



# FALSE CREEK TIDINGS

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## Message from the President

Hi to all Members, Users and Friends of the False Creek Fishermen’s Wharf,

Spring has definitely sprung! I hope everyone has been enjoying some of the sunny weather we had in March and April. I noticed a lot more activity on the docks in April as the sun came out and people started to prep their boats for the start of boating season. Spring fishing season is in full swing, halibut boats were away to the fishing grounds and back again, some of our local fishers headed out for the herring fishery, spot prawn season opens in a couple weeks and crab season is opening again in June. Things are going to start getting very busy around the sales float after May 15th so I encourage everyone to get down there and enjoy some of the prawns and crab our homeport boats will be bringing in everyday!

I would like to thank our wonderful harbour staff and management for keeping things running smoothly every day and for all the Winter projects they’ve gotten finished up recently. I would like to welcome new Board Members Tim Hagberg (Lena V), Duncan Cameron (Lormax) and Steve Taylor (Moon Child), the board is looking forward to their insight and fresh energy while we continue to improve the harbour and strengthen our ties to the False Creek community.

Enjoy the Spring weather, be safe out on the water and don’t forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming events! Spot Prawn Festival (May 26, 2024), Blessing of the Fleet (June 08<sup>th</sup>, 2024), and False Creek Crab Festival (July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

See you on the dock,

Fraser MacDonald

President

False Creek Harbour Authority – Fishermen’s Wharf

## Harbour Manager's Report

Hello Harbour Members, Users & Friends of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf,

Spring is officially upon us, and we are thankful to once again be back to boating season! Whether you are gearing up for Spot Prawns, Dungeness Crab, a Fin Fishery, or simply cleaning your boat for some leisurely cruising, the longer warmer days definitely make it easier to get through some of those pesky tasks. As the saying goes, "your most important work is always ahead of you, never behind you" With that, as we head into the busy summer season, don't hesitate to reach out to any staff members for assistance. We're here to help!

2023 was a challenging year for us in a myriad of ways and we can't thank everyone enough for your continued support and cooperation. From overflowing docks, major construction projects to the highly successful events we host, we kept ourselves quite busy. That said, we are excited to do it all over again as we ramp up our efforts for the 2024 season. The pressure washer has been out clearing a winters worth of green slime away and how about those freshly painted parking lot lines? Seeing how clean and fresh they look has us wanting the rest of the facility looking just as fabulous, so when some consistent sunny weather is upon us, the paint brushes will be out brushing up needed areas. Speaking of freshening up. We have and love our Fishermen's Wharf logo but will be looking into options to freshen it up as well. With the changing of the times into a more digital era, we will be looking to keep the Fishermen's Wharf brand that we are proud of and makes us who we are but want to freshen it up to today's standards for digital print and marketing. We have been getting our brand out there more and more each year, as witnessed by the large sign painted above our office, making us considerably more visible and ultimately creating a Vancouver destination to purchase Wild BC Seafood.

In the coming months we have a few smaller plans in the works to continue our commitment in making the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf a desired place for all boaters alike. We'll be conducting some minor upgrades in the laundry room, purchasing some new concrete barriers and curb stones, while replacing the life ring cabinet contents and damaged dock planks. Some larger projects are in the works but still to be decided by the Board over the course of the next few months. Some of the larger projects to be considered are the replacement of the dryline fire suppression systems for both the docks and locker bays, power pedestals, a new fish sales dock and Harbour skiff. We'll also be discussing some other projects like a Fishermen's Memorial, the potential for another mural and some office additions which could include a digital point-of-sale system, saying goodbye to handwritten receipts.

Security is always a topic of conversation and while there isn't an immediate concern, it is something we are always trying to improve. As many of you see the ongoing construction behind us around the Burrard Street Bridge, and this new development will house approximately 8,000 units, bringing more foot traffic to our area. In preparation of this we are making some needed improvements like installing a new security camera at the far end of the parking lot. We are also installing a new access gate and fence by Go Fish that will include a security wing to prevent unwanted guests from climbing around the new gate. While we don't have any active concerns about thefts, please assist us by keeping your valuables (whether on your boat or in your vehicle) out of sight and locked up. In keeping prying eyes and wandering hands at bay, please keep your blinds closed and doors secured when you're not actively onboard your vessel. Of course, call us 24/7 to report any suspicious activity. Harbour Cell: 604-834-1140

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the outgoing Board of Directors Mike Emes, Jon Hunter, and Bill Rockliffe for their time and effort on the Board over their past term(s). These gentlemen volunteered countless hours to the success of our Harbour, and we wouldn't be the success we are today without the efforts from all our volunteer Directors, past or present. To that, I look forward working with the newly elected Directors, Duncan Cameron, Steve Taylor, and Tim Hagberg. Lots of great ideas with this group, and we're excited to see all that can be achieved!

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. Hopefully we can continue to build on this spirit of collaboration to preserve Fishermen's Wharf as a destination for all mariners. Thank you all for your contributions and support!

Mike Loy

### Storage Wars in the Open Storage

We have noticed an increase in random items and gear being dropped off in open storage without any indication if it is any good, who it belongs to, or if there is an ultimate plan for the item. We want to remind our Users and Members that this area serves multiple purposes but is not to be used as a disposal yard for unwanted items.

Overflow fishing gear, extra tote/equipment storage and other such uses are acceptable, but we require that you let us know you have placed items in the area and to have them labelled in such a way so we can easily identify them. We also require items placed in Open Storage to be self-contained and easily moved around, such as on a pallet or in a tote. We have to clear this area out several times a year to prepare for our on-site festivals and are often at a loss in knowing if any of the items in our way are even wanted based on the condition they've been left to us in. We spend hours organizing and stacking items to move said items about the site to make room.

We regularly go through this yard and dispose of obvious waste that's been left for Harbour staff to deal with, such as rusted out freezers and the like, left to gather nasty water and breed mosquitoes and other unwanted nuisances. We do this because if we do not, no one will.

As a reminder, users are expected to deal with their own waste and recycling needs and not leaving them for the harbour to deal with. Most of you have trucks and the ability to see to your own needs, and most of these services you can access are free of charge, they just take a little bit of time. That time detracts Staff from the regular work we would actually like to accomplish here on the docks. Please be responsible with your unwanted goods.

We have also noticed an uptick in people looking to store dinghies in the Open Storage. While we are happy to help you out in the short term (same rules apply) while you might need it out of the way for whatever reason, we do not want to see these items stored long term in this area. If you have a locker, that is where it belongs, if you do not, you will have to look at alternative options as we do not want them in this area. They are cumbersome, awkward to move around and generally take too much effort to work around. If you have a small craft in this area, you've likely already been asked to remove it. If you haven't heard from us yet, expect a call in the coming days.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Let Turk know if you have any issues or concerns. We are happy to work with you, but we need to hear from you, or your intended "project" or equipment/gear could end up on the scrap heap.



### Boat Sale Procedure @ FCHA

If you are looking to sell your vessel while moored here at Fishermen's Wharf, we want you all to be aware of the proper steps to take. Our moorage contract is with the original owner first and foremost. This means the person whom we have the original moorage contract with maintains the moorage space in the event they are looking to buy a different vessel. Secondly, it goes to the vessel being sold, a known entity to the harbour which we are satisfied transferring to a new owner, given the vessel is of a seaworthy nature and not a problem vessel we've asked to be removed from the harbour. Derelicts are not welcome to stay!

With that being said, we expect to be in the loop if you are planning to sell your vessel with assumable moorage. Connect with the office and let us know you intend to sell your vessel and what ultimate plans you have for it. If you are planning to have your moorage transferred, we expect to speak with you on this issue and any potential buyer. We want to be sure we know where the plans are heading to avoid any confusion, and that any new owner understands their obligations to the Harbour. Buying a new boat is an exciting time, and we don't want to rain on their parade if moorage here in the harbour is not what they are expecting or goes against Harbour Policy.

### Bill C-64 Info

As a reminder to all our user groups, we wanted to put in a little plug for Bill C-64. This bill is aimed at changes to the responsibilities for ownership of a vessel until it's end of life. This is aimed at solving the abandoned and wrecked vessel issue that is plaguing the coast and many of our sister facilities. What this means is that moving forward, boat ownership will entail some added caveats and responsibilities to essentially ensure that an owner can responsibly handle the cost and expenses of a dilapidating vessel prior to the transfer of ownership.

This signifies that registering your vessel and transferring said ownership properly will become much more important moving forward, as the agencies responsible for cleaning up an abandoned or wrecked vessel will be pursuing the registered owner for recovery costs.

For more information regarding Bill C-64, visit:

[https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en\\_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/421C64E](https://lop.parl.ca/sites/PublicWebsite/default/en_CA/ResearchPublications/LegislativeSummaries/421C64E)

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### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spot Prawn Festival @ Fishermen's Wharf

Spot Prawn Season is here! We invite you to come and join us for this year's return of our celebrated festival. This year's festival will be taking place on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The event is free to attend, however there is a Prawn Bisque, and a Brunch option available for purchase, hosted by local Chefs to add a little flavour to the event. If you are interested in either of these for the event, get your tickets before they sell out! Bisque is \$10 a ticket and the Brunch will be \$79 per ticket, available through the Chef's Table Society at: <https://spotprawnfestival.com/>

The boats will be heading out early in the morning and returning around 12:30-1pm to offer live prawns for sale to the public. **\*Price will be Market Rate\***

This festival is a great family fun event, so don't miss out. Come down and see what all the fuss is about and peruse the booths. We have a ton of stuff for the kids to enjoy along with a little something for the adults too. Since the event is becoming larger every year, we are recommending that guests leave their furry friends at home for this one.

There is limited space and usually an abundance of people and kids about at this food preparation event with live seafood present. With all these sights, sounds, and excitement it can be overwhelming for your pooch, and they may interfere with the festivities. We want everyone to have a good time, leave the stress behind and enjoy some delicious PRAWNS!

Spot Prawn Season opens May 15<sup>th</sup>

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Fleet & Harbour Appreciation Day

Come and join us for another round of our Blessing of the Fleet & Harbour Appreciation Day. This event helps to grow our community and celebrate all that this Harbour offers, and to give back to the people that make this place great, you!

We will have seafood fresh off the BBQ and live music along with a few guest speakers to touch on what commercial fishing means to this coast.

A local Deacon will visit the Harbour to bless the fleet before they leave for the season, a long-standing nautical tradition meant to bring a safe and bountiful season to the hard-working people who ply their trade on the unpredictable seas.

Salmon and Tuna burgers will be served up by Staff to all harbour members and users free of charge, with a \$20/per option to purchase additional plates for any guests you'd like to bring down to join the fun.

This year, the event & blessing will be taking place on **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** and runs from **11am until 3:30pm**. We encourage everyone to come down for a salmon or tuna burger and to see the Harbour gearing up for the upcoming fishing season. Join in the fun and enjoy a tasty treat on us!



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### False Creek Crab Fest 2024

Crab Fest is returning! The Harbour is proud to see this festival get off the ground and we hope the success of last year's festival will be a sign of things to come as we watch it grow. We hope this will continue to connect the community with product direct from the fishermen, like Prawn Fest has done for our Prawners. Details are still being worked out but the event will be taking place on Saturday, **July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 12pm-4:30pm**. This is the last night of the fireworks as well, so be mindful of that and try to have any guest that may plan to join to arrive after the festival has closed down for the day

There will be limited ticket sales available. If this interests you, keep an eye on your inbox and for signage around site as the date gets closer as we will be sharing further details once they become solidified.

### Parking Enforcement in the FCHA Lot

This is our yearly reminder to all Members and Users to be respectful of the parking situation down here at the docks during the busy summer months. All Users of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf facilities are entitled to one vehicle pass while on-site attending to their vessels, but this does not guarantee there will be a spot available as we have less spaces for vehicles than we have boats in the Harbour. If you plan to be away for an extended cruise, it would be appreciated if you could avoid parking on-site by making alternative arrangements. All vehicles must also display a **VALID (current) parking pass**.

Harbour Policy states vehicles should **not remain on-site more than 72 hours** without the vessel present. This is to allow enough space for everyone. We always try to be flexible and are willing to work with you to find solutions, but we need you to work with us as well. This means users with multiple vehicles on-site should find alternative parking arrangements during the busy months and I will take this opportunity to remind everyone that we do not, in any way, permit broken down or uninsured vehicles to be stored here at the Harbour. There are places you can store your unwanted or unneeded vehicles, but it is not here at Fishermen's Wharf. We are an active, working commercial fishing harbour and a transient vessel destination year-round. Space isn't free in Vancouver, so please act accordingly.

**Vehicles without a valid pass will be towed at the owner's expense.**



### Boating Safety

When heading out to enjoy some time on the water, please remember these important items to ensure everyone makes it home safe and sound.

- **Marine First Aid Kit** – Better to be safe than sorry in the event of an unforeseen emergency.
- **Flares and Emergency Beacon** – Don't forget to check the expiry dates and ensure your emergency equipment will work if needed.
- **Float Plan** – Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you should be home.
- **Emergency Supplies/Rations** – A necessity for any boater to have on board. Check supplies at least once per season for condition. Replace back-up batteries regularly and ensure the pack stays free from moisture.
- **PFDs/Life Jackets** – The best way to prevent accidental drowning. Stay safe on the water!

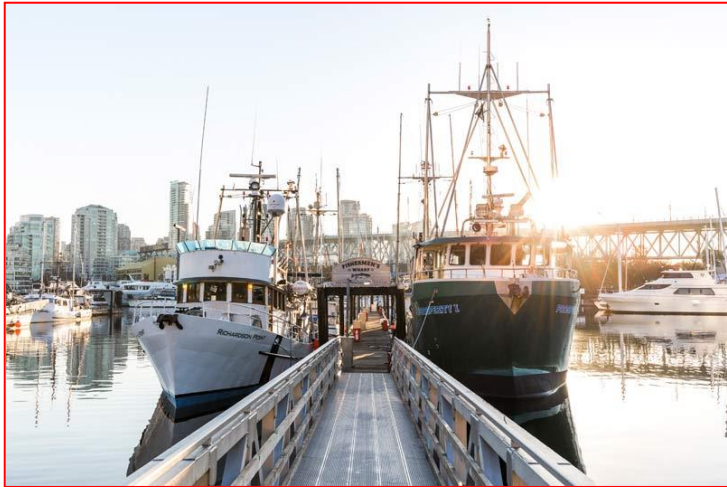
**Please remember to wear your PFDs!**

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## Payments and Charges

The office has been open and ready to receive you with your questions and payments towards moorage and power during the various stages of quarantine measures. The easiest ways to contact us for payment are over the phone via credit card or through email with an e-transfer to maintain your account in good standing. We do also take in-person transactions at the office, but we want to remind our Users that there are many ways to catch a fish!

For questions or concerns regarding your moorage, reach out to [turk@falscreek.com](mailto:turk@falscreek.com). For any account inquiries please contact Nicole at: [office@falsecreek.com](mailto:office@falsecreek.com)



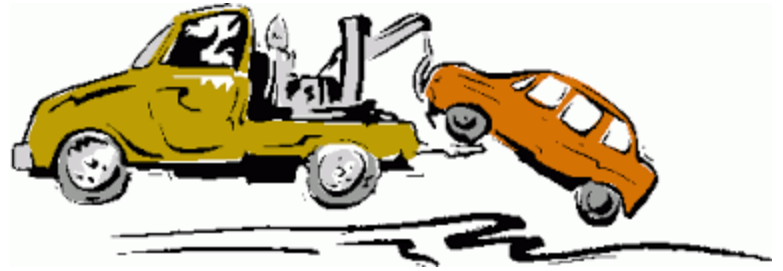
## Pump-Out

The sewage pump-out system is located at the end of the Fish Sales Float, is staff operated and is **FREE to ALL Annual Harbour Users**. The charge for non- annual harbour users is \$6 per cycle of the pump-out. Each cycle runs approx. 4 minutes and pumps around 35 gallons. We currently have several boats using the pump out on a regular basis but want to encourage more vessels to use this service and assist us in keeping the waters of False Creek clean and healthy.

FCHA is committed to the following:

**Not to allow vessels to pump out sewage or waste water in the harbour.**

The free mobile pump-out operated by Skookum and the CoV will be active Spring through late Fall. Please call 778-683-7868 or email them [pumpout@skookumyachtservices.com](mailto:pumpout@skookumyachtservices.com) and more info is available at <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/sewage-pump-outs.aspx>



## Parking

All vehicles on-site should hold a valid parking pass or risk being towed. Traffic in the lot is picking up and space is a valuable commodity with only 100 parking spaces to accommodate our 250+ vessel slips. Multi-vehicle boaters are asked to keep their second vehicles off-site unless necessary. We can offer some flexibility, but only for short durations to ensure everyone has access to the site. Come see us in the office for a parking pass or if you have any questions or concerns. Please keep in mind our commissionaires are not authorized to permit longer duration passes. Please see office staff for any requests beyond a day or two.

**All vehicles parked on FCHA property must carry a recent parking pass and valid Road Insurance, we do not authorize uninsured vehicles or those with storage insurance to be left on site at any time.**



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### Go Fish - Seafood Shack

Go Fish Seafood Emporium continues to draw visitors while serving up Vancouver's finest Fish 'n' Chips. They also offer a wide variety of grilled seafood creations and inviting house-made soups. Call ahead to place an order.

**Order @ 604-730-5040.**



### Public Fish Sales Float & Courtesy Customs Dock

The Fishermen's Wharf - Fish Sales Float is provided for the benefit of the community and the fishers who sell their catch. Today, the Sales Float is carefully regulated to ensure that the general public receive top quality product.

Commercial Fishing Vessels using the facility may only sell species which they are licensed to catch. In addition, they must hold a Provincial Fish Vendor License obtained through the Ministry of Agriculture. We would like to encourage any and all Commercial Fishing boats who are thinking about selling at the Fish Sales dock to do so. The Harbour also provides a pamphlet covering regulations, guidelines, and standards for freshness.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Public Fish Sales Float. Nowhere else in the city can you obtain truly "fresh" seafood, meet the Fishermen, see the boat that caught the product, find out where the product was caught and handle the gear responsible for harvesting such a fine assortment of seafood products.



For any information about Canada Customs please call them directly at

**1-888-226-7277**

or visit the website @ [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)

### Seafood Sellers at Fishermen's Wharf

We are here to support our commercial fishers in a myriad of fashions. One of the ways we help is by connecting people looking to buy fish direct from the source to people looking to sell their catch, whether that is via their boat during live sales on the dock, or through their lockers via a commercial business. There are a variety of ways you can connect directly with their products, and here is a list of the various companies you can access directly here at Fishermen's Wharf.

Whether through a direct sale here at the locker, an on-line order, or a meet up at a local farmers market, check out our fish for sale page to learn how to connect with our local producers and get your hands on some delicious fish, ready for your table.

We also have a sheet posted on our doors with more info to help you connect with them directly.





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I found this interesting piece while surfing around online. I really like the simplicity mixed with a little hint of abstract. If you like this piece, check out more of his art, which shows a love for the seashore and the people that make a living working on the water.

Artist: David Witbeck ([www.witbeck.com](http://www.witbeck.com))

### How Do Our Gardens Grow?

Please remember to take a moment and thank Karyn for the hard work she puts in to keep our green spaces healthy and beautiful.

With help from Steve on the Long Trick, these two put in a fantastic effort with limited funds and deserve our thanks. We get numerous compliments throughout the year and are always excited to see what comes up next.

Thank you both!



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### DNA Fire Extinguisher Inspections: Sat, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 1pm

DNA Fire Doctors will once again be coming down to the site to offer Mandatory Fire Extinguisher servicing right at the Harbour. They will be visiting us on a Saturday again, so hopefully people will be able to access this service without too much hassle this year. Keep in mind with it being the weekend, we will only have 2 staff on hand so it will be a bit overwhelming for them to keep the harbour running and dealing with a bunch of drop offs, but we will do our best to help you with your needs.

Pricing is as follows:

- Annual Inspection - \$5.00 per FX**
- 2.5lb 6 year service - \$19.00**
- \*2.5lb 12 year hydrostatic test - \$38.00 (new \$60.00)**
- 2.5lb recycle - \$5.00**
- 5lb 6 year service - \$24.00**
- \*5lb 12 year hydrostatic test - \$51.00 (new \$80.00)**
- 5lb recycle - \$5.00**
- 10lb 6 year service - \$31.00**
- \*10lb 12 year hydrostatic test - \$80.00 (new \$120.00)**
- 10lb recycle - \$10.00**

6 year services and 12 year hydrostatic tests cannot be done onsite, they will get taken back to our shop in North Vancouver for service and the customer will get a call to pick up once complete.

New 2.5lb and 5lb FX's will be available to purchase.

Recycling Program – Recycling is the environmentally recommended practice, and the charge is for the time it takes to remove all powder and separate the parts.

(Recycle fees are waived if a new FX is purchased)