

# TIDAL CURRENTS



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy September to Everyone!!

It is my favourite time of year, summer season winding down, kids back in school, pumpkins and urchin season.

I would like to thank Lynn Paris and Anika Tarata for offering to fill our Sunshine Coast and North Island director positions.

The 2019 HAABC Conference hosted in Ucluelet, BC will forever be the story of how mother nature kept us on our toes.

The Ucluelet snowstorm of 2019 brought to the board's attention the potential for travel disruptions in remote locations. The Board of Directors have decided that we will host a remote location every odd year and urban location (direct plane access) every even year. This will help in the conference planning for options in the event of access issues.

Each year HAABC plans your conference agenda around the information that is collected from our members, through surveys, zone meetings, and direct requests. It is a HAABC number one priority is to create a seminar agenda that offers up to date, relevant information. We encourage all members to contact Darlene Denholm, Administrator, HAABC. if you have a topic or an idea for the seminar.

The Board of Directors are working our new Contribution Agreement with Small Craft Harbours. Our goal is to create consistency in the training routines throughout the zones and create mentoring opportunities to assist in the success of Harbour Authorities'.

The HAABC has been working on the planning the 2020 Seminar that will be hosted by the French Creek Harbour Authority in Parksville January 14-19, 2020 at the Tigh Na Mara Resort. The first ever HAABC seminar was hosted in Parksville 21years ago (1998). Talk to your zone rep for Travel Assistance funding.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!  
Thank you

Keri Weick,  
HAABC President  
northcoast@haa.bc.ca

## ZONE MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	ZONE	MEETING LOCATION
September 12th (Held)	Mid Island	French Creek HA
October 3rd	Sunshine Coast	Pender Harbour Legion 11am
October 16th	South Island	Ladysmith HA 12:30pm
October 17th	Lower Mainland	Seyem Qwantlen HA 10:30am
October 22nd	North Island	Port McNeill HA 10:30am
October 24th	North Coast	Conference Call Oct 24 time: tba

Agendas will be sent out prior to the zone meetings. Please get in touch with Darlene or your zone director if you would like any topics addressed on the agenda.

### ZONE DIRECTORS:

Sunshine Coast	Lynn Paris	lparis@shaw.ca
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Director At Large	Lutz Budde	orhabc@gmail.com

### Did you know?

The Pacific Region includes the province of British Columbia and the transboundary northern rivers the Yukon. It encompasses more than 27,000 kilometres of coastline and 105 river systems. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is responsible for management and protection of marine resources on the Canadian west coast in addition to inland salmon fisheries.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pacific Coast Congress, Everett October 8th - 11th, 2019  
 2020 HAABC Seminar, Parksville, January 14th- 17th, 2020  
 Tofino HA Marine Fire Training October 19, 2019  
 HAC Insurance Deadline, November 1st 2019

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FALL OR WINTER EVENTS COMING UP, PLEASE POST THEM TO THE FORUM SO THAT WE CAN ALL SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR HARBOUR.**

**JUST ARE REMINDER...** The following programs are still being offered, make use of them!

### **HAABC Legal Initiative**

Funds are available for HAs who require legal consultation. Take advantage of this while funds are available.

#### STEPS TO OBTAIN LEGAL FUNDING:

1. HA will contact the HAABC office with details of the issue
2. HAABC will confirm that there is funding available
3. HAABC will send an approval message to legal firm with the HA cc'd
4. The HA will contact legal firm for services related to the request
5. The legal firm office will invoice the HAABC for the **initial two hours** of service related to the issue. Anything above that will be billed to the HA.

*In the case of emergency situations League and Williams can respond without authorization with a threshold of \$125.00*

Please call your zone director or Darlene Denholm at 250-339-3970 for more information on how this may assist you in resolving any legal issues you have at your HA.

### **HAABC Mentoring Initiative**

The HAABC has a membership with 20 years of experience in managing HAs. We want to share this knowledge. We have funds available to travel to your harbour and assist you. Alternately, we have funds available for you to travel to another HA to job shadow. We will, upon your request, identify someone who can travel to your facility, meet with staff and board members, and with you, brainstorm solutions for strategies to make your harbour better. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this great opportunity. The success of this initiative will ensure we continue to receive funding. Contact your Zone Director or Darlene Denholm at 250-339-3970 to set up a visit.

#### **Possible Mentoring Requests**

**Governance;** Board Responsibility, Strategic Planning , Report Writing

**Administration;** Policy, HR, Invoicing, Legal, Customer Service, Collections, Annual Budget Planning

**Operations;** Electrical, Weekly, Monthly and Annual Maintenance, Ramps, Winches , Drive Down, Cement Float, Wooden Floats, Timber Piles

**Small Craft Harbour;** Emergency Request, Annual Maintenance Planning

#### **Questions**

Does your Harbour Authority have a SCH layout of your harbour?

Does your Harbour Authority have a copy of your current lease agreement with SCH ?

Have you read your lease agreement?

What accounting program does your Harbour Authority use?

How many annual vessels does your HA service?

What is the ratio of CFV and Non CFV customers?

How many staff?

What is your board make up?

## **Training Opportunities**

**Background:** HAABC is able to offer training to support our Harbour Authorities to promote a safe and efficient workplace.

### **Some of the courses that HAABC supports are:**

Spill Response - Offered By Zone

Marine Fire – Offered By Zone

First Aid - Contact the closest St Johns Ambulance Training

Restricted Operator’s Certificate (maritime)

### **Currently HAABC supports the following online courses:**

- TDG- <https://go.sja.ca/safety-training-courses/transportation-dangerous-goods-tdg-course/>
- WHMIS - [https://worksitesafety.ca/training/online/whmis-online-training/?gclid=CjwKCAjw68zZBRAnEiwACw0eYfxTazF4iPS-wdhiF61VOJ-xCtcfA6iNbxXZKYpTe6-bfmj2pNsg3RoClOoQAvD\\_BwE](https://worksitesafety.ca/training/online/whmis-online-training/?gclid=CjwKCAjw68zZBRAnEiwACw0eYfxTazF4iPS-wdhiF61VOJ-xCtcfA6iNbxXZKYpTe6-bfmj2pNsg3RoClOoQAvD_BwE)
- Pedestal Crane Training (Hard Hat) <https://hardhattraining.com/product/pedestal-crane-online-safety-training-canada/>

The University of Alaska - Ketchikan Campus offers online Harbours and Marina’s courses; <http://www.ketch.alaska.edu/krmcc/ports-harbors-and-marinas/index.html>

- [Harbor Administration](#) - Learn management techniques to bring in more customers, retain good employees and create a safe, attractive, financially healthy marina.
- [Facility Safety](#) - This course provides essential information to support the well-being of staff and harbour users.
- [Marine Structures and Materials](#) - Ensure effective operation and maintenance of harbours and marinas with a solid understanding of the marine infrastructure.
- [Oil Spills - Prevention, Preparedness and Response](#) - Learn safe and effective oil removal techniques, and information and training needed to eliminate oil spill prone activities in and near marinas.
- [Fire Safety for Ports, Harbors and Marinas](#) - Fire prevention and fire fighting training and skills development for harbour or marina employees.
- [Hazardous Materials and Waste Risks and Controls](#) - Understand regulations as well as guidelines for the prevention of boating related pollution.
- [Marina Utilities Water and Sanitary Sewer](#) - Learn operation and maintenance of marina sanitary sewer systems and the complexities of providing clean and safe water service for harbour customers.
- [Marina Utilities Electrical](#) - This course will familiarize employees with the basics of a marina electrical system.
- [Harbor Operations and Planning](#) - Learn what constitutes a comprehensive marina management plan and how to start one.
- [Customer Service for Ports, Harbors and Marinas](#) - Improve employee customer service skills that in turn can grow the marina customer base.
- [Clean Harbors](#) - Engage staff at all levels in responsibility for waste management and customer communications.

***These are online courses to complete at own pace.***

### **Who is eligible?**

Employees, directors or volunteers of the Harbour Authority

### **How to apply**

To successfully apply for funding the HA or Zone Director will contact the HAABC Administrator to apply for funding. The Administrator will then set up the course and provide instructions as to the next steps.

### **Suggestions**

The HAABC welcomes any other training requests. Training not on the list will be reviewed by the board of directors as to eligibility.

**Take advantage of our programs before this years  
funding runs out!!!**

## **INSURANCE:**

The HAABC is looking into a Bulk Insurance package for those Harbours who own their own assets.

### **Background:**

It has recently been brought to our attention that some HA's have been looking, unsuccessfully, to retain insurance for their assets. It has been said by a representative from AON Insurance that:

“The property insurance markets are really starting to really tighten their guidelines on harbour authorities and marinas as there has been substantial claims. We feel this is due extreme weather events caused by global warming. As time goes on, insurers will have to charge more to cover their losses. To place a one-off policy, will be very difficult. If you are able to get agreement with all harbour authorities in your association and agree to insure their property together, we would have a better story to tell insurers. In this way, the members will enjoy benefits of a bulk buy, at the same time, share in the loss history”.

Ideally, we are looking to collect the following information for AON. If we can get a large enough buy in they can then present a proposal at the Seminar.

If you own some assets and are interested in this, please provide the following information to the HAABC as soon as possible.

- 1) Description (Shed, dock, office etc.)
- 2) Construction (wood, steel, etc.)
- 3) Age
- 4) Replacement cost
- 5) 5 year loss history

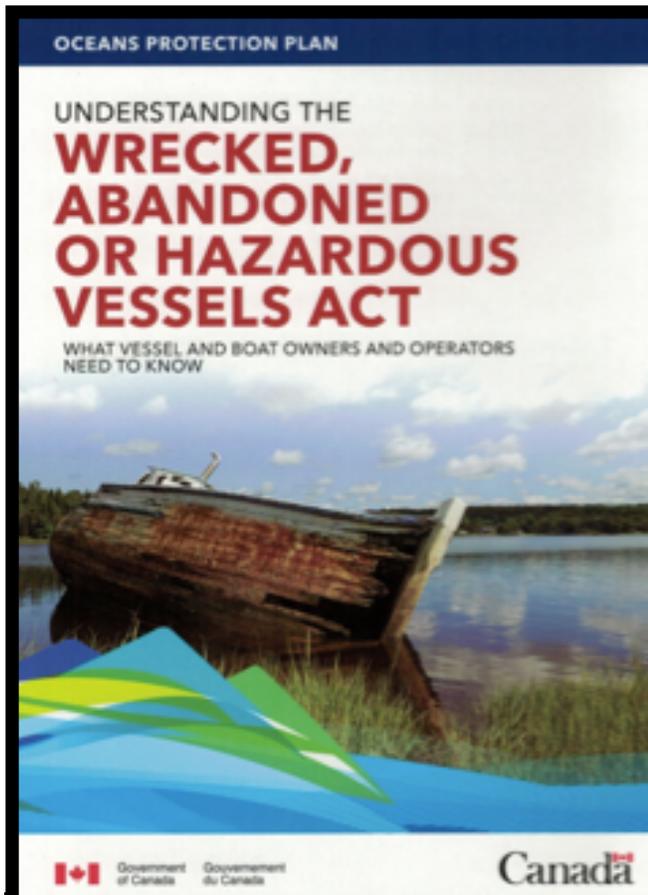
Thank you for your help in this.

HAABC Board of Directors

**DICK MAUGHAN SCHOLARSHIP - Deadline for Application is June 30, 2020** Please follow the link for more information or contact Darlene at 250-330-3970 or email [contact@haa.bc.ca](mailto:contact@haa.bc.ca)

<http://haa.bc.ca/dick-maughan-scholarship/>

**2019 Scholarship went to Paege Maltais, The new Lund Harbour Manager**



**WHAT IS THE WRECKED, ABANDONED OR HAZARDOUS VESSELS ACT?**

It is a key measure to protect Canada’s waterways and marine ecosystem, under the Government of Canada’s \$1.5 billion Ocean Protection Plan.

The Act governs wrecked, abandoned and hazardous vessels (including small boats and commercial vessels) and brings the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 into Canadian law. Most importantly, the Act will strengthen vessel owners responsibility and liability; address irresponsible vessel management, including a prohibition on vessel abandonment; and enhance federal powers to take proactive actions on hazardous vessels.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act applies to Canadian and foreign vessels (including small boats and commercial vessels) located in Canadian waters. In the Exclusive Economic Zone, the Act only applies to Canadian vessels and vessels from countries that are party to the Nairobi International Conventions on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007

**ILLEGAL PRACTICES UNDER THE ACT**

Under the Act, you may not:

1. Abandon your unwanted vessel.
2. Cause your vessel to become a wreck because you fail to maintain it.
3. Sink, strand or ground your vessel on purpose.
4. Without being authorized, leave your vessel in poor condition in the same area (within a radius of three nautical miles) for more than 60 days.
5. Leave your vessel adrift for more than 48 hours without taking measures to secure it.

**HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE VESSEL (OR BOAT) OWNER**

1. Keep your vessel in good condition.
2. Plan ahead – Think about your vessels retirement plan.
3. When your vessel reaches the end of its life, recycle or dispose of it legally and responsibly.
4. If you own or operate a vessel over 300 gross tonnage in Canadian waters, you must carry insurance or other financial security to cover potential wreck removal costs.
5. If you own or operate a vessel involved in an incident that resulted in a wreck, you must report, locate, mark and if necessary, remediate any hazards including, if required, removing wreck.
6. Ensure your vessel (or boat) is licensed or registered. If you sell it make sure to transfer the ownership documentation properly.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Your vessel’s (or boat’s) end of life can be when:

- It is no longer capable of navigating safely on water;
- You no longer want to own or operate it;
- Maintenance and mooring costs far exceed your financial means; or
- The costs of repair exceed its value

**WHAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA IS AUTHORIZED TO DO UNDER THE ACT**

1. Order owners of vessels or wrecks to take measures to prevent, reduce, or eliminate hazards.
2. Take action to remove a vessel or wreck posing a hazard, if the owner is unknown, or is unable or willing to respond.
3. Order vessel owners to address their dilapidated (worn down) vessel if it remained in the same location for 60 consecutive days without consent.
4. Hold owner liable for the costs of moving or removing their vessel that is abandoned, dilapidated (worn-down), or that poses or may pose a hazard.

**PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE UNDER THE ACT**

- Maximum violation penalties range between \$5000 to \$50,000 for individuals, and \$25,000 to \$250,000 for companies or corporations.
- Conviction of a regulatory offence by way of prosecution could result in a maximum fine of up to \$6 million and/or prison terms.

**TRANSPORT CANADA’S RECEIVER OF WRECK**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

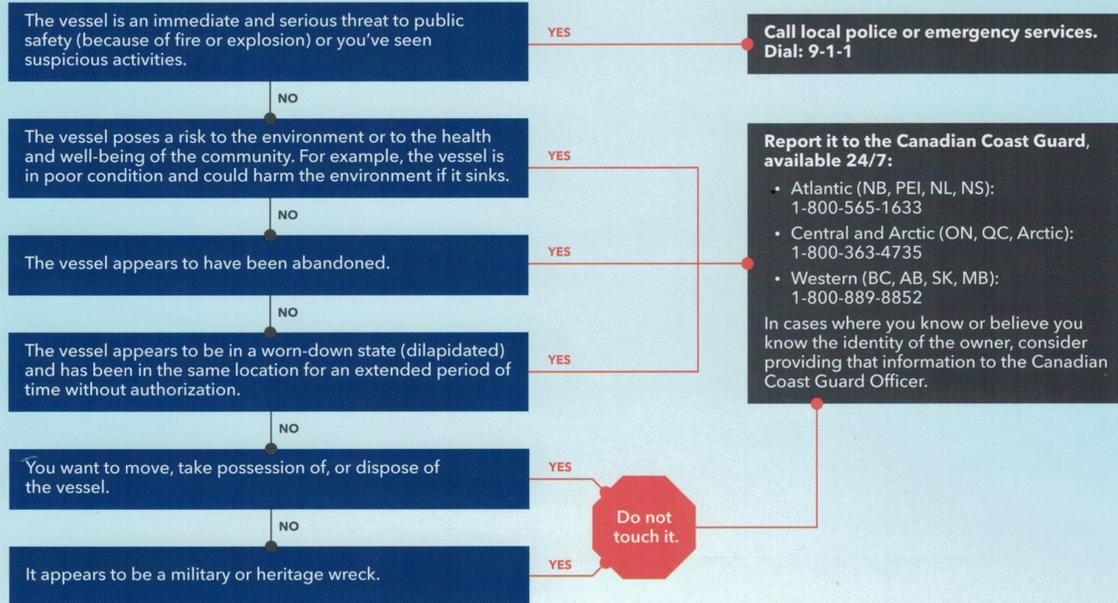
A Receiver of Wreck (ROW) is a Transport Canada official. THE ROW acts as a custodian of a found wreck in the absence of the rightful owners.

If you find a wreck and you can’t locate the owner, you must report it to a ROW

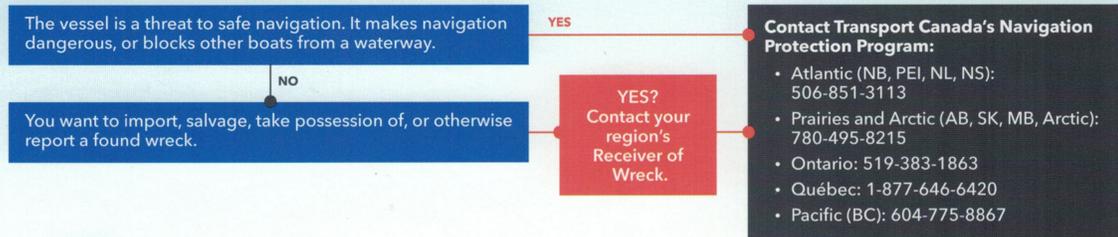
## OCEANS PROTECTION PLAN

# I FOUND A WRECKED, ABANDONED OR HAZARDOUS VESSEL (INCLUDING BOATS)

### CONTACT CANADIAN COAST GUARD



### CONTACT TRANSPORT CANADA



For more information, please consult: [www.tc.gc.ca/abandonedboats](http://www.tc.gc.ca/abandonedboats)

## Small Craft Harbours News

### **Small Craft Harbour Abandoned and or Wrecked Vessels Removal Program (SCH AWVRP)**

The *Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act* came into effect on July 30, 2019. It strengthens vessel owner responsibility and liability, addresses irresponsible vessel management and enhances federal powers to take proactive action on hazardous vessels.

**Vessel owners** will be liable for all costs relating to removal or disposal of their vessel and any environmental contamination costs.

To avoid paying these penalties, Small Craft Harbours (SCH) is encouraging Harbour Authorities (HAs) and boat owners to take advantage of DFO's SCH Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program (AWVRP) which has funding to help remove and dispose of abandoned and/or wrecked vessels. Under this five years program, owners can give consent to their local Harbour Authority to remove and dispose of their abandoned and/or wrecked vessels at no cost to the vessel owner.

SCH is currently accepting applications for year 4.

For questions about this program, please contact Lam Hughson at 604-666-1050

### **Small Craft Harbour Pacific 2020 Regional Distinction Awards: Call for Nominations**

It is that time of year when we again seek your support and assistance in recognizing those individuals and Harbour Authorities in the Pacific Region who, due to their extraordinary dedication and commitment, may deserve special recognition. As you are aware, Small Craft Harbours Pacific Region presents deserving recipients with **Regional Distinction Awards** during the Harbour Authority Association of BC's (HAABC) annual seminar. In advance of this year's seminar being held in January, we are seeking Harbour Authority (HA) nominations in the categories of:

- Individual Achievement
- Long Standing Service
- Up and Comer
- HA Achievement
- HA Innovation

The **deadline for nominations is Nov 1, 2019** and we would encourage every HA to consider nominating at least one individual or Harbour Authority that you feel is deserving of special recognition.

For more information or nomination/information forms, please contact Lam Hughson at [Lam.Hughson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Lam.Hughson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or (604) 666-1050.

## **Contribution From Maddy Prince - Tofino HA**

I remember getting my first phone call from the HAABC. It was Rob Clarke, and he called within my first few months of managing the Tofino Harbour Authority (THA). He introduced himself on behalf of the HAABC and offered support through a mentorship opportunity the HAABC had available. Of course, at that time, I had no idea what the HAABC was, but I knew that I was in (desperate) need of some help so I happily accepted his offer. Rob followed up by sending me a mentorship application form with some suggested topics. I then realized how little I actually knew about managing a Harbour Authority, and proceeded to check off every box of mentoring topics that was listed. I was lucky to have Mike Loy (False Creek Harbour Authority) and Janet Rooke (Tsehum Harbour Authority) come to Tofino to mentor me for two full days. We used my application as a guide, though it indicated that I needed help on every single harbour related topic imaginable, and over the two-day period, I was taught even more than I could have expected. I remember Janet saying, as she was leaving at the end of the day, "There you go Maddy, you've now got enough work to keep you busy for years to come." She was not kidding...

During my mentorship opportunity, I had questions answered that I wouldn't have known to ask and I was given many useful resources, from rules and policies to governance documents and financial planning information. Mike and Janet supported me with some of my biggest challenges at the time, they gave excellent advice, and they made me feel like I was part of a community. After my experience, I felt motivated and inspired to do great things at the Tofino Harbour Authority.

About 6 months later, when I was finally feeling like I had a handle on most of the day-to-day operations of the harbour, I applied for a second mentorship opportunity through the HAABC to focus on financial planning and asset management. As a result, I was provided the opportunity to shadow Mike in Vancouver for two days. My second experience through the HAABC mentorship program was again, better than expected. Mike tailored the materials we covered to suit my learning needs and he was very patient as I jumped from topic to topic with so many questions.

I found both opportunities, receiving mentorship at my home harbour and at a visiting harbour, to be very valuable. Both my experiences with the HAABC mentorship program were excellent and I took away far more from those opportunities than I expected. One of my favourite aspects of my mentorship experiences was how both opportunities were shaped to meet my goals. In both cases, we simply worked through different topics and challenges and we addressed questions and concerns as they came up. I was able to learn from different practices to determine which systems or solutions worked best for the THA. I was able to observe different perspectives and appreciate different strategies used to manage diverse Harbour Authorities. My experiences have been invaluable and I recommend the HAABC mentorship opportunity to anyone who is looking to learn more about harbour management in general, or who is interested in learning about specific topics or aspects of harbour management.

Thank you to the HAABC for these excellent opportunities and thank you to everyone who has helped support the THA over the past few years. I really appreciate your time, kindness, patience, and willingness to share your expertise. I don't know what the THA would have done without this great community so thank you all!

Maddy Prince

## **Contribution From Lutz Budde - Oona River HA**

### **The verbiage of abbreviations explained**

**For newbies and people who want to know.**

#### **HAABC**

*Harbour Authorities Association of British Columbia*

Website: [haa.bc.ca](http://haa.bc.ca)

Association of Harbour Authorities managing fishing and community harbours in Pacific Region

Mandate:

*“To maintain effective communication between Harbour Authorities through information exchange, networking and education.”*

#### **SCH**

**Small Craft Harbours**

Website: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/aboutsch-ppb/index-eng.html>

Mandate:

*Small Craft Harbours is a nationwide program run by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). More than 5,000 volunteers assist the program annually. It keeps the harbours that are critical to the fishing industry open and in good repair. The program operates and maintains a national system of harbours to provide commercial fish harvesters and other harbour users with safe and accessible facilities.*

*Small craft harbours are crucial to the fishing industry, and by extension, the Canadian culture and economy. As of September 2018, the program is responsible for 1,008 harbours, including 882 fishing harbours and 126 recreational harbours. Together, these harbours represent over 10,000 structures valued at approximately \$5.6 billion.*

*Small Craft Harbours is a decentralized program. The headquarters used to be in Ottawa but now since April 1st, 2018, the headquarters is located in Moncton, New Brunswick.*

## PRHAAC

### Pacific Regional Harbour Authority Advisory Committee

Website: [www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/consultation/sch-ppb/coc-cdc-eng.html](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/consultation/sch-ppb/coc-cdc-eng.html)Mandate

*Individual and stakeholder's participation in consultations are accompanied by responsibilities. Parties that participate in consultation processes should do so in good faith and with the public interest in mind. Committee members also have a responsibility to engage in effective, balanced and respectful communication. All participants have a responsibility to actively participate and provide non-partisan advice so that the government gets the information it needs to make well-informed and balance decisions, and so that consultation processes operate as efficiently as possible.*

## NHAAC

*Same general principals as PRHAAC. Consultations held at a national level with all region in Canada*

## DFO

### Department of Fishery and Oceans.

Website: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

#### Mandate

*Fisheries and Oceans Canada is the federal lead for safeguarding our waters and managing Canada's fisheries, oceans and freshwater resources. We support economic growth in the marine and fisheries sectors, and innovation in areas such as aquaculture and biotechnology. We help ensure healthy and sustainable aquatic ecosystems through habitat protection and sound science.*

## HAC

### Harbour Authority Corporation

Providing D&O and AD&D insurance services for Harbour Authorities

## VOC

### Vessels of concern

Catch all phrase for derelict, dilapidated and abandoned vessels

**Darlene's Closing Notes:** Thank you for taking the time to read this and actually reaching the end! As Tidal Currents has not made an appearance for awhile, this version was meant to be informative for the new HA's and new staff. Moving forward we would like to make it a bit more fun. Please, anytime you come across something you think our Membership would like, email me a link to it with a subject heading "Newsletter".