year will be a great success for all Harbour Members and Harbour Users. The Board of Directors is very excited about the improvements and changes happening at the 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 Harbour is looking forward to the new ideas being brought forth from the Board of Directors and hope that the Fishermen’s Wharf can improve on every aspect of being known as the Best Harbour along the British Columbia Coast. 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” That is our mandate! I am around the facility most of the time outside of the fishing season, so if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, I would be glad to hear them.

Ron Fowler CFV Sundance II

Berthage Agreements and Vessel Insurance

As a reminder to ALL Vessel Owners, a Current Berthage Agreement must be filled out for each 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 if you could have your insurance provider fax us an up to date copy of your insurance to ensure your continued moorage with FCHA. As the New Year approaches the new 2009 annual parking passes will be available at the Harbour office. We generally allow a few weeks at the beginning of the year for everyone to obtain a new parking pass but shortly thereafter we will not issue any temporary parking passes to vessel owners without current updated information, and will also be leaving reminder notes on your vehicle.

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Annual General Meeting 2009

This year’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10th 2009 from 7pm - 9:30pm at the Granville Island Hotel. We encourage All Harbour Members to attend as the more people who attend the more ideas are shared. Harbour Users are also welcome to attend however they do not receive a vote. To find out if you receive a vote, please call the office for more information. As a reminder from the last AGM, please help in reducing electrical consumption by keeping your heaters at a mid-range or lower setting and preferably are thermostatically controlled.

Payments and Charges

A reminder to all vessel owners that when monthly charges are processed, if your account is in Arrears the Daily Rate will apply. We will also do our best to remind and give advance notice to all Harbour users when their moorage is due. 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 Alison at the Harbour office.

Manager's Corner

December '08

It's been busy again this summer, even with the rising fuel costs. We definitely experienced a decline in the number of transient boaters who passed through Vancouver, but those who visited FCHA were very complimentary of our Harbour and enjoyed their stay.

The completion of our washroom renovation has garnered high praise from all of our users. The new facilities have been a welcome improvement, apparently! The addition of security locks actually makes after-hours access easier as well as protects the facility from vandalism.

I apologize for the inconsistencies and interruptions in service to our wi-fi network. We are working hard to get the bugs worked out of the system and thank everyone for their patience. As the network is self-administered, enabling us to provide this service FREE to our Harbour users; we don't have a full-time IT person. We are currently looking at forming a long-term agreement with a network service company which will correct the gaps in service.

In the coming weeks we will see the work begin on Phase 1 of our Stormwater Management Project. This project will involve re-grading and re-paving various areas of the parking lot and pier-heads, creation of drainage swales, addition of 2 oil/water separators and other upgrades. Ultimately, after completion of both phases of work, FCHA will be a "zero discharge" facility. With the regulatory trend towards tighter environmental standards, the Board of Directors and Management are taking a proactive approach. Last year FCHA was awarded a Regional Distinction Award for our environmental stewardship policies and this winter we expect to achieve "Clean Marina" status through the Georgia Strait Alliance certification program. All of these initiatives help to solidify our position as a leader in the industry and a model for other Harbours. It was with great pride that Assistant Harbour Manager Mike Loy, Wharfinger Chris Loughed and myself attended an awards ceremony in Ottawa earlier this month to accept a National Prix d'Excellence Award for Environmental Stewardship from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Recognition of False Creek Harbour Authority's efforts is very gratifying and gave us all a renewed sense of commitment to proactive environmental policy.

As the weather gets worse, Harbour users are reminded to make sure their vessels are ready for the changing conditions. More boats sink at the dock than on the high seas. Make sure scuppers are clear, bilge pumps in good repair, batteries are in a full state of charge and all electrical cords meet the load requirements. Sailboat owners should make sure all furling sails are secured to prevent strong winds from unfurling and damaging them.

As we head into 2009, with uncertain economic times ahead of us, FCHA is happy to announce we are 'holding the line' on all of our rates for the coming year. We hope this measure will ease the stress in one small area for all of our Harbour users.

Finally, all Harbour users are reminded that a new berthage agreement must be completed for 2009, as well as ensuring the office has a copy of current insurance documents.

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season and good fortune in the New Year!

DFO National Environmental Stewardship Award



Michelle d' Auray - Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Art Childs – Harbour Manager, Mike Loy - Asst. Harbour Manager, Chris Lougheed – Wharfinger, Gail Shea – Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

The Harbour has a great deal of commitment to ensuring that all Harbour Users are educated with the environmental procedures being implemented at our facility. It is due to all of the Harbour Users who help assist in a “greener” Harbour that we were honored with this great award. A Special Thanks to All.

The False Creek Harbour Authority (FCHA) provides an excellent example of environmental stewardship at their fishing harbour situated on the urban Vancouver, B.C. waterfront. Established in 1997 the FCHA has taken a proactive approach with respect to the environment and has adhered to a high level of ethic at the harbour. This “Green Culture” was recently highlighted in the DFO Office of Environmental Coordination’s pilot environmental compliance audit of the harbour.

FCHA was the first Harbour Authority nationally to implement an Environmental Management Plan for their harbour. The leadership they have shown in recycling at their harbour and in enhancing environmental protection and awareness has promoted environmentally sustainable actions and operations throughout the harbour.

Along with recycling the standard paper, plastic, cardboard and waste oils, FCHA has also implemented a program to collect unwanted or broken electronics for reuse and recycling, as well as programs for fluorescent light, battery, and propane tank recycling.

In coordination with Small Craft Harbours, the FCHA has also undertaken a variety of environmental upgrades at the harbour, including replacing lights with energy efficient fluorescents, upgrading storm water management systems, installing a sewage pump-out system, and actively enforcing tidal grid policies to adhere to strict Environment Canada standards.

The FCHA has also been active in forging relationships with Environment Canada and the Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA), a citizens’ group working to protect and restore the marine environment and promote the sustainability of the Georgia Strait, and have participated in the creation of the GSA’s new Clean Marine BC handbook for marina and boatyard operators.

The FCHA has established a reputation along the Pacific Coast as an Environmental Leader and their “green culture” is a model for other harbours.

DFO / Small Craft Harbours - Ottawa

Environmental Awareness

Here at the False Creek Harbour Authority we have 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 regulations, 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.

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.

Therefore we would like to pass along the T Buck Suzuki Organizations list of alternative cleaners, found in their free publication “Commercial Green Boating Guide”, available on their website (www.bucksuzuki.com) or at several distributors around the Vancouver area. This pamphlet is packed with useful information about how to become a better green boater!

Alternative Cleaners List:

* used courtesy of T Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation

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	Vinegar and salt solution
Chrome/Metal	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
Hair	Baby shampoo (phosphate-free & PH balanced)
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



Go Fish - Seafood Restaurant

“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 our community. These brochures are located at Go-Fish and the Harbour office.



2nd Annual Spot Prawn Festival at the Fishermen’s Wharf

The 2nd Annual Spot Prawn Festival at the Fishermen’s Wharf was a huge success!

No one was more surprised than the Spot Prawn Fisherman’s Association and their members, who did not believe there is a market for top quality spot prawns in Vancouver. With well over \$100,000.00 worth of ink in local and national publications, television and radio air time, (I can’t even guess what all the internet activity was worth). False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf and the sales dock was discovered by a lot of people for the first time. The False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf has expressed their gratitude for bringing life to the sales dock and increasing public awareness of a closer alternative for Vancouverites rather than driving to Steveston for fish. The support that the fishermen received from the general public,

lining up for the boats to arrive, rain or shine, leads us to believe that more than a few pounds of imported farmed tiger prawns were passed over for the fresh, local, spot prawns. Granville Island was a big supporter of the spot prawn initiative and their fish shops reported a tremendous increase in spot prawn sales and a greater public awareness of the issues surrounding farmed tiger prawns. Frozen Spot Prawns are currently available for purchase at the fish sales float.



Steve Johansen, CFV Blackheart

Harbour Happenings

Christmas Open House

FCHA 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 19th 2008 from 1pm – 3:30pm in the harbour office boardroom. We encourage everyone to attend as there will be snacks and refreshments for all!

FCHA – Parking

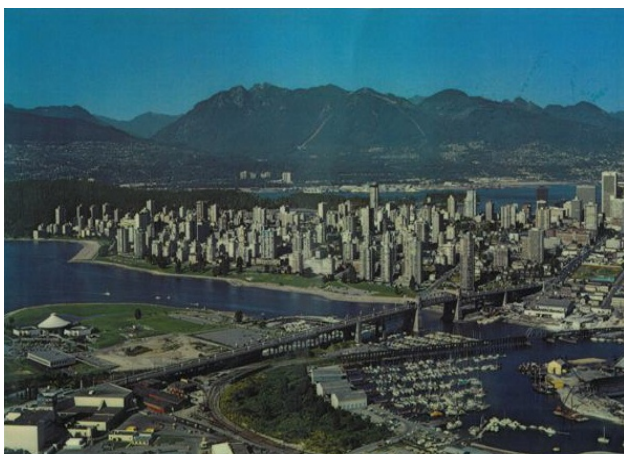
Just a reminder, the new annual parking passes will be available at the Harbour office for all homeport vessels. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with the summer's parking restrictions and hope that all Harbour users understand the harbour only has 105 parking spaces with 260 Vessels which limits the parking availability.

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. All CFV's must display a CFV # and Current CFV tags.

Waste Net & Rope

With our garbage compactor being unable to discard any waste net & rope, we have set up bins next to the compactor to hold the waste material. If you find that the bins are full please inquire at the Harbour office for assistance. This gives an opportunity for others to reuse the waste material for other various projects. The Harbour will have a large bin on site sometime this spring to discard any large amounts of net and rope. There will be signage posted for the dates the bin will be on site. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Mike or Chris at the Harbour office.



Can anyone identify the year this photo was taken?



Sewage Pump-Out Service

The sewage pump out system installed by Inner Harbour Technologies has been a great addition to our facility. It's located at the end of the Fish Sales Float and is **FREE** to **ALL Annual Harbour Users**. 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 as there will be more regulations regarding waste disposal in the years to come. 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.

Garbage & Waste Recycling

We would like to remind all Harbour users that the garbage compactor is 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 warned and possibly fined by Harbour Management.

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.

Healthy Docks

Some Harbour users may have noticed that the 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. Also the Harbour would appreciate vessel owners keeping vessel debris to their boats, as the docks are not for storage.

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Open Storage

The open storage area is charged at a minimum of \$20 + GST per month, per owner for combined items. Any total combination of items that is more than 14m2 will be charged at \$1.50 per square meter. As a reminder, the open storage area is to be used only for gear pertaining to commercial fishing. 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 will be disposed of at our discretion. This year we will be sorting through the poles in the open storage, if you have a pole in the storage area, please inform the office so we can mark it to ensure it remains your property. We do encourage anyone needing assistance to retrieve any items, to please ask at the Harbour office.



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 449,166 hits and 33,536 visits and it seems to be catching on with more visits every year. If anyone has any pictures that they would like to see on our website please inquire at the Harbour Office or email them to fchaf@telus.net.

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Security & Security Cameras

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 inquire 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 in fighting against theft and other related incidents.

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



*Lock it or
Lose it*

24hr/7days @ 604-834-1140

Ten Steps to Vessel Security

1. Lock your Boat! (Doors, Windows, Hatches & Storage Lockers)
2. Remove items of value from sight. (GPS, 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 your dinghy & motor.
6. Check on your boat frequently 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"