



# FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



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## President's Message

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

Fall is here and winter is around the corner. I hope everyone had a good year with their respective fisheries this past season. I noticed boats out fishing well into November, so there were fish out there to catch at least. As things start to slow down, we can focus on getting back to the table and continue to improve the services here at Fishermen's Wharf. With ski season on the horizon, I am looking forward to some time away, but it's a good reminder to make sure our vessels are securely put away for the season and ready to deal with the cold weather on its way.

I would like to thank our wonderful harbour staff and management for keeping things running smoothly every day and for all the hard work they put in while we are away on the grounds. They do a great job making Fishermen's Wharf a welcoming place for visiting boaters from all over the coast. Festivals were great times on the docks and CrabFest seems to be growing in the right direction. I heard it was a blast to attend. If you get the chance, please take the time to check out one of our events.

We have a few Board Members that are required to step down this term as they have reached their term limits. If you are interested in getting involved and helping our Harbour grow, please consider volunteering some of your time and getting involved. It is important to get new insight and fresh energy to continue improving the harbour and strengthening our ties to the False Creek community.

Hope you can all find a chance to get away and take some time to rest over the holidays!

See you on the dock,

Fraser MacDonald

President

False Creek Harbour Authority – Fishermen's Wharf

## Harbour Manager's Report

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

We thank you for your continued patronage in 2024. It was another truly rewarding year overall with many positive things happening here at the docks. After a year of what felt like never ending large construction projects, it was nice to slow things down a bit and get back into a variety of smaller projects we had been putting off. I'm proud to say that we not only accomplished all the projects that we set to complete in the spring newsletter, but we were also able to tackle a few extras like installing flotation tanks on the main docks throughout the Harbour, upgrading our fire alarm panel, installing additional security cameras, and conducting replacement work on the ramp rollers.

With the fiscal year coming to an end on October 31st, we will be conducting our annual audit over the next month or so in advance of the Annual General Meeting, set for February of 2025. With the start of the new fiscal year, the Board reviewed rate comparisons around the creek and along with continuing increased costs, decided to increase moorage rates for both the PC's and CFV's effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We will also be charging a higher transient rate for vessels over 59' at \$2.50 per ft compared to the rate of \$2.00 per ft per day. These increases will allow us to continue with our current operation while providing room for growth. We'll be involved in some large projects in the coming years, which will include a new bulkhead along the foreshore as well as a new public fish sales dock.

Shifting focus into 2025. We're excited to be working towards having our own False Creek Fishermen's Memorial. Memorials are common at commercial fishing Harbours, and we would like to create a place where we can continue the legacy of our past, present, and future members and users of our False Creek Fishermen's Wharf Community.

I would like to recognize and thank outgoing staff member Connor Skillen for his outstanding service to the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf Community. Connor had become a great asset to our organization, however he decided to continue with his post-secondary studies. He really appreciated his time here, getting to know the user groups quite well over his nearly two-year stint with us. We wish him well with his future endeavors. With that, we would like to welcome our new employee, Ewan Pringle. Ewan joined our team in late October and is fitting in quite well with our operation. Ewan has had some previous experience working on the water, as he was a dockhand on Granville Island for Vancouver Water Adventures. If you see a new face working around the docks, feel free to say hello.

Regarding Harbour security, we have had a few situations arise over the past year involving offsite individuals gaining access to our restroom and laundry facilities. As noted, we have had to change the restroom access code a few times over the past few months and will continue to do so as needed. This of course is dependent on whether these codes are kept to Harbour users only. We have also taken further steps by adding coded access to the laundry room to ensure only authorized individuals are using the facilities during the restricted times. Please do not share these codes with anyone. Have them connect with a staff member for access. Please report any unlawful activity.

It's unfortunate that I feel the need to write this but there have been a few situations over the past year regarding abuse of staff, both verbally as well as physically threatening. This is a firm reminder that this type of behavior is not only unacceptable, but also grounds for termination of services and removal from the Harbour. The staff are here to assist with the needs of the Harbour, and I must add, they do a great job. If there are any concerns regarding the staff, it must be brought to the attention of Harbour Management, or the President of the Board of Directors. If you are unhappy with something, do not act on your own to try to attempt to resolve the situation. It's demoralizing to have staff continue to want to provide top-notch customer service while under these negative work conditions.

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. 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 False Creek Fishermen's Wharf the destination for all mariners. Thank you all for your continued support!

Mike Loy - Harbour Manager

## AGM 2025

### Attention- All Voting Members

Fishermen's Wharf will once again be hosting our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in person. The meeting is set for **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting at 7pm, with a 6:30 check-in**, and will be taking place at the Granville Island Hotel as per usual.

We will be putting together AGM packages to go out in early December, which will include dates for the director nomination period. Hopefully the Canada Post strike will be over at that point, however we will also be emailing the packages for good measure. There will be four positions open and two directors that will need to step aside due to reaching their term limits, 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](mailto:office@falsecreek.com)

### 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 2025. 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, 2025.

### Christmas Open House

The tradition continues. The Tacofino TACO TRUCK will once again be @ 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 will need to RSVP if you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone. The Taco truck will be parked out front of 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. 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30pm-4:00pm**

(Please RSVP to the Invitation email sent out or you will likely not be able to get any tacos!)



### 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!



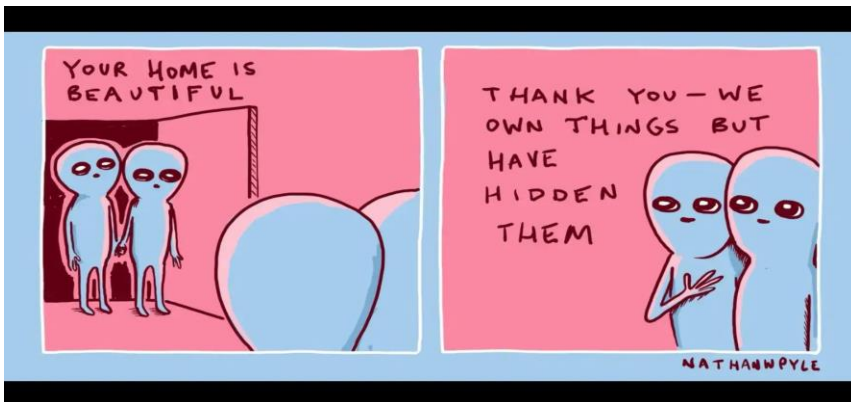
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### Clean up in Aisles B-G

It is that time once again folks to remind you all about keeping your locker aisles clean and clear of excess debris and belongings. We wish we didn't have to have this conversation every fall, but here we are. Every year around January 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin the process of cleaning the aisles out and tagging items left out to be stored properly inside your locker spaces. This means any gear, furniture, or random items should migrate from the pile in front of your locker to a secure spot inside your storage space.

We understand that it is not always possible to keep your gear inside your lockers as you move things about for access or while actively working on things, but once the seasons are all over and the boats are put away for their winter sleep, there should be nothing left outside in the locker aisle. The aisle is shared space and we must keep it clean and clear so people can freely go about their business and access their lockers without trudging through a pile of wanted/unwanted items. We are patient, and happy to work with you, but now that things have calmed down and fishing is on the back burner, it's time to get things in order before flying off to the far corners of the globe.

Staff are happy to help you dispose of unwanted items from your locker spaces in the appropriate fashion. Let us know and we can offer suggestions or recycle/dispose of anything reasonable. Items like chairs can be left out in the aisles, provided they are easily moved out of the way and are not excessive, but anything else should be securely stored **INSIDE** your locker. We will begin tagging items for removal mid-December and starting to clear items away once the new year begins.



### Winterize Your Vessels

With the colder months ahead, now is the time to ensure you are ready for a big freeze, a lot of rain, and the possibility of snow. Take the time to ensure your boat coverings are securely fastened, your batteries are topped up and in good order and your pumps and float switch(es) are all functioning as designed. We anticipate a wet and snowy season this year according to projections, so be mindful and prepared before it becomes an issue. It is also a good idea to have air circulating inside the cabin, and a little heat can help maintain conditions inside the boat and prevent musty smells and mildew from developing. Some boaters use a small electric heater or two while some prefer an oil heater, but others find a simple light bulb will generate enough heat to keep the worst of it away. For heaters, I have found oil heaters to be the most efficient in my experience as they can maintain their heat better while not needing to be constantly "on", but the most economical is a small light with an accompanying fan to move air around.

If and when the snow starts to fall, staff will do our best to keep the site accessible and free of excessive ice but remember to watch your step out there. We will clear the parking areas and a walkway down the docks. Finger floats are the responsibility of the boat owners to maintain, but staff may be able to help if you have any difficulty. We will also have salt buckets available once temps start to drop below freezing, so everyone can help us maintain a safe environment for all.

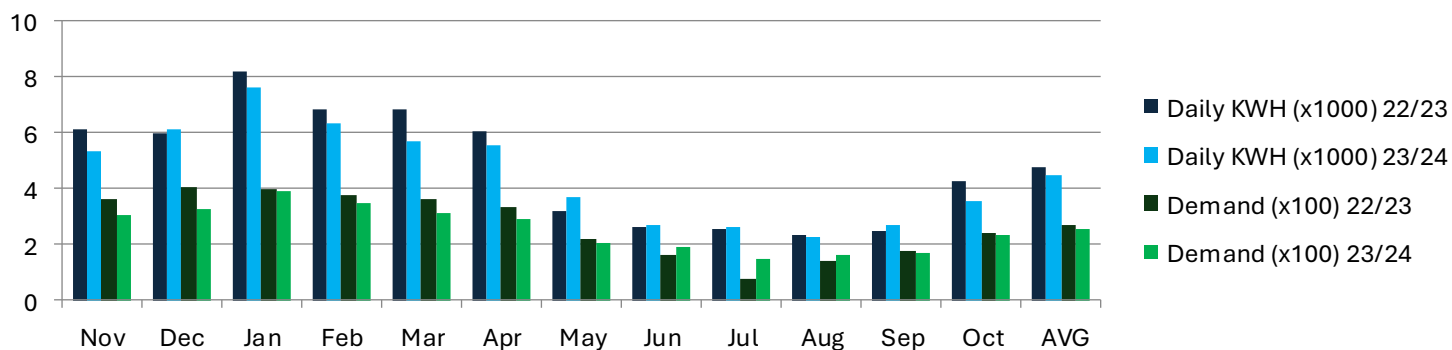
Feel free to use the salt to break down any icy spots on the docks.

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## Clean Marine Update

Things are remaining quite stable through this past year, with electrical consumption a little down and waste disposal a little up. There will always be some minor fluctuations based on the needs of the day, so I am happy to see we have found a middle ground. Work can still be done to reduce our waste stream, as we climbed another half tonne from 2023. We are still down in general from a few years ago, but we would like to see that continue to go down as we all reduce our waste and divert materials to the proper recycling streams. We are creeping ever closer to electrical consumption rates from 2018, so progress is being made in this area. Our daily average Kilo Watt Hours usage currently sits at 4.5 KWH/day, compared to 4.78 KWH/day in 2023 and was sitting at 4.16 KWH/day in 2018. Positive steps in the right direction. We continue to investigate new ways to reduce our electrical demand and increase efficiency, with continuing lighting upgrades and other efficiency projects on the horizon, and we appreciate that our users are also looking at ways to be energy efficient, as every little bit helps.

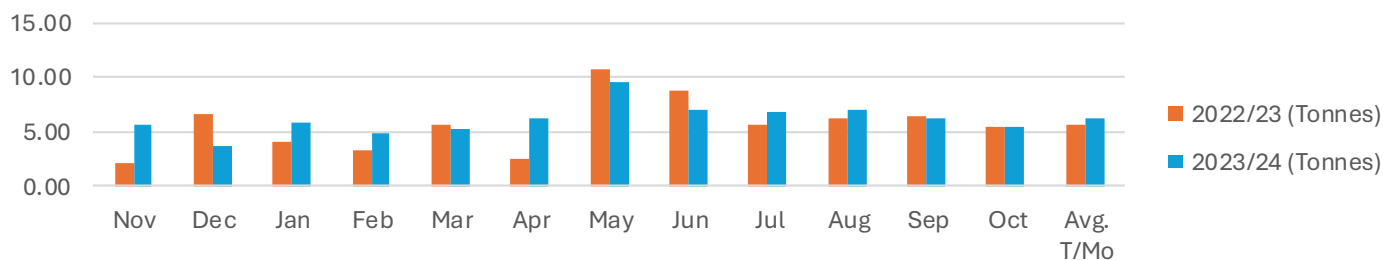
The waste stream has seen some improvement, though there is still room for improvement! These things tend to fluctuate a bit, and we are not yet too concerned, as we have seen a consistent trend of reduction since we began monitoring these items. We do want to see this number continue to fall in the long run, however, so please be mindful of your waste, recycle appropriately and refrain from bringing large household waste like old furniture and electronics down to the harbour for disposal. For the record, this past year, we averaged 6.09 tonnes of trash per month. If you are not sure where and how to dispose of products, come see us in the office.



**Above:** Comparison between average daily power consumption in kilowatt hours (KWH) and Demand in 2022/23 & 2023/24. 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. I am happy to see us continue to trend down in this area. Weather and temperature play a roll, but we appreciate our customers addressing problems in a timely fashion and being wise with their electrical use. This truly helps the harbour be efficient and helps us reduce costs when we can. Keep up the good work!

**Below:** Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) generated from 2022/23 and 2023/24. The average monthly tonnage had started to level off, but now I see it is starting to climb once again. The average has climbed to approx. half a tonne more per month from last year, which is still down from 2022, but we don't want to see this continue to trend back up. Keep up the good work and we can continue to reduce our waste load, which benefits everyone. We also want to continue encouraging our Users in separating recycling materials where possible to keep waste to a minimum. If you are not sure where and how to dispose of products, come see us in the office.

Waste Stream Comparison - '23 vs '24





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Above Photo:

This is a shot of Crab Fest 2024 in full swing. It was nice to see the crowds gathered and enjoying some delicious Dungeness Crab on our new festival equipment. Much fun was had by all, be sure to join us next year if you're able.

## 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!



## Parking Enforcement on the Lot

Winter is here and with it comes our reminder to keep the parking lot in order. We were informed of a problem vehicle in the lot in early November and upon investigating the issue, we found 30 vehicles in the lot without proper identification. If you have a vehicle without a tag, be it a work truck, a commercial vehicle or your deckhand's ride, you need to see us and get a temporary or permanent pass to put on your dash.

This has highlighted the need to keep a closer eye on the situation and we will be actively monitoring, tagging and towing vehicles as necessary. The board has been looking into increased security options regarding all the development happening around us, and we will be extending this to vehicles in the lot as well. If you have legitimate business at the harbour, come and get a pass or you risk the possibility of your vehicle being towed. This is your warning. Abandoned and unnecessary vehicles are not welcome here at Fishermen's Wharf, we are not car storage for your projects.

In addition to increased patrols in the parking lot, we have created a safe location for motorcycle storage here behind the metal bin. Space is limited and you must check in with the office so we know who and what is being stored in this area and you will be provided a key. I will stress this is not a place to store anything outside of registered motorbikes/scooters. No totes or other storage devices permitted.

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