

FALSE CREEK TIDINGS

April, 2006

Presidents Message

Welcome back for another season. Hopefully, this year will be a success for all. 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*

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.

Fish Sales Float

We have undertaken a significant realignment of the Public Fish Sales Float, the aim being to have a better maneuvering area for vessels approaching the wharfhead, and a more easily arranged layout for vessels wishing to sell product. The Sales Float Committee will be looking at ways to promote the sale of fish, and increase customer traffic.

Harbour Ambiance

Thanks to Steve and Karen, *Long Trick*, for the continuing care and attention to the flower displays, and "green" areas.

Security Cameras

FCHA 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.

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.

In Passing

As most of you are already aware, Harbour Manager, John Tee was taken from us in a tragic accident, this past October. John's presence in the Harbour is sorely missed by staff and Harbour Users, alike, and our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Wendy Grossman, and son, Montana. A Trust Fund for Montana has been set up, and all who wish to contribute may do so by making a cheque payable to:

"In Trust for Montana Tee". Write account #212-6276070 on the back of the cheque. Deposit at any branch of TD Canada Trust, or alternatively, mail to:

Att'n. Derek Hui
TD Canada Trust
3960 Francis, Rd.
Richmond, BC, V7C1J7

Manager's Report

With the summer season fast approaching, the Management of the Harbour would like to thank ALL Harbour users for their patience and cooperation this past year.

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 continue 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 recent pile driving project on "C" Float, and the addition of twenty-four 40' fingers (12 per side), will see further changes to space allocation. Management will be contacting owners affected by these changes, and, as always, will try to minimize the impact of these changes. All Harbour users are reminded that sufficient, valid liability insurance is required on all vessels moored at False Creek Harbour Authority. This

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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.

As the 2006 Fishing and Cruising season approaches, I am looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors and Staff. The team at False Creek Fishermen's Wharf has welcomed some new faces, as many of you already know. Please welcome Mike Loy, Assistant Harbour Manager, who joined us in July of 2005 as Wharfinger, and has stepped into his new role quite ably. Mike's background includes 5 seasons as Manager at Sullivan Bay Marine Resort, and a season with Northwest Seaplanes. Mike holds a 60 Ton Limited Master's Certification, PADI open water dive certification, and current Standard-Enhanced First Aid, Advanced Marine First Aid and Level "C" Lifesaving and CPR. He has become a valued member of FCHA staff, and continues to grow within the role as Assistant Harbour Manager. With the promotion of Mike from the Wharfinger position, that opening was filled with the arrival of Chris Lougheed. Chris is a recent graduate of BCIT's Inboard/Outboard Mechanics entry level program, and has a growing interest in Harbour Management and Operations. Our weekend staff members are Tim Maloney, Quentin Wright, and recently, while Tim has been back in Newfoundland attending to a family matter, we have been assisted by Robin Annis, who most recently has been working with R&R Yacht services, and who also has worked in coastal marine resorts. Barb Parker continues to keep the daily Office operations working smoothly, making sure all Harbour user accounts are in order, and providing the historical background for those of us who are recent arrivals. She has been described as "the glue that keeps it all together" around here, and that only tells part of the story. Barb's cheery disposition and ability to keep a level head in stressful situations has made her an invaluable member of the staff and a pleasure to work with. FCHA contracts the services of various trades' people, and would like to acknowledge the contributions these folks have made to the improvements around Fishermen's Wharf. Mel Hart, Gary Short, Barrie Kellet, and Steve King have been associated with FCHA for quite some time, and we look forward to this continuing relationship. 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 suggestions or comments, whether positive or negative. The input from Harbour users plays a significant role in helping us plan for the future, and, 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.

Assistant Harbour Manager's Report

Since joining the FCHA team there has been a great deal of change. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their patience during this transition period. With the current upgrades with the pile-driving project, it has been a great success with the harbour members' co-operation in moving their vessels around to accommodate the barge so the contractors could proceed in their work. 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 getting to their locker please inform us at the office and we shall assist you in getting to your storage area. Looking into our future at FCHA we will be replacing the ramps on A dock as well as B dock to decrease the angle of the ramps on a low tide. This may require the pile-driving barge to come back to do this work and we will need to shift a few boats around to achieve this project. We will also be doing upgrades to our parking lot before the busy summer approaches. We will be resurfacing the parking area by GO FISH, then moving on to some of the low areas in the rest of the parking lot. As many of you have already seen, the parking curb stones have been moved away from the edge of the seawall. We needed the space there to do some major landscaping work to improve the ambiance of the Harbour and to assist in the control of vehicle oil entering our water. This process should be finished in a few weeks' time and the end result will be a spectacular addition to the FCHA facility. We would like to thank everyone again for their co-operation in helping us achieve our goals and our future plans. If anyone has any questions, comments or needs assistance, please don't hesitate to approach myself, or the rest of the team at FCHA. Thank you for this opportunity.

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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.

Open Storage

As many of you are aware of the adjustments that have been made in the open storage area. Our goal is to use the area, to maximize its capacity. We would like to remind everyone using that area to please identify your current belongs 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.

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.

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 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.

Waste Net & Rope

We recently had a rope and net bin onsite for a 3-day period it gave 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 will 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.

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.

Pump out Service

We have recently installed a sewage pump out system from Inner Harbour Technologies. It is located on the sales dock, and is free to all Harbour members. To use the pump out system, please check in at the Harbour office.

Customer Statements

We are currently updating our accounting system, which will result in a new format for our Customer Statements. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Barb or see her in the office.

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 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 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.