



FALSE CREEK TIDINGS



FCHA Board of Directors 2025

President - Doug Tufnail – Plan Eh

Vice-President – Tim Hagberg – Leena V

Secretary /Treasurer – Steve Taylor – Moon Child

Director (Chair) – Duncan Cameron - Lormax

Director – Bill Rockliffe – Allouette Lady

Director – Mitch Ponak – Pachena No. 1

Director – Sam Gaartside – Royal Crown

Director – Mel Hart – Sierra Bullet

President’s Message

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

FCHA Board of Directors 2025	1
President’s Message	1
Harbour Manager’s Report	2
FCHA AGM Info	3
Payments & Charges	3
Christmas Open House	3
Open Submissions	3
Important Open Storage Notice	4
Dinghies and Dock Boxes	4
Clean Marine Update	5
Green Spaces	6
Ageing Infrastructure @ FCHA	6

Season’s Greetings to all Fisher’s and Friends of False Creek,

A warm welcome to all our new members this year, hoping everybody enjoyed our fabulous festivals and events throughout the year. I want to express my appreciation for the hard work and dedication from the Chef’s Table Society as well as all the Chef’s and Volunteers that help make this possible! Thank you. I would also like to give a huge shout out to the Harbour Staff for keeping our Harbour safe and secure, and for keeping Fishermen’s Wharf a top destination for boaters visiting Vancouver from up and down the coast.

I am thrilled that this winter marks the commencement of Phase I of the bulkhead seawall project. Phase I runs from January through March 2026. The Harbour is collaborating with DFO and Saginaw Development to ensure Fishermen’s Wharf remains a cherished destination for boaters with some new school methods to revitalize the waterfront. We are excited to see it come together.

I would also like to acknowledge all the Commercial Fishers operating seafood companies out of False Creek. We see all the hard work and effort, along with the community support offered throughout the year. It is good to see our industry continue to grow as we change and adapt to the future. Here’s to a bright and prosperous future for all those involved.

Lastly, I would like to share with you all some sad news. On November 1, 2025, our community lost a long-standing member of the lower mainland fishermen, George Luis Vukic. He was born on September 19, 1946, to a Commercial Fishing family of Croatian descent. He spent his early years working at Benson Shipyard in Coal Harbour before beginning his career on Commercial Fishing Vessels. George fished the West Coast from the border of Alaska down to the Juan De Fuca Strait and the Fraser River. He was a member of the False Creek Fishing Community for decades, and his legacy continues with two of his sons following in his footsteps. He will be missed by his surviving family as well as the friends he made along the way. Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea...

Thank you,
Doug Tufnail

Harbour Manager's Report

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

As the year is coming to a close, I would like to say how much I truly enjoy being a part of this Harbour Community. Whether this was my first, fifth, tenth or twentieth year managing this Harbour, I continue to have the same passion for making this one of the most desirable places to moor in the Greater Vancouver area. Although challenging at times, the impactful improvements with our capital projects show our commitment to support our fishers. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing an early idea come to fruition and witnessing the benefits firsthand. We will continue to explore ways to further improve the offerings and services while keeping our rates reasonable and affordable. It has been a pleasure getting to know most of you over the years and I welcome the opportunity to get to know some of our newer boaters a bit better by attending our upcoming Holiday Open House, or another Harbour event like our Harbour Appreciation Day.

To start off the New Year, we will be conducting probably the most invasive project we will ever have to undergo, the replacement of the bulkhead wall that keeps our upland from falling into the ocean. The project has gone to tender and was set to close at the end of October, with a timeline to procure materials and prepare over the months of November and December, commencing the onsite work in early January. This time of year was chosen specifically due to a small habitat spawning window where the in-water work will need to be completed by March.

I should mention that the complete bulkhead replacement project will need to be completed in multiple phases, with phase 1 starting at the south end of our site, working towards E & D Docks depending on funding/costs. Phase 2 will see the completion from where they left off, to the end of the parking lot at the north end of our site. Phase 1 will consist of new steel sheet piling that will run from the south end of our site and will terminate halfway between the wharfhead and E Dock. After that, the sheet pile wall will switch to a rip-rap support system of rocks that will continue to the end of the parking lot. Once fully completed, this will create a safe walkway along the waterfront, keeping you safe from moving vehicles and forklifts. Go-Fish will remain open, and we will work with the contractors to ensure safe walkways to and from the restaurant, however we will restrict access to the south side of our site that connects to the seawall.

As we conclude phase 1 of the bulkhead replacement, we will be installing our much anticipated "Fishermen's Memorial" which we are so very proud of. Most fishing Harbours and Communities have a place to honour the individuals who have made an impact in the Harbours they moored in, and we are excited to create this space. Details will be coming out next year as to what criteria would be needed to have a loved one be emblemized in the memorial.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation while we have been filming here these past few months. We have conducted numerous film shoots over the years but everything came to a screeching halt during covid and has now been picking up momentum with a few opportunities for us to generate some extra income. It will help our bottom line in continuing to keep our rates the lowest in the area while also supporting Capital Projects and Harbour Improvement Purchases. The show "Wild Cards" features one of the main cast who lives on the "Meander" on A Dock and since the show has already been picked up for Season 4, we expect a few more revenue generating opportunities.

Other projects, past and future. Although difficult at times, we would like to thank our locker users for assisting us in switching our locker lights from the old T8 & T5 fluorescent bulbs which are being phased out and are no longer being manufactured in Canada due to energy efficiency regulations, to LED's. The new LEDs are already showing not only more light efficiency output, but also savings by going with motion sensors to only light up the needed areas during active use. We can now say that we are 100% LED, something we are proud of considering all the varying lights we have used. In 2026, we will be looking for more DFO funding support to address our docks ageing dryline fire suppression system.

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

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

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 2026. 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, 2026.



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 and stay connected.

You can also click on the links above!



AGM 2026

Attention- All Voting Members

The FCHA - AGM 2026 is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, Feb 10th, 2026. We will be hosting you at the Granville Island Hotel, as per usual, and doors will be open for 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7pm. Tea/coffee & Cookies

All voting members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If elections are to take place or any items need to be voted upon we'd love to have as much input from the membership as we can to ensure we are moving in the right direction.

Time: Feb. 10th, 2026 7pm-9pm

Location: Granville Island Hotel
(1253 Johnston street)



Christmas Open House

Tacofino will once again be gracing us with delicious tacos from their TACO TRUCK @ the Harbour. Join us for some great food and let's enjoy some festive times together! This holiday season will be much like past years, we've sent out an invitation, 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 the Fishermen's Wharf!

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

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

Important Open Storage Notice – Bulkhead Replacement: Phase I

This winter, as the contractors begin setting up and getting phase I of the bulkhead replacement project underway, they will be using the Open Storage area to set up their office and safety stations as well as their laydown area for equipment and materials. Once they have set up, items within open storage will be inaccessible until this phase of the project is completed. That means no new space will be available and items currently there will be off limits to access. **No Forklift Access** to Open Storage will be possible.

Gear, totes and equipment will have no issue remaining in place (but will be moved to the perimeter) while this work is underway, but you won't be able to access it at all until they've moved out, likely by the end of March. If you have items inside the Open Storage area that you think you might need to access between January through March, we recommend you remove those items now, or at least before December 31st prior to when the work is scheduled to begin. This work will also affect access to the sales dock, as the main gangways will have to be removed for the work to take place. We will have temporary access set up from the wharfhead, so the sales dock will still be accessible, just keep in mind access will be limited. Lastly, there will be no parking on the wharfhead for vehicles of any size during the project as we will need to open a gap in the wharfhead to complete this work. However, forklift access will still be maintained as a small temporary access plate will be positioned accordingly to allow continued use of the cranes as the new bulkhead wall is installed.

The dates set for Phase I of the Bulkhead Replacement Project are:

January 2026 through to the end of March 2026

Access will be restricted during this time period, and any gear, totes, or equipment will be inaccessible until the completion of Phase I. No new storage will be available. **NO FORKLIFT ACCESS PERMITTED**

Dinghies & Dock Boxes

We are seeing an increase in the items stored on fingers throughout the year and we want to remind our users that staff and guests must be able to safely pass your items with tools, equipment, and gear, so please be mindful of the space and keep your items tight, organized, and out of the way of other users and staff. In the winter, when it comes time for snow removal items in the way can be impacted by the snow removal equipment. It would be a good idea to consider storing your tenders aboard the vessel while not in use to reduce potential damage during off season activities.

We have also noted an increase in users looking to install a dock box or similar installation. The FCHA will allow dock boxes, permitted they occupy space within your slip and are designed for this purpose. We do not want to see steel toolboxes or similar industrial storage solutions as they impact the dock and finger structures negatively. We also remind users any box must be easy to remove if staff need to access the structure for repairs and maintenance.

See Turk at the office for more info.

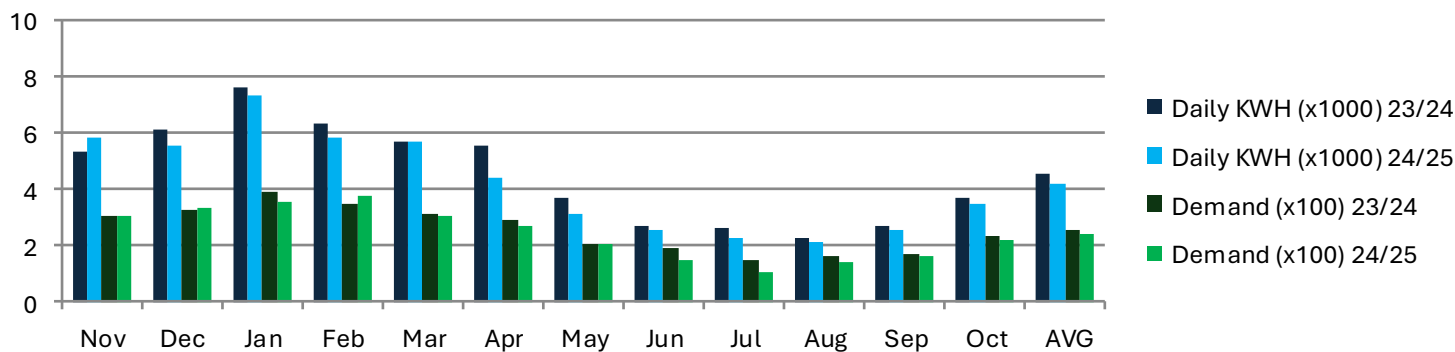


False Creek Tidings

Clean Marine Update

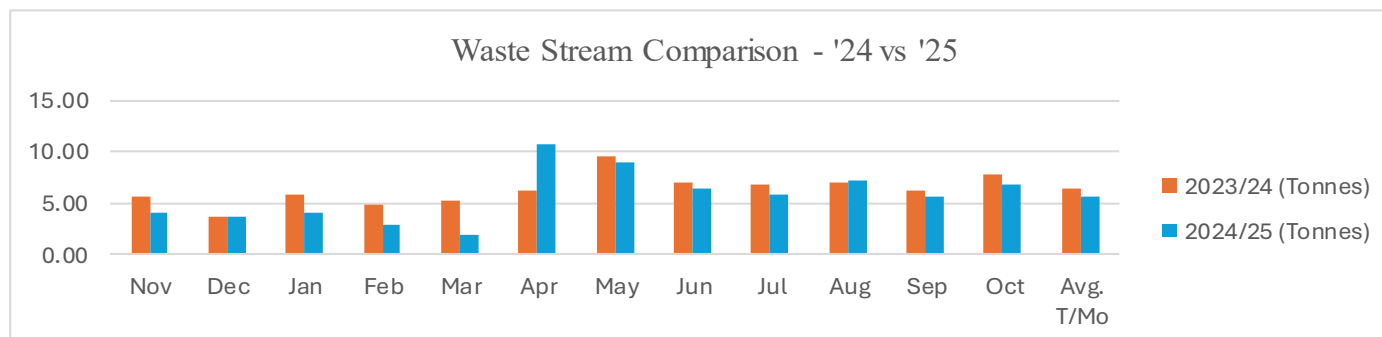
Things are remaining quite stable through this past year, with electrical consumption still trending down and waste disposal leveling off. There will always be some minor fluctuations based on the needs of the day, so I am happy to see we have found a middle ground. Work can still be done to reduce our waste stream as we still sit slightly higher than in 2023. We are still down in general from the big spike in 2022, but we would like to see this number continue to fall 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 4.22 KWH/day, compared to 4.53 KWH/day in 2024 and 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. The new locker lighting upgrades should help us overall, and other new efficiency projects are on the horizon. We appreciate that our users are also looking at ways to be energy efficient.

The waste stream has seen some improvement, though there is still room for us to be doing better! This will tend to fluctuate a bit, and we have seen a consistent trend of reduction since we began monitoring these items, barring a few anomalies. 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 5.69 tonnes of trash per month, a reduction of a whopping 0.5 tonnes/mo from 2024. 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 2023/24 & 2024/25. 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. We are continuing 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. The new lights in the lockers should really help here. Keep up the good work!

Below: Comparison between the monthly totals of on-site waste (garbage) generated from 2023/24 and 2024/25. The average monthly tonnage had climbed again after leveling off, but now you can see it is starting go down once again. The average has returned to 2023 levels, which is still down from 2022, but we would like to see this continue to trend down. Keep up the good work and we can 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 and we will help direct you to the appropriate waste streams.



False Creek Tidings



Above Photo:

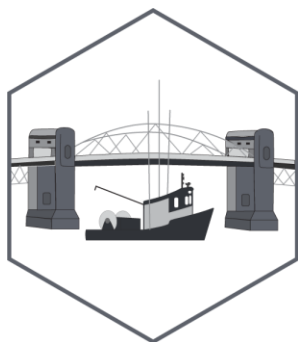
A day in the life of a Herring Fisher. This shot was taken back in 2022 off the coast of Hornby Island in the Strait of Georgia. The Herring Fisheries have been in some trouble lately. We hope initiatives like the Herring Recovery project in False Creek will help restore the stock to historic levels.

Photo Credit to: Conservancy Hornby Island (CHI) and the Watershed Sentinel

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!



Address:
1505 West 1st Ave.
Vancouver, BC V6J 1E8

Phone:
604-733-3625

E-mail:
Manager@falsecreek.com

Account Inquires:
Office@falsecreek.com

Moorage Information:
Info@falsecreek.com



Ageing Infrastructure @ FCHA

As we move along through the years we try our best to maintain the systems and services you all use and appreciate here at the Harbour. With that said, the ravages of time still have their effect, and some parts of our infrastructure will inevitably fail and need replacement. We regularly look for issues and plan maintenance ahead of time but things can still fail without notice or without considerable financial investment.

This past spring/summer we had a DFO site inspection, and a few deficiencies were noted. Mainly, the fact that our tidal grid infrastructure has deteriorated past the point of safe use and we have had to shut them down moving forward. The pilings and timber structures have deteriorated past their structural suitability for use. Another issue that has arisen has to do with our Sump Pump, that services the Washroom/Shower, and Laundry Facilities. The pump has been struggling for the past few weeks and sourcing replacement parts has been a challenge due to the age of the installation. Work is underway to get things back in order but it has been a challenge to schedule this work while waiting for parts. We have been holding our breath with fingers crossed hoping the pump would continue limping along while we await these needed repairs.

We appreciate your patience while this work is underway, we hope to keep interruptions like this to a minimum. We can't always prevent these things from happening, but we will do our best to keep the interruptions short where possible.