



FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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President’s Message

Greetings Fishermen’s Wharf Users and Members!

We’re well into fall and other than the dive harvesters who are still going strong, most of us have wrapped up our fishing and sailing seasons. It’s a quieter time around the wharf now, but you can see the results of a busy summer of activity. It is impossible not to notice the new brighter look of the locker bay and office facades! After the painting of the walls, our first mural went up during prawn season in May. Stu Ross, our mural project coordinator, lined up artist Chairman Ting, who came up with the bright and playful design over the office. More recently, artist James Knight completed our second mural which he designed to be a more serious representation of the gear and work of fishermen. If you haven’t had the time yet, it’s worth taking a walk to Granville Island or onto the bridge to get a view of this fish design from a distance. While no original art pleases everyone, we’ve heard lots of positive feedback on this work.

There have been some functional improvements to our facilities as well. Harbour Manager Mike Loy and his team oversaw the long overdue installation of our new jib crane on the wharf head. Combined with the significant upgrade of the brow logs, it is now a lot safer and easier to load gear and off load your catch at our wharf. Next years’ upgrades to the Harbour will be less visible but equally important as we continue to build floatation boxes and look into the replacement of the dock water lines. Look inside this newsletter for details on this year’s holiday season open house on December 7. It will be a great opportunity to connect with Harbour Staff and Board Members, and share your thoughts on our new look and plan for our third and final mural to be completed next year!

Smooth sailing and prosperous fishing,

Shaun

Harbour Manager's Report

Hello Members and Users of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf!

Welcome back from another season of fishing, cruising and sailing. I hope everyone was able to enjoy calm waters, warm weather and sunny days! For the most part, the weather here co-operated and we were fortunate to enjoy an extended summer season with one of the driest and warmest Octobers on record. The unexpected fall weather was more than welcome as it gave all of us more time to enjoy the outdoors before the beginning of the cold, wet dark days that lie ahead.

This year, we've been able to take on and complete a number of capital projects that have been discussed for quite some time. We were able to work with Pacific Netting Products to construct and install the new brow/fender logs around the wharfhead. The new brow/fender logs are built of HDPE pipe, are foam filled and ballasted to provide a safe walking surface between the boat and the wharfhead. The old system that was in place was made of steel which was heavily corroded due to electrolysis and were on the verge of sinking. We were also able to work with Gordon Crane to fabricate and install our new 2.5 tonne jib crane. The jib crane that was replaced was rated at 1.5 tonne and was no longer safe to use due to corrosion. With the new jib crane offering a higher lifting capacity, it also provided us the opportunity to have an extended reach to accommodate the larger beam of the newer vessels. While we were at it, we also decided to install a moving hoist which travels along the beam and gives more flexibility to the users. The Harbour was also able to take on the construction of 12 new 40' finger floats which has completed the finger float construction project for the foreseeable future. Now that this project of building the new fingers has been completed, Harbour staff will be addressing any fingers that may be listing.

The Fishermen's Wharf also hosted a number of events over the past few months starting with the Spot Prawn Festival, followed by the Blessing of the Fleet/Harbour Appreciation Day and finally, the Wild Salmon Celebration. All of these events provided a lot of exposure for the Fishermen's Wharf and I would like to thank everyone that assisted to ensure these events were a continued success. As we head into the winter season, we hope that you will be able to join us for our Christmas Open House as it provides a great opportunity for you to mingle with the Board of Directors, fellow Harbour Users, Harbour Staff or Walker, the Harbour Kitty! We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

As we head into the New Year, we'll be shifting our focus to a new set of capital projects, some of which are long overdue. One of these projects will include a new dock water system, which has been talked about for a number of years. The current system has served its purpose but is getting tired and more and more difficult to maintain. We'll be looking into various material options as well as design. One of the challenges we face is including a bleeder system as our preference is to provide water service during the winter months leaving it prone to freezing. We'll also be building and installing a few flotation tanks that will address some of the lower areas of the main dock.

As most of you who have spoken with me know, I am open to all suggestions or comments, whether in the form of positive feedback or constructive criticism. The input from our Harbour Users plays a significant role in helping us plan for the future, and hopefully we can build on this spirit of collaboration, and continue to make Fishermen's Wharf a destination for all mariners.

In closing, the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf is committed to preserving the Fish Boat Facilities as a valuable asset for the citizens of Greater Vancouver by providing long-term, affordable, safe and secure moorage and services for Commercial Fish Boats in an environmentally responsible manner.

Thank you to everyone for making this the best facility in BC!

Recycling 101

We have been having some issues with our recycling areas this year and we want to take the time to ensure everyone understands the proper method of sorting and disposing of their waste. The City of Vancouver (CoV) has stepped up their enforcement of unwanted materials entering the recycling stream and now regularly checks on the contents of the blue bins during collection. If they notice a bin is contaminated with items that belong in another waste stream (i.e. a bag of coffee grinds in the paper bin) they do not collect the bin, causing a back log of recyclables. Staff regularly checks and sorts the contents of these bins, but we need our users to help sort their waste appropriately or we will have to look at alternative options for access to this disposal area if the problem persists.

Fishermen's Wharf has a full array of recycling options available to our users and we expect you and your agents (deckhands/contractors) to be using these resources appropriately. We keep receiving reports of water in the oil bins, recyclables in the compactor, plastic in the organics bin, cardboard in the container bins and the list goes on. This costs the Harbour money in the form of fines and added costs, and in turn costs you as the user money, as we have to raise rates and delay other projects due to the simple fact our users are not taking the time to sort their waste appropriately.

Here is a list of the recycling programs we have on site and where to access them:

Plastics & Containers: Blue Bins marked "CONTAINERS" (plastic bags are **NOT** recyclable)

Paper & Newsprint: Blue Bins marked "PAPER"

Cardboard: 6yd Cardboard Container – Please break down all boxes

Garbage and permitted Non-Recyclables: Trash Compactor

Oil & Oil Products: 2 Oil disposal sheds (between B & C + F & G) ***NOT for Bilge Water***

Contaminated Bilge Water: Oily Water Tank outside B locker aisle ***NOT for Oil***

Old Electronics, Wet/Dry Cell Batteries & Light Bulbs: Harbour Office

Paint: White tote between E & F locker aisles

Net & Rope: Net bins outside E locker aisle

Propane Tanks: Harbour Office

Metal: Storage bin past G locker aisle marked "METAL ONLY"

RECYCLING BINS



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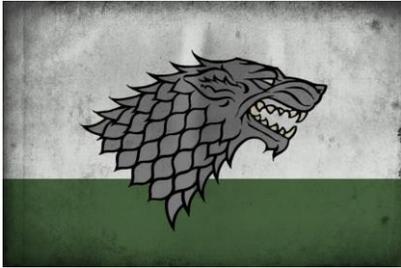
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Payments and Charges

This is a reminder to all vessel owners that if your account is in **ARREARS** when monthly charges are processed, **the Daily Rate will apply**. We will do our best to remind and give advance notice to all Harbour Users when their moorage is due, **however it is ultimately up to the vessel owners to be responsible for their own accounts**. The Harbour is also set up to receive payments over the phone or on weekends 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 Nicole at the Harbour office.

Winter is Coming...



OPEN TO ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

The Harbour is open to submissions for the newsletter. The next issue of the newsletter will be published in the spring of 2019. Please remember that this newsletter belongs to the users of Fishermen's Wharf.

In saying that, please consider contributing an article, an interesting boater experience or some photos to the Harbour. All will be considered and welcomed. If you are interested in contributing please submit your article/photo by April 1, 2019.

The winds of winter are blowing in, make sure you're prepared like a Stark, not a Baratheon! We want to remind all users to prepare for the changing seasons and to make sure your vessel is secured. Check those tarps and lines, make sure they are secure or change them out before they become a problem. Clean your bilge to ensure contaminants are not being pumped into the ocean when the rain starts to fall in earnest. Secure your tender and ensure it doesn't fill with water and algae by placing it upside down on the deck of your vessel or tucked away on the corner of your slip, and not the neighbor's. Make sure Users and Staff can also access the finger float!

For a list of tips and tricks on what to do to ensure your vessel survives the cold and is ready for some Spring cruising, visit this link:

<https://www.boatingmag.com/how-to/cheat-sheet-winterizing>

Christmas Open House

The Board of Directors and Staff would like to invite all Harbour Users to attend this year's Christmas Open House. It will be held on Friday **December 7th, 2018 from 1pm – 3:30pm** in the Harbour Office Boardroom. We encourage everyone to attend this event as it provides a perfect opportunity for the different user groups at FCHA to connect and build on the spirit of all coming together to enjoy our beautiful piece of paradise. We will have snacks and refreshments for all so please, come and join us!



Housekeeping in the Locker Aisles

We want to again remind all Locker Users that we expect the locker aisles to remain free and clear of debris unless actively working in your locker or on your commercial gear. We have noticed an increase in items stored outside of User's lockers, in some cases these items are not even related to commercial fishing, and they are lingering around far longer than what is acceptable to Staff or other Locker Users. Believe me when I say we hear a growing number of complaints through-out the year and it is turning into an untenable situation. We will be doing a locker aisle purge on **Dec. 3rd** to get things back in order.

Staff tries to walk a fine balance between allowing our commercial members the time and space they need to get their vessels and gear ready for the start and end of the fishing seasons and maintaining order in the aisles and access for other Locker Users. We don't mind hearing complaints when members are actively working on a project, but when your items interfere with other user's ability to access their lockers or work on their gear for weeks on end, something has to be done. Any item left outside of your locker is fair game to be moved or disposed of and the Harbour bears no responsibility for the well-being of unsecured belongings.



FCHA and Social Media

Look for us on Facebook and Twitter to stay connected with the Harbour and learn about upcoming events!

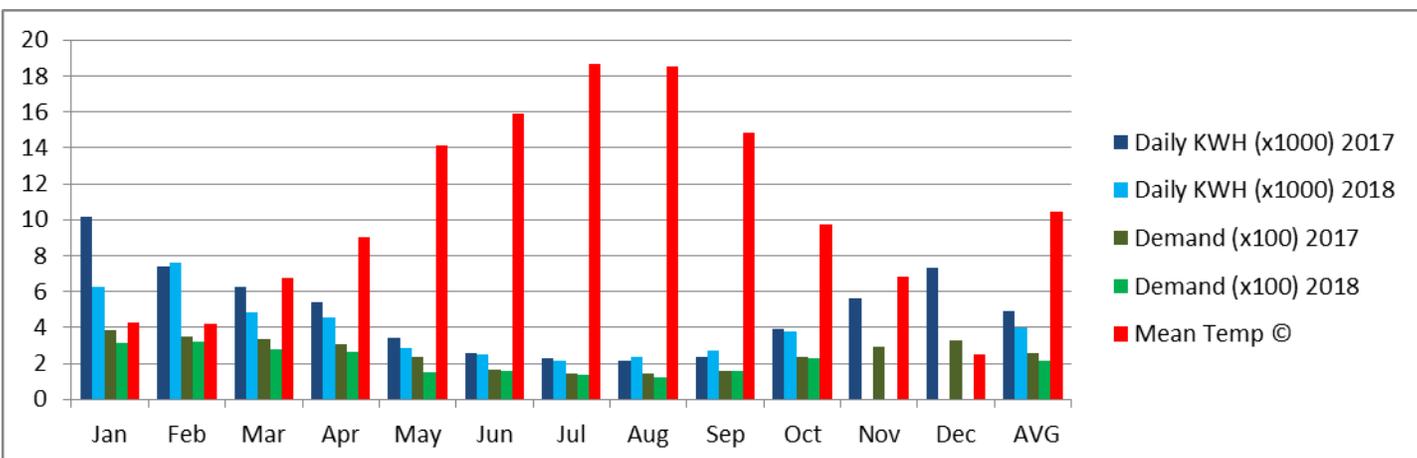
Search False Creek Fishermen's Wharf on Facebook to find our local business page or follow us on twitter @falsecreekwharf.

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Clean Marine Update

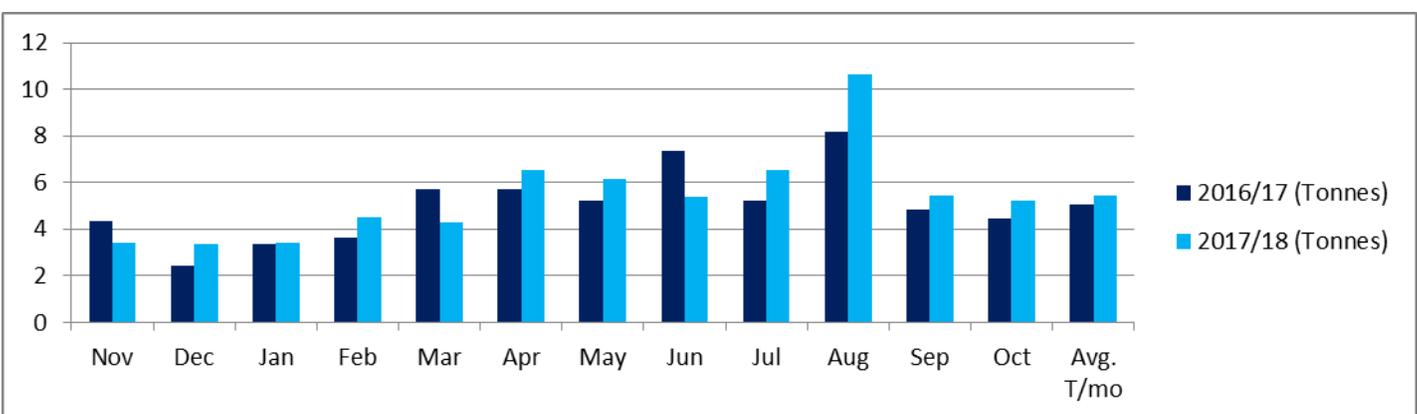
2018 was a good year for the clean marine program, with an additional 3 Harbours reaching the coveted 5 anchor rating. That makes a total of 4 Harbours and 8 docks that have achieved top environmental standards. We continue to do our part here and are always looking at new ways to handle our waste stream. We hope to continue monitoring our waste stream and electrical usage and to share these findings with you, so we can face these challenges together and reduce our over-all consumption. Concerning power usage, we are down an average of 921 kwh per day from last year, which is great! There are a number of factors that can influence this area, including average temperature, so we will continue to monitor this and track the trends over the years so we can budget appropriately and look to make changes where they are needed.

For waste (garbage), we have increased our average monthly tonnage for the second year in a row since we started monitoring. 2018 saw an increase of 0.4 tonnes for a total increase of 1.04 tonnes per month since 2016. We hope this trend does not continue as we should all be looking at ways to reduce our waste output. If this does continue, the Harbour will have to look at new ways to reduce our total waste production on site and may look at alternatives to the free access to the trash compactor that we currently employ as a way to better control what makes it through our waste stream.



Above: Comparison between average daily power consumption in kilowatt hours (KWH) and Demand in 2017 & 2018. Daily KWH is how much power is consumed in an average day whereas demand tracks the volume of flow needed at any given moment, in KWH (x100). The average mean temperature is the average daily temperature for the month between 2017 and 2018. You can observe our daily average is down 921 KWH so far from 2017 for a daily average of 3986 KWH

Bellow: Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) from 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Our average monthly tonnage has risen by another 0.4 tonnes in 2018 for an increase of 1.04 tonnes in the last 2 years, a worrying trend.



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Green Spaces

Please take a moment to thank Karyn, with support from Steve on the 'Long Trick' for the hard work they put into sprucing up the garden spaces around the Harbour. These green spaces add much ambiance to the Harbour and serve an important purpose as a bio-swale to filter harmful petrochemicals out of the ground water run-off and keep it out of the water table

Thank you both for your efforts!

Above photo

Do you recognize this Harbour Authority? Can you identify the location of this Harbour from the West Coast. Let the Office know when you figure it out!

[Hint: It's on the Island]



Short Term Rentals



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With today's sharing economy and websites like AirBnB and VRBO, people are finding all sorts of new ways to make boating more economically viable. More and more people are partnering together to lessen the financial burden of owning a boat and finding other ways to share the expense. While we support our User's efforts to enjoy their vessels, we did notice a few boats listed on AirBnB for short term rental and we want to remind our Users that it goes against our live aboard policy to have this type of activity taking place. We have spoken with the vessel owners in question, and don't anticipate this being a problem moving forward, but we want to get the word out that renting out your vessel as any type of accommodation while moored at Fishermen's Wharf is prohibited.

Whether short term or long term, this type of activity can attract the wrong crowd and unfairly expose Staff, Security and other Harbour Users to behaviour we would deem unacceptable from our Users with no accountability towards the offender. What happens at sea is up to you, you are free to use your vessel as you see fit. Here in Harbour, we expect our users to abide by our regulations. We will be keeping a close eye on this situation moving forward and we will be making note of any type of activity regarding people staying aboard vessels in the harbour. With dozens of calls coming in each month from people looking for live aboard options and rental/housing prices continuing to climb, we want to be clear that using your vessel as a residence may be grounds to terminate your moorage with us at Fishermen's Wharf.