

FALSE CREEK TIDINGS

June, 2004

Presidents Message

Greetings and wishes for a safe fishing season. Thanks to all that have contributed to the harbour over the past year. A special thanks to all the board members for their hard work and dedication.

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

Food Services

A contract has been signed with Gord Martin of "Go Fish" for food services in the southeast corner of the parking lot. Services should commence by the end of June.

Fish Sales Float

The fish sales float committee, Chair Mike Emes, *Ocean's Best*, has been meeting on a regular basis. The committee has focused on developing marketing strategies for the float, which are being paid for by the fish sales float fee that is levied on each boat selling on the float, and refining the regulations on the dock so that a high quality and successful operation is ensured.

Signage was erected on the end of the floats to alert boaters and people at Granville Island to the presence of the fish sales float and a fish sales page was added to the Website.

Harbour Ambiance

Many thanks to Steve and Karen, *Long Trick*, for the care and attention to our great flower display last summer and the beautiful Christmas wreaths that they put up around the office which they made out of recycled material! As you can see the summer display has already begun.

The harbour has come into possession of the original lifeboat off the *Haida Chieftain*. It is an 18', lapstrake double ender that is in excellent condition. Staff are stripping and painting it and we will put it up in front of the office as a display piece. A little piece of maritime history in False Creek Harbour.

The flagpole was erected during the summer and the Commissionaires are flying the provincial and national flags daily.

The cranes and rails were repainted a distinctive "Spanish yellow" last summer, which makes it very easy for boaters to see which floats belong to the harbour.

Environmental Issues

The harbour has installed a 1,200 l (264 gal) approved tank for holding oily bilge water. It is located east of the eastern oil shed. There is also a new contract with Newalta for the removal of used oil from the harbour. Because we are able to keep the oil clean they will pay us for the oil. Complimentary spill kits are available at the office for those vessels that have not picked theirs up yet.

Security Cameras

Security cameras have been installed throughout the upland area of the harbour. This is the first step in a long-range plan to install them on the floats as well. The cameras provide added security for vessels and harbour users and have already proved their worth in monitoring events within the harbour.

Forklift

The new Toyota forklift arrived a year ago. It has a 5,000 pound lifting capacity and been an excellent addition to the services the harbour provides to commercial fisherman.

Electrical Woes

Please ensure 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). See the cord cap display in the office for examples of what can happen to an improper installation or use of electrical cords.

Welding Shed

A 20' by 24' metal welding shed has been erected in the open storage area. This will provide a dry, safe and well-ventilated area for welding to occur and get it out of the locker aisle. The electrical service will be 200 amp that will provide for up to 3-50 amp plug-ins to be in use at the same time. A booking system will be in place for this workspace. Check in with the office

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Gone but Not Forgotten

The harbour would like to acknowledge the passing of Bruce Whittaker, July 27, 1943-May 8, 2003, a long time commercial fisherman, skipper of Western Commander and a friend of the harbour. Bruce served on the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2003 with diligence and dedication.

Website

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

Rate Increase

The Board of Directors has approved a 5% increase on moorage and hydro effective May 1, 2004 and after a careful review another 5% effective June 1, 2004. This is the first increase in 8 years and will allow the harbour to provide improved services. BC Hydro has approved a 10% increase to come into effect this year so the harbour must pass these costs along to the user.

Assistant Harbour Manager

The board would like to welcome the new Assistant Harbour Manager. His name is Art Childs and he will take care of moorage and maintenance. If you haven't met him yet come up to the office and say hello. Art has been the Assistant Harbour Manager at RVYC for the last three years.

Laundromat

Your Board of Directors has approved the installation of a coin operated laundry for your convenience. There will be 3 washers and 3 dryers, which will be located in the former harbour locker in locker aisle A. Stay tuned for further details.



Barb Is Back!

The Board would like to congratulate Barb on her new son Aedan Ewan Parker, born April 30, 2003, and to welcome her back from her Maternity leave. Craig and Buck are doing well.

