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President’s Message

Greetings to all,

Another year has come and gone. Time to get busy and winterize the boats before the really cold weather hits us. If snow is in the forecast, don’t forget to see to your vessels. Reminder: Be careful around the docks as freezing weather can cause very slippery conditions. Rain can be just as slick as ice at times, so watch your step out there.

It has been a difficult year for our fishermen. Conditions were not ideal, with very high fuel prices and not much fish to catch or fish openings to be had. Further to that, prices were not too good for the fish that was brought in. It’s been a tough go these past few years, I’ve been participating in the PSSI meetings and hope to see some positive developments to help the men and women who work hard to make a living on this fabulous coast.

Thanks to the staff for all the help throughout the year. Mike, Turk, Nicole, Dylan, Caelan, Maribel, and Connor are here to help, let them know if you see anything that needs to be addressed. Your Board of Directors appreciate the work they do to keep this place running and in the black.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a bright new year. I hope you can join us for the Holiday Open House and enjoy some tacos on the harbour.

Sincerely,

Mike Emes

Harbour Manager's Report

Hello Members, Users and Friends of the False Creek Harbour Authority - Fishermen's Wharf.

What a year it's been for us. I must say that this year feels like the busiest we have been since I started here, back in 2005. I would like to start off by thanking all of you for your patience, understanding and support during the many goings-on here at the Harbour in 2023. We have been busy, but the Harbour is looking great!

We have been kept busy and on our toes this year. From tending to boater needs while continuing to shuffle boats around throughout the summer to accommodate the many incoming requests, to the fireworks once again pushing us to our limits. It was also probably the busiest construction season to date with various projects we have had going on simultaneously. We began the year completing phase 1 of the water leak prevention project in the storage lockers which tackled the problem from the park above and consisted of installing new membranes over the expansion joints, quite an invasive process. We then quickly shifted gears into the complete replacement of the watermain, encountering a few hiccups along the way. Most of that project is behind us, however we still have a few minor items to complete before we can fully say it's a wrap.

As the year is coming to an end, we still have some projects that we are actively working on and hope to complete prior to. We have now started phase 2 of the storage locker water leak project, and as many of you have seen the continuous drips of water along the façade, the new membranes are working well by guiding the water to the front of the park. Phase 2 will consist of removing some of the paving stones along the walkway above and installing needed materials to further guide the runoff water into the existing drains. We will also be receiving and installing a new waste oil tank as our east tank encountered a vacuum pressure leak some time ago. We have tried our best to restore the pressure to a safe KPA level, however, there seems to be a breach in the double wall which now requires a full replacement. This will be taking place in the coming weeks so expect the west oil tank to be non-operational during this time, however once started it shouldn't take very long to complete.

Amid all the hustle and bustle, we managed to accommodate 4 full film productions and acted as a satellite support site for vessels and vehicles to help facilitate the filming of some water scenes in the area. Although it has the potential to be a logistical nightmare, we see the value by adding some additional revenue that can be used to further the goals and objectives of the Harbour. Keep an eye out for us in the upcoming TV show 'Wild Cards'.

This year we continued hosting our regular events we have been accustomed to like the ever-popular Spot Prawn Festival, as well as the Blessing of the Fleet/Harbour Appreciation Day. Thank you to everyone who participated and/or attended our events. The staff were honored to serve at this year's Blessing of the Fleet - Harbour Appreciation Day as a small thank you for the kindness and support that is shown to us throughout the year. A special thanks is also due to Jack Kines for his support of this event over the years and for offering his knowledge to the staff in attempting to continue the delicious offerings he's always provided and been known for. In addition to our usual events, we also welcomed the inauguration of the Dungeness Crab Festival, spearheaded by fellow Harbour Members and Crab Fishermen, Doug Tufnail and Duncan Cameron. The event was a huge success, and we look forward to continuing this new False Creek Fishermen's Wharf tradition. Finally, as we're nearing the end of the year, that once again means welcoming you down to the Harbour for our annual open house holiday celebrations. We hope you're able to come and join us in the food and festivities as it is always a great time to mingle with the staff while getting to meet and connect with other Fishermen's Wharf boaters.

As most who have spoken with me know, I am open to all suggestions or comments, whether in the form of positive feedback or constructive criticism. 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 the destination for all mariners. Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Mike Loy

Christmas Open House

We will once again be hosting the Tacofino TACO TRUCK @ the Harbour for us to enjoy some festive times together, and some tacos! This holiday season will be much like last year, we've sent out an invite and you needed to RSVP if you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone. The Taco truck will be parked across from the office, so dress appropriately, but we will have the boardroom open so we can get out of the cold and share good times with friends and family here at Fishermen's Wharf

The event will be taking place on Thursday, Dec. 7th from 12:30pm-4:00pm

(Please RSVP to the Invitation email sent out earlier this month, or you will likely not be able to get any tacos! The deadline has passed but we may be able to fit in a few more customers if you let us know ASAP)



AGM 2024

Attention- All Voting Members

Fishermen's Wharf will once again be hosting our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in person, finally. We are looking forward to seeing you all face to face! The meeting is set for Tuesday, February 13th, 2024, starting at 7pm, with a 6:30 check-in, and will be taking place at the Granville Island Hotel as per usual.

We are still waiting to finalize dates for nominating your board of directors. This will likely be taking place in early January, so keep your eyes open for signage and we will also notify everyone via email once the dates have been set and once again when nominations open. There will be 4 positions open, so if you are interested in serving the harbour on the board of directors, start building your support!

Voting will be taking place in person at the AGM. If you plan to run, we recommend you attend the meeting to let the membership know why you would like to be a director. Only CFV Harbour Members are eligible to run for director, though all members may vote on the nominees.

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



FCHA and Social Media

Look for us on Facebook, and Instagram 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.

You can also click on the links above!

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 2024. 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, 2024.

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Low Down on the Locker Aisles

Once again, we are reminding locker users to keep their locker aisles clean and clear of extra storage items. The harbour is flexible and understanding while work is underway, but your locker space exists in the confines of the gated space you rent, not spilling out into the locker aisle until you feel like dealing with it. These spaces are for everyone's use and staff, along with your fellow users, would appreciate if you could keep your space clear of extra clutter with nowhere to go.

All Locker Users were asked to submit a locker questionnaire, sent out via snail mail and email, as the Board of Directors is looking into the appropriate use of our gear storage lockers. Demand has increased from newer fishermen trying to build their businesses who need reasonable places to store their gear and tools to keep their boats working and their fishing gear secure. Traps take up a lot of space, as do nets and additional gear, and it is not cost or time efficient to have your equipment spread up and down the coast. If you have business in the fishing industry, you have nothing to worry about, but we want to address any unsuitable or dormant users and free up space for bona fide home-port fishermen looking to find success in the industry.

If you have not submitted your locker questionnaire, the deadline has passed but we would still like to receive this info for our files. Please see office staff to fill out the form or complete and return the forms we've previously sent at your earliest convenience. The board will be reviewing the information we've collected and will act if they feel there are any issues to address. We are trying to be upfront and fair with our process to determine if our commercial gear lockers are serving the needs they are designed for, or simply offering cheap storage options for users long out of the industry. We are not out to single anyone out. If you feel you targeted by this action, maybe it is time to think about giving up your storage locker to help your fellow fishermen find success navigating these uncertain waters.



Time to Winterize

That time of year has come again. Cruising season has been put to bed, the weather is changing, and the temperature is dropping. Now is the time to do a final check on your vessel if you've already closed it down for the winter. Check your lines and ensure your vessel is secured so your lines will hold up through the season.

Check on your tarps and covers to ensure they are secured as the wind has started to whip up fiercely. If snow is expected, make plans to clear your vessel before it becomes a problem. Harbour staff do not clear vessels of snow and will only be creating a path up the main float out on the docks. We will do our best to take care of dangerous areas, and we will provide a bucket of salt out on the floats for you to take care of areas around your vessels.

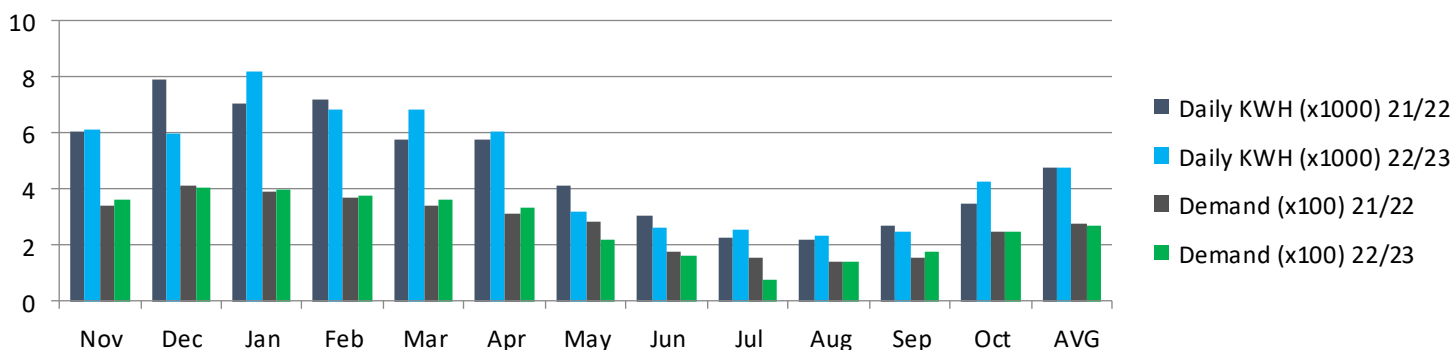
We have also been having deluge events lately in terms of rain, where it seems to come down in large quantity over a short period of time. Pumps have had a hard time keeping up and in one instance we lost a vessel when their pump failed during a heavy rainfall, so be sure to check your emergency equipment, battery conditions and seal up any problem areas before the weather turns for the worse.

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Clean Marine Update

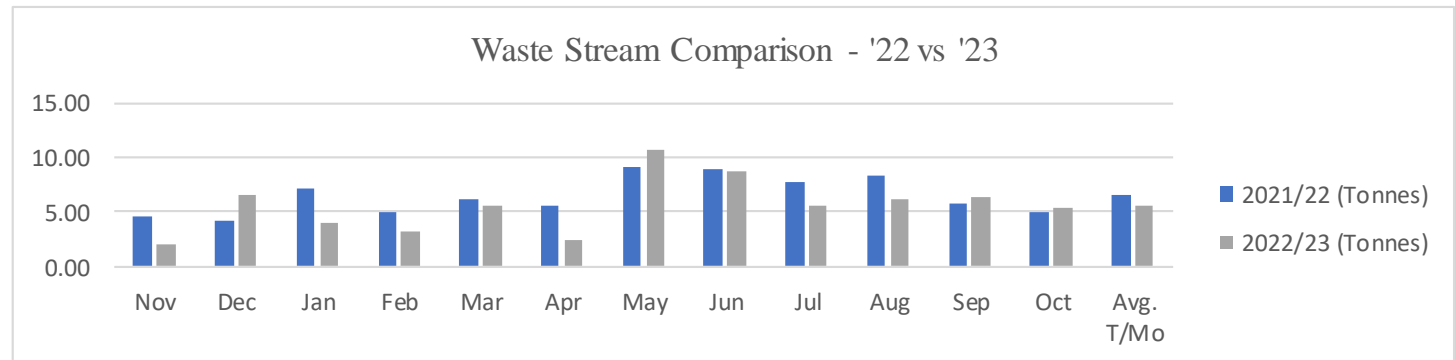
As we continue to keep an eye on our waste stream and electrical consumption, it appears we have finally leveled off on our consumption levels. Electrical use is still high every season, almost 1 kwh more per month than we were using back in 2018, but hopefully we see this start to crawl back down. We have made some lighting upgrades on the docks, switching from non-efficient low-pressure sodium to LED's and still have plans to slowly tackle the lockers in our next round of upgrades. Are you taking any steps to reduce your electrical demands as we move into an uncertain future? We encourage you to reach out to us with different tips and ideas of how our boaters can reduce their impact on the electric grid, and we'd love to share them with the rest of our users as we all try to do our part. Now is also a good time to check the integrity of your power cable. Stiff, older cables increase resistance internally and increase the demand for your vessel, creating the potential for breakers tripping and damage to the fittings on either end of the cable and/or receptacle. It also increases the chance of a fire on your boat, so be mindful and replace when appropriate.

The waste stream has seen some improvement, with a dip of almost 1 tonne on our monthly average! Great to see, good work everyone. This brings us just a little over our numbers in 2018, so we would still like to see this go down, but we are finally on the right track in waste disposal. To that point, we are generating approx. 5.5 tonnes of waste for the landfill every month, or roughly 12,000 lbs +, we think we could be doing a lot better. We will continue to monitor the waste stream and would like to remind our users to properly dispose of their waste and recyclable materials as appropriate. Also, please DO NOT bring large household goods/furniture down to the site for disposal as there are more appropriate avenues for dealing with these items than having our staff smash them up for the landfill.



Above: Comparison between average daily power consumption in kilowatt hours (KWH) and Demand in 2021/22 & 2022/23. 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. It looks like we are leveling off in our daily usage & demand. This number has finally stabilized after slowly growing by increments annually. Please be mindful of your excess usage and ensure equipment and electronics are shut down over the winter when the vessel is not in use and electrical demand is highest. Let's see if we can get this trending down!

Below: Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) generated from 2021/22 and 2022/23. Our average monthly tonnage has started to level off. We are down almost another tonne/month on average from last year, which saw a reduction from the previous year of a similar amount. We are getting close to our levels from 2018, so we are seeing positive trends in a reduction of on-site waste. Great work! Let's keep it up and we continue to encourage separating recycling materials where possible.



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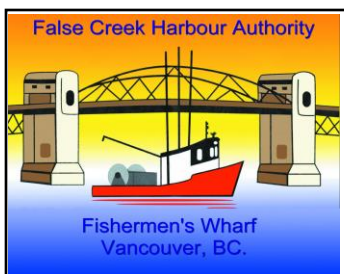
Above Photo:

This is a photo of the opening of Crab Fest 2023. This inaugural event is hopefully the start of something big. We hope to see you in 2024!

Green Spaces

Karyn continues to do a wonderful job keeping the Harbour looking green and beautiful throughout the changing seasons. With help from Steve on the 'Long Trick', these two are always looking at different ways to bring this place to life with floral arrangements, hanging baskets, growing gardens and seasonal flair. We hear from customers and guests year-round who love our garden spaces.

Please take a moment to thank them for their hard work!



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We had a new festival this year, in large part due to Director Doug Tufnail's efforts, with help from fellow fisherman Duncan Cameron, and Kirsten Southcott from Mitch's Catch. 2023 saw the inaugural Crab Fest take place, in partnership with the BC Crab Fishermen's Association, to smashing success. This was a smaller festival to test the waters and see how the public would take to a crab festival to access this local delicacy, and everyone loved it!

The festival was set up like an old-style BBQ, with large picnic tables for big groups to share a set menu of steamed crab with some wonderful sides. There were activities, a live band, great food served up by local professionals, some lovely refreshments, and some merchandise. A great time was had by all.

We hope to continue this festival moving forward and would like to see it continue to grow, like prawn fest before it. We have lost the wild salmon celebration during COVID, as the Chef's Table Society changed their format to help struggling restaurants at the time and have chosen to continue in that direction. We hope this can be a new staple for the harbour moving forward and would love to see many more of you out there in 2024.