



FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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President’s Message

Hello to all the Fishers and Harbour Friends at False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf.

I am happy to report another successful summer fishing season, though I am saddened by the loss of two of our own False Creek Fishers who have left us for fishing grounds elsewhere. Ollie Anderson from the gillnetter F/V River Mist passed away in early summer and Ritchie Hagberg from the troller F/V Leena V left us suddenly on November 1st. I did not know Ollie well, though he has been a member with False Creek for many years. Ritchie was a past Harbour Director and a friend to many. I want to thank all who helped in his celebration of life. We did Ritchie proud! M.C. Jim Hurford was very moved by his friend Ritchie’s passing and wrote the following poem:

Please caulk my coffin so it floats/Then moor it with the fishing boats
 Take pains to see it doesn’t leak/As it rides the tides of False Creek
 I know I’ll be contented there/With the rain and sun and salty air
 Put fishing gear inside of me/What follows death is mystery
 The Lord may let me fish some night/When the big spring salmon begin to bite
 And those too small that I’ve released/I’ll catch grown up when I’m deceased

Jim Hurford

Our security, Commissionaire Dave Ward made front page of the Province newspaper on Oct. 26th 2014. He spent many cold rainy hours at vigil at the Vancouver Cenotaph in Victory Square for the two fallen military men who lost their lives in separate tragedies in Eastern Canada. When you see him on his dock rounds, give him a big high-five for his self-directed solitude at the Cenotaph and ask him if he has any “Rock the Hill” t-shirts left. Thanks Dave!

This year’s AGM will be held in February, date T.B.A. and I would like all our Fishers to consider running for the position of Director. False Creek’s open house will be held on Friday December 12th from 1pm-3:30pm in the office board room, come enjoy some free snacks and refreshments.

I’d like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

Thank you,
Donnie Sananin

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Harbour Manager's Report

What an amazing summer! That about sums up what's been happening over the past few months here at the Fishermen's Wharf, from the countless days of sunshine to the excitement for the return of the huge 2010 Sockeye run to the Fraser River. With all of the things to see and do along the waterfront continuing to bring tourists and locals alike to enjoy time down at the docks, from the different events and festivals, to people just wanting to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and warm weather.

This past spring the Board of Directors wanted to give something back to all of the Annual Harbour Users and did so by joining the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Fleet with the Fishermen's Wharf 1st Harbour Appreciation Day. Jack Kines once again stepped up to the "plate" and provided some exceptional Salmon and Tuna Burgers with all of the fixings. We had invited guests who included Jim Sinclair - President of the BC Labour Federation, Geoff Meggs - Vision Vancouver and of course Father John. After the fleet had their boats blessed it was time to bless our bellies with all of the deliciousness that was provided and to end the afternoon we had an excellent band "The Lost Neutrinos" playing to the public's desire. With the overwhelming appreciation for this event the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf will continue to host these 2 events together. The 8th Annual Spot Prawn Festival was another huge success with over 2000 tickets being sold before the event even started. The line up to purchase fresh prawns from the boats was the longest lines we've had to date. However, having 7 years of experience in dealing with this, the line moved steadily and there wasn't a single complaint about the process and I'm happy to say that all 4 of our prawn boats were completely sold out by the day's end. We will anticipate another successful event next year but things are already planned for the milestone 10th Anniversary. The celebration of light, fireworks display continues to bring flocks of boats into Vancouver and the False Creek area in particular. Every year we continue to be the destination spot for the majority of the transient boats wanting to catch a glimpse of the largest offshore fireworks display in the world. Congratulations to team Japan on an amazing show!

Unfortunately it's not always fun and leisure here at the Fishermen's Wharf and this summer was a stark reminder about Boat Safety and dealing with emergency situations. With this particular incident the vessel owner turned the stove on to cook breakfast and realized that the power was shutoff. He forgot to turn the stove off so when the power was restored the stove was left on with some items upon it, which then caught fire. Fortunately, this happened during the day and some nearby Harbour Users sprang quickly into action. Thanks to Ron Fowler and Thomas Barter for their quick response in putting out the fire.

Over the past number of years the Harbour has been re-investing a significant amount of money back into the facility and this year we will continue with that same program. Some of the projects that we would like to tackle this year will hopefully be; installing a new dock water system; continuing the replacement of old finger floats; and with the amount of larger vessels the Harbour has seen over the past few years we need to look at options to upgrade the electrical service on D & E docks to accommodate 50A & 100A service.

The Harbour Staff continues to demonstrate their dedication and commitment to the Harbour and our Users. During the busy summer season, I receive numerous compliments on the high level of service and friendly attitudes of our staff, as well as the overall condition and cleanliness of the Harbour. We've had a small change with our staff this year with Ivan Vanon deciding to return to school so please welcome Morgan MacMath, working previously on a part-time basis, has now moved to our full-time position. If you see some new faces in and around the docks please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and say hi.

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 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.

Commercial Flake Ice Maker

This year, The Board of Directors decided it would be a good idea for the Harbour to purchase a commercial Flake Ice machine to help ease the demand for ice from the local ice houses and take care of our local independent Homeport Fishers. With the high Sockeye returns forecast for this year, everyone had memories of 2010 when it was difficult if not impossible to acquire commercial grade ice for the smaller and independent outfits. In an effort to make this year smoother for these Fishers, we wanted to have the ice machine up and running before the Sockeye run hit the Fraser and we managed to hit that target, just barely!

A commercial ice machine is a lot trickier to operate than we all anticipated, and it took us over a week to work out all the kinks. Setting the correct salt dosing and water flow levels was a challenge, but we believe the ice is now where we want it to be and many Fishers were quite happy with the convenience and quality of our ice. The ice machine is operated by staff so please inquire through harbour employees if you have any questions or would like to purchase some flake ice.

We are still working out the finer details, exact costs and availability among other things. Currently, our Flake Ice goes for \$100.00/ton with a minimum charge of \$10.00 for a 5 gal bucket or small cooler. The large D335 totes hold approx. 900lbs and sell for \$45.00 & we will normally have one or two on hand ready to go. Now that the season has ended, we have shut down the machine and ice is available by request only. Harbour Staff need a minimum 8hrs notice to make 1 ton of ice and 24hrs notice if more is required. When local fishing is in full swing, you can expect the ice machine to be working 24/7 to have fresh, commercial grade flake ice ready to go.

Prices are subject to change following a review of operations

Organic Waste Disposal



On January 1st 2015, Metro Vancouver will begin implementing a new organic waste recycling program to divert this re-usable resource away from landfills. What this means is that all organic wastes will now be banned from the trash and must be placed in the proper receptacles to ensure it does not just go to waste. These changes will go in to effect across all of Metro Vancouver and will encompass all business, industrial and residential properties. The first 6 months of 2015 will be an education period as everyone comes on board with the new regulations, with enforcement commencing in July of 2015.

What is Organic Waste? Raw food, plate scrapings, leftovers, meat, vegetables and yard trimmings are all examples of the type of waste the city will be considering organic materials. Some food soiled paper such as pizza boxes or used table napkins may be compostable as well, so check your packaging and let's do what we can to recycle, reduce and reuse!



Photo at Left

FCCHA's new Flake Ice Machine fully installed in Locker Bay 'A'



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.

Going Paperless

The FCHA is attempting to build a database of all our users email addresses, in order for us to eventually send out statements and other correspondence electronically. Nicole has been doing her best to attain this info from your Berthage Agreements, but there are a lot of gaps in our info. There are many reasons why email addresses can come in handy, but if you would still like paper billing sent to your home address, we can accommodate your wishes.

If you could send an email ATTN: Nicole to office@falsecreek.com and **indicate yes/no whether you'd like to begin receiving e-statements** (sometime in the near future). We greatly appreciate your help in this area and look forward to your emails!

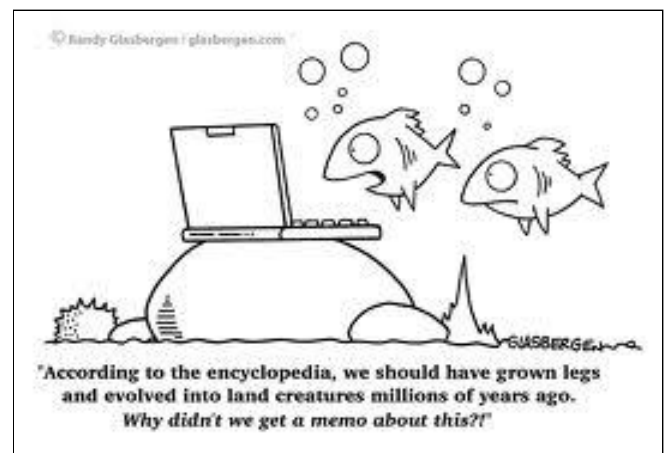


BC HYDRO **RATE INCREASE**

On April 1 2014, BC Hydro increased their rate by 9% and over the next four years, there will be increases of 6, 4, 3.5 and 3% respectively. We will do our best to keep our power rates in line with BC Hydro charges while trying to minimize the impact on our Harbour Users. Keep in mind that as a Not-for-Profit business we rely on the funds we generate through Moorage and Power sales, among other things, to keep our Harbour afloat.

We plan to upgrade a number of services over the coming years, from water lines to new power pedestals, to keep our Harbour moving into the future, and this is only possible through keeping our rates in line with the rising costs associated with running a Harbour. We also do what we can as an organization to reduce our own costs, through energy efficient appliances and fixtures as well as various energy conservation strategies.

We would like to one day be able to convert the site's lighting fixtures to the new style LEDs that are becoming more prevalent every day. These fixtures greatly reduce the wattage required to power our current low-pressure sodium bulbs, though the cost of switching the entire site is still quite prohibitive at this time, among other things.

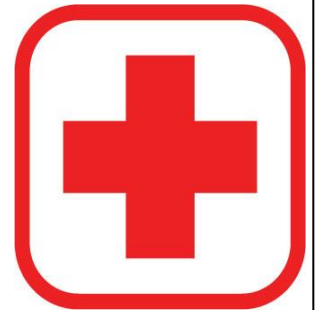


FCHA - Christmas Open House

FCHA 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 12th, 2014 from 1pm – 3:30pm in the Harbour Office Boardroom. We encourage everyone to attend as we will have snacks and refreshments for all. As we approach the Christmas Open House, staff will be placing reminder notices throughout the Harbour.



We hope to see you there!



Health & First Aid

For those of you not aware, the FCHA has recently purchased an on-site AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for serious emergencies like a heart attack. We had a scary incident with a very young guest this summer that had a positive outcome, but it did make us think about what we could do to make the difference between life and death in a similar situation.

There is always a trained first aid attendant on shift at FCHA during regular office hours (8am-4pm) 7 days a week. For minor or major injuries, we are trained to handle most situations and can be a valuable asset when accidents strike. We also have a small supply of bandages and such on hand for minor wound care, so please feel free to visit us for assistance.

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"Penguins don't have a lot of wild parties.
Have you ever tasted beer made from fish?"

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 2015. 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 of the Harbour. All will be considered and welcomed. If you are interested in contributing please submit your article/photo by April 1, 2015.

WEATHER WOES & HEALTHY DOCKS

Don't let weather make you woeful. Strong winter winds, heavy rain and snow can have a negative impact on vessels. Ensure your vessel tie-up lines, tarps and other boat covers are strong and secure and that your batteries are fully charged.

Before asking to be plugged into power, please ensure your electrical cords are the right size (#12 AWG for a 20 amp breaker and #10 AWG for a 30 amp breaker). Check all of your bilge pumps and make sure they 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 improper installation or use of electrical cords.

Some Harbour users may have noticed that the mats 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 your boat, the best place for the mat is at the boarding point of your vessel. Furthermore, the Harbour would appreciate vessel owners keeping vessel debris to their boats, as the docks are not for storage. For safety reasons, please coil up lines and hoses when not in use to prevent tripping.

As the colder weather approaches we would like to remind all users to please leave all heat tapes and bleeder valves on the floats as they are. Staff will be taking the necessary steps to ensure that they are on when needed to prevent the lines from freezing.



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Above photo

Nicola, a Harbour User, sent us this lovely photo of 'E' Float after the Seiner's return from Herring Season.

IN MEMORIAM



RITCHIE AT THE HELM OF HIS THE BOAT, THE LEENA V

With heavy hearts we note the passing of a friend and valued Harbour Member. Richie Hagberg passed away after a short battle with illness, 'gone fishin' on the azure seas of hereafter. A dedicated loyal friend and Fisherman, he will be missed by many. Our deepest condolences to the Hagberg Family and all that knew him.

We also lost Ollie Anderson, a tenured Fisherman and long standing Member at False Creek. Our blessings go out to his wife, Mary Anderson, for the hard days ahead.

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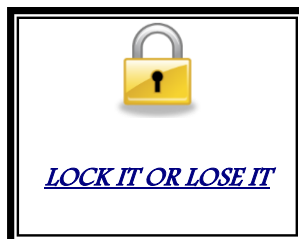
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Ten Steps to Vessel Security

1. Lock your boat! (Doors, windows, hatches & lockers.)
2. Remove items of value from sight. (GPS, Binoculars, Laptops, Alcohol.)
3. Mark your valuables. (Use your driver's license number.)
4. Alarm your boat. Or leave a small light and radio on.
5. Secure your dinghy and outboard motor. 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!



Safety & Security

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

24hr/7days @
604-834-1140