



# FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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## President's Message

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Greetings Harbour Members and Users!

Its Fall again and time to reflect on the year's busy boating and fishing season. Whether you were sailing, sport fishing or making your living on the water, we all enjoyed temperate weather and smoke free skies throughout the summer!

It was another busy season around the wharf, and I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy some of the activities. May saw another successful Prawn Fest followed shortly by our annual Harbour Appreciation Day and Blessing of the Fleet. Once again, our resident chef Jack carried the day, with a lot of help from a team of volunteers and harbour staff. Later in Summer, we hosted the now annual Wild Salmon celebration dinner, which was another great success.

Salmon fishing got off to a slow start and unfortunately stayed slow for many of our fishermen. Our Trollers persevered and landed some Coho and Springs, and our Gillnetters caught some Chum in Summer and some Springs later in the season, but it was not the year many hoped for.

On a positive note, Prawning was good for most fishermen in May and June. More recently the Tuna boats have returned from a good season, and many crabbers have landed good catches along the coast. Besides the dive harvest fleet, most of the commercial boats are now back at the wharf for some Winter maintenance and some R&R for the crew.

Although it may seem slow, we continue to make progress on the transition of our open storage space into the Fishermen's Village. I am happy to announce that we anticipate releasing an initial Request for Proposals in the very near future. Take a look and let the board members know what you think, perhaps at the annual Seasonal Open house. Look for details in this newsletter and make plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Smooth Sailing,

Shaun

### *Harbour Manager's Report*

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

I trust that most of you were able to get out on the water this past summer, whether for a leisurely cruise or out trying to make a living. The past number of months have been busy for us here at Fishermen's Wharf with all the activity that the beautiful sunny weather brings along with it. We've had a steady number of transients this season but also noticed that we are becoming a destination for the large mega yachts, and at one point having 2 x 150', 135' and a 120' in all at the same time. We also experienced our largest vessel request to date at 250'. Although we felt like we could accommodate them, we decided not to, which allowed more smaller boats to utilize that space instead.

Over the past 6 months or so we've improved our capability to deal with sinking vessels or boat fires by purchasing a second emergency pump to serve as a backup in case the current pump decides to quit when we need it the most and or to assist the existing pump for a larger scale situation. We've also built 12 flotation tanks to level out some of the uneven areas of the Harbour. Of the 12 boxes, 10 of them will be installed leaving 2 to keep on hand to deal with any emergencies, should they arrive. As many of you already know, the Harbour has installed a new telephone system. The goal for us was to cut out the large number of unnecessary calls that we were receiving on a daily basis, like the "you've won a cruise" or some CRA scam etc. The new system also allows us to include prerecorded messages about Spot Prawn sales, Customs Clearance information or whatever else we feel the public would like to know, that doesn't require us to give detailed answers to the same question over and over. I know that learning a new system can be a bit frustrating and we appreciate everyone's understanding as to why we've switched over to an interface. Fear not, there is no need to listen to the entire message every time you call, as soon as you hear the prerecorded message, just press 0 and you will be directed to Nicole or one of the other staff members.

Last month we sent out an email regarding Bill C-64 which came into effect on July 30, 2019. To that, vessel owners are now held liable for all costs related to the removal/disposal of their vessel and any environmental contamination mitigation costs if it's deemed a wreck/derelict. However, for a limited time, funding and support is available to assist Harbour Authorities in dealing with wrecked, abandoned, derelict or hazardous vessels that are moored within Small Craft Harbours owned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Harbour Authorities). Under this program, owners give consent to their local Harbour Authority to remove and dispose of their wrecked, abandoned, derelict, or hazardous vessels, free of charge. For more information, please contact me at the office.

For the coming year we have a variety of projects on the go, some small projects and some larger projects, like tackling some repairs to the wharf head to ensure its structurally sound for at least the next 10 years which will provide some time to decide what we would like to do long term. The bathrooms will also receive a much-needed refresh as we complete some minor repairs to the walls and give it a new coat of paint. We'll also be replacing the entire watermain from the office all the way down to A Dock and as you can imagine it will be quite the undertaking to complete the replacement, while maintaining access to parking and the docks.

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 to 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 to 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.

Once again, thank you to everyone for making this place as great as it is!

### Coming Soon to a Dock Near You

As we are all aware, our current water system on the docks sometimes leaves us desiring more... Office Staff have been looking into new options for our dock water system for some time now and your board of directors have decided to purchase and install a new High Density Poly-Ethylene (HDPE) water system. Because this system will be new and very different from our current set-up, Staff are looking to test the HDPE system on E dock first as a trial run through the winter. As we plan to continue providing water at the dock throughout the year, we need to confirm it can withstand the cold winter freezes. HDPE pipe is very resilient and provides some flexibility to deal with intermittent freezing, but we want to be sure water is accessible on the docks 24hrs a day, 365 days of the year.

Staff will be working on this project through November on E dock while we figure how best to implement this system into the dock. We will be constructing this system piece by piece so we can customize it to our needs, and we are going away from double spigots with lever type valves to more evenly spaced single spigots with the traditional gate valves. When Spring rolls around, we hope to install this new system throughout the rest of the harbour to bring a cleaner, more reliable source of potable water to the docks.

Additionally, we have heard from both annual users and transient vessels that boaters have had some difficulty connecting to our current Wi-Fi network on the docks. We are looking at making a change to better serve our customers with what they need, so we are currently experimenting with a trial network on A float. If it proves successful, we hope to see this new Wi-Fi network implemented across the harbour to improve your online experience while here at the docks. Bear with us while we work through the kinks of the new system and hopefully you will see a vast improvement to our Wi-Fi network in the near future.



#### FCHA and Social Media

Look for us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to stay connected with the Harbour and learn about upcoming events! Search False Creek Fishermen's Wharf on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to find our pages or follow us on twitter [@falsecreekwharf](#).

You can also click on the links above!

### Payments & 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 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 or via email at [office@falsecreek.com](mailto:office@falsecreek.com)

### Off Season Blues

As the boating season winds down and the time comes to store your vessel for the off season, here are a few things to keep in mind before throwing on the cover and waiting for warmer weather. Check the condition of your tie lines to ensure they can hold up in the windy, rainy months to come. If your lines are tattered or showing signs of wear, we recommend you switch them out with better lines before they break away and potentially cause damage to your vessel, the dock, or your slip mate. You should also examine your tarp or any covers on the boat, ensure they are secured adequately and not blowing in the wind or draping into the water. If your boat cover is getting tattered or beginning to fail, consider replacing it now before the bad weather tears it to shreds and you are down here in the snow trying to replace it.

As the weather turns for the worse, it's important to keep moisture out of the boat. The most effective method is by allowing air to flow through the vessel without getting trapped inside. In most cases, a simple fan will do to keep air flowing through the vessel and greatly reduces the chance of an accident or breaker trip. Since you're likely to spend more time away from the vessel in the off season, it's important to remember to shut down all unnecessary equipment and electronics and to stow away any items of value that might invite unwanted attention to your vessel. Liquor bottles, fishing gear, and binoculars are some easily fenced items, but anything you value should be secured away from prying eyes to ensure the boat is safe and secure through the winter months.

### Locker Aisle Clean-Out

The year is coming to a close and once again we remind our Locker Users that the locker aisles are public shared space and should be kept free of clutter and items that otherwise belong inside your storage area. The Harbour understands that sometimes work on gear and organizing your space can require you to use the aisleway as a temporary storage area while the work is underway, but we expect our Users to keep the impact to other Users to a minimum and keep the aisleways clear when not actively working on a project.

When January rolls around, Staff will be tagging items for removal in the aisles. After January 31<sup>st</sup>, any items that don't belong, tagged or otherwise, will be removed and disposed of appropriately.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 12pm – 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!



### 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 2020. 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, 2020.

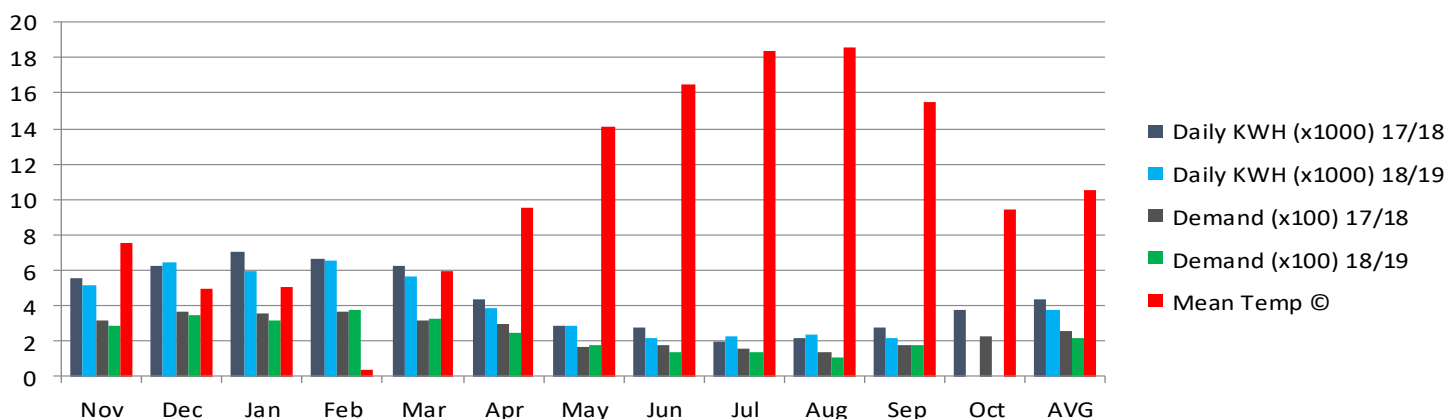


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## Clean Marine Update

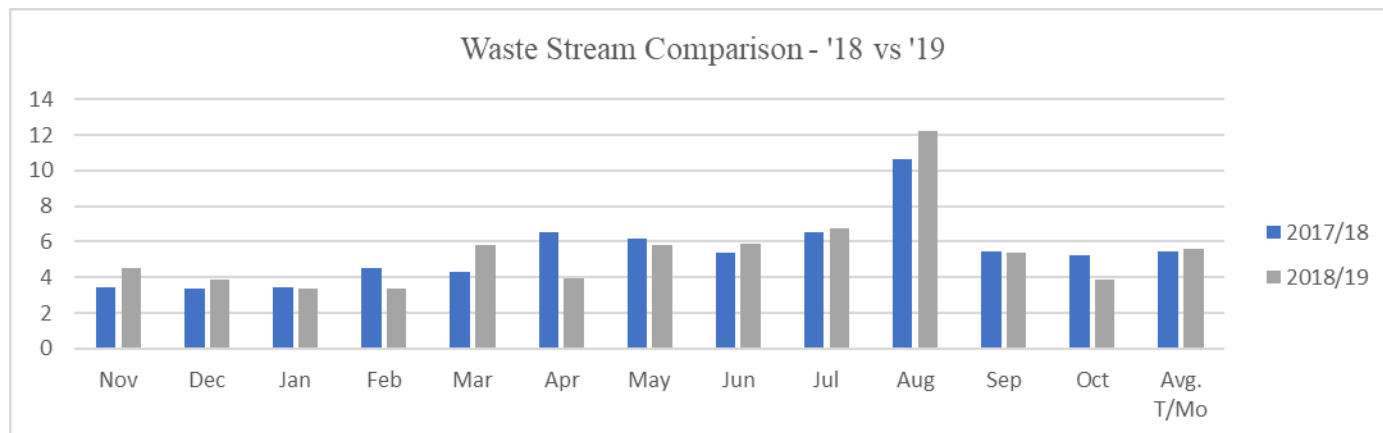
2019 saw the Clean Marine program continue to expand along the west coast, with an additional 3 Harbours improving their anchor rating after recertification, 3 new facilities enrolling in the program and 3 facilities reaching certification. Great to see! We continue to monitor our waste stream and electrical usage and want 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 571 kwh per day from last year, and a total of 1492 kwh in the last two years, awesome! Thank you for helping us achieve these gains. We will continue to monitor these measurable changes and track the trends over the years so we can budget appropriately and look to make improvements where necessary.

For waste (garbage), we have increased our average monthly tonnage for the third year in a row since we started monitoring. 2018/19 saw an increase of 0.38 tonnes for a total increase of 1.42 tonnes per month since 2016. There were some additional factors this year related to charging some guests to dispose of waste generated at sea, but this was a relatively small impact for a fixed time in the summer months. We hope this trend levels off as we should all be looking at ways to reduce our waste output. The Harbour may have to look at new ways to reduce our total waste production on site if these numbers continue to climb.



**Above:** Comparison between average daily power consumption in kilowatt hours (KWH) and Demand in 2017/18 & 2018/19. 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 another 571 KWH from 2017/18 for a daily average of 3779 KWH

**Bellow:** Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) generated from 2017/18 and 2018/19. Our average monthly tonnage has risen again by another 0.16 tonnes in 2018/19 for an increase of 1.2 tonnes/mo in the last 3 years.



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Above Photo:

A beautiful depiction of a Seiner at sea with a full set! I love the simplicity and the colours.

Artist credit – Chelsea Jones (2019)



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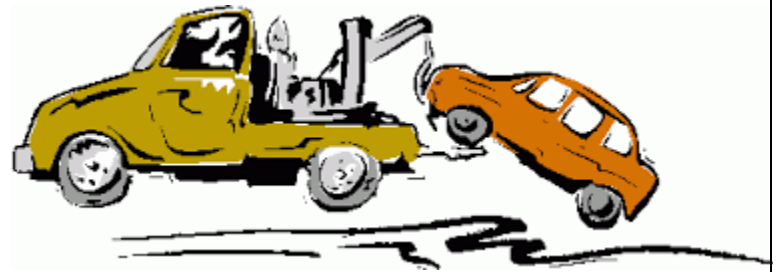
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### Green Spaces

Don't forget to thank Karyn, with help 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 to keep it out of the water table

Thank you both for your efforts!



### Vehicles On-Site

We have been noticing an increase in Harbour Users contravening policy in terms of vehicles on-site. There have been a few vehicles over the past year we've noticed parked on-site without valid insurance displayed on the vehicle and we need our users to know that only vehicles with valid road insurance (for driving) are permitted to be parked on Harbour property. Vehicles without insurance or with parking insurance must be kept on private property and our parking lot is public land managed by the FCHA. We expect all vehicles parked on-site to display valid road insurance and a valid FCHA parking pass or decal or risk having your vehicle towed

We've also created a new Commercial Truck parking area around a new power pedestal near the top of C float. We want to provide a place for these vehicles to access power and have them in a location as to reduce the impact on other users. While creating this area, we encountered a User who was leaving their vehicle on site as a storage option and we want to remind our users that policy only permits you to leave a vehicle unattended for a short time while you are out at sea with your vessel and not as a storage option while you are away under any other circumstance.

The Harbour is happy to provide our users and guests with free parking, but we need your help to keep this area accessible. Remember to keep a slow speed in the lot, be sure to get a pass for your vehicle and play along with the rules so we can all continue to enjoy free access to Fishermen's Wharf.

