



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the 2013 HAABC conference this year. The consensus seemed to be that this year was one of the best conferences we have had. The quality and relevance of the speakers were top notch and everyone I spoke with indicated they were able to take home some new and workable solutions and ideas. As Bob Baziuk, the HAABC president so eloquently stated at the conference “the HAABC is all about being better.”

Now that those of you who attended the conference have had an opportunity to digest the experience, the board of directors of the HAABC and SCH need some information from you to better do our job. We ask that you take a few minutes to assess both your experiences at the conference as well as throughout the year in your harbour.

We will be sending out an email sometime in April with a link to a “Survey Monkey”. This is an easy and effective online method we can use to assess the SCH program and the HAABC. Please complete this survey; your responses will be carefully considered when planning for next year. All completed surveys will be entered into a draw for a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. Don’t miss your opportunity to win! Thanks in advance for your participation!



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HAABC Calendar of Events

April 9-12	PCC Conference, Seattle WA
April 17	North Island Zone Meeting, Sointula HA
May 1	HAABC Board Meeting
May 3	Barbara Schwantes Academic Scholarship Application Deadline
May 22	South Island Zone Meeting, Ladysmith HA
May 23	Mid Island Zone Meeting, Comox HA
May 29	Lower Mainland Zone Meeting, Steveston HA
May 23	Barbara Schwantes Academic Scholarship Award Announcements
June tba	PRHAAC Meeting, Vancouver BC
June 1	Industry Canada HA's Annual Summary Deadline
June 12	HAABC Board Meeting, Vancouver BC
June 14	PCC Board Meeting, Olympia, WA
June 30	Dick Maughan Scholarship Application Deadline
July 18	Conference Committee Meeting, Nanaimo BC
September 12	HAABC Board Meeting
September 16	Conference Committee Meeting, Conference Call
September 18	Sunshine Coast Zone Meeting, Gibsons HA
October 2	North Island Zone Meeting
October 8-10	PCC Conference, Eureka CA
October 16	South Island Zone Meeting
October 17	Mid Island Zone Meeting
October 22	Lower Mainland Zone Meeting
October 24	HAABC Board Meeting
November 1	Harbour Authority Corporation Insurance Payment Deadline
November 15	Conference Registration Packages Mailout
November tba	NHAAC meeting, Ottawa
December 5	HAABC Board Meeting
December 12	Conference Committee Meeting

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HAABC Conference 2013 Nanaimo BC

Mild weather, excellent food, lovely surroundings, interesting presentations, unbridled enthusiasm, good friends and co-workers. These were the elements that made the Harbour Authority Association of BC's 16th Annual AGM a resounding success. The event was held February 12-15th, 2013 at the Vancouver Island Conference Center www.viconference.com on the Nanaimo waterfront. Positive responses from the delegates and a strong sense of camaraderie left both conference organizers and attendees heading home with a deep sense of satisfaction on time well spent.

The conference theme, **Foundation for Success: Building an Effective Organization** was well supported by the speakers and presentations. Although HAs have been around for many years, within the organization there remains a constant desire to be better and stronger.

The conference started off with 3 workshops: Environmental Management Planning, Sheila Freeman, F&O Canada; Electrical Systems, Jim Allen; and Canada Corporations Act, Darryl Anderson, Wavepoint Consulting www.wavepointconsulting.ca. Even though these three workshops have been offered before, the overflowing attendance goes to show our harbours are constantly being proactive to manage their facilities to the highest standards. The ability to provide these added first day workshops has increased the value of the conference, particularly for those from remote communities whose access to training is sometimes challenging. Copies of these and all other presentations can be found in the Private Documents section of the HAABC website. www.haa.bc.ca Contact Leslie contact@haa.bc.ca if you do not have a password.

A social reception officially opened the conference on Tuesday evening. Alan Josul www.alanjosul.ca from Courtenay provided some excellent mellow guitar music, creating a relaxing atmosphere, effectively encouraging lively conversation. The conference catering centre provided outstanding appetizers. The reception was well attended by SCH staff, HA staff, and exhibitors. They all took full advantage of this opportunity to chat with old and new friends. It was an excellent venue to introduce some 'non-west coaster' attendees to island hospitality. Our new friend Tim Wentzell from the east coast took home one of Alan's CDs to share this West Coast talent with his local harbour associates.

Bob Baziuk, HAABC president and Master of Ceremonies started off the proceedings by introducing Andy Ellingsen of Cortes Island Harbour Authority who gave an informative presentation highlighting the challenges and rewards of managing 5 community harbour facilities in a remote setting. These docks are integral to the health of Cortes Island as a community and the harbour authority is doing an excellent job, with the assistance of SCH, determining what the islanders need and providing that to the best of their ability. Cortes Island HA is a shining example of the strength and importance of volunteer involvement in Canadian communities.

The HAABC was honoured with the presence of Linda Gray representing SCH Ottawa. Tim Wentzell from Feltzen Harbour South, Nova Scotia and Ron Courtoreille from Hay River, Northwest Territories represented their respective regions. We greatly appreciate the time they devoted to attend our conference. The opportunity to celebrate our successes with the rest of the country is very dear to the HAABC.

Bob then introduced Sylvie Berube, Associate Regional Director of SCH Pacific. She expressed her appreciation for the candor of people she has spoken with at last night's reception, and the relevance and success of the SCH program. Ken Smith, Regional Director of SCH Pacific spoke of the importance of data in supporting future funding for Small Craft Harbours and the role HAs can take in providing that data.



SCH Regional Distinction awards presentations were made. (see page 7)

After the presentations the delegation took a break allowing for their first opportunity to visit with the exhibitors. The HAABC truly appreciates the participation and support these vendors provide to our conference each year. It is nice to see the delegates, associate members and exhibitors greet each other as old friends, which again demonstrates the value of the conference

HAs from the South Island, Mid Island, and North Island gave harbour updates during the first Ports of Call session. Despite the downturn in the US and the Canadian economies, HAs reported that their revenues remain constant and their organizations remain strong. Following a delicious lunch the delegates broke into two groups. The first group learned about Emergency Preparedness from Terrance Berscheid, Saanich BC Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Terrance stressed the importance of having a plan ready when an emergency strikes. For more information on provincial emergency preparedness go to www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca This was followed by an Oil Spill Preparedness presentation by Bill Jehelka of WCMRC www.wcmrc.com Our thanks to both Bill and Terrance who volunteered their time to provide the HAABC with this valuable information. Meanwhile in the next room, SCH provided a panel discussion on Integrated Projects, Lessons learned – Best Practices. The recent Canada Action Plan, though hugely successful for Harbour Authorities, at times proved to be overwhelming and challenging. Careful planning using lessons learned will ensure a smooth delivery of project dollars in the future.

After the break the congregation reconvened and Ben Maberley took the stage providing an update on the HAC insurance plan. Ben announced that the Bodily injury coverage extends to volunteers up to 80 years of age. Ben expressed his pride in representing our western harbours as a NHAAC advisor, and how his involvement the past ten years has gone by quickly. For more info on the NHAAC please visit: www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/nhaac-ccnap/index-eng.htm

Gina McKay of Fishsafe BC www.fishsafebc.com then took the podium to present the new Safest Catch video. This professionally produced video outlines steps that fishermen can take to ensure they come home safely. Delegates were encouraged to provide the video to the many fishermen using their facilities and to encourage them to participate in the Safest Catch program.

Ryan Greville of Transport Canada Navigable Waters took to the stage to update the HAABC on the Derelict Vessel Survey they conducted last year. The survey is still not complete and results will be shared with the HAABC as they come available. Ryan fielded questions and provided some useful strategies HAs can use when faced with problem Derelict Vessels. Even with the limited funds available to deal with this issue, the Receiver of Wrecks office is proactive in helping HAs come up with workable solutions to this growing harbour problem.

The AGM followed. Three new directors were added to the board. Representing the Sunshine Coast, Robin Millar from Pender Harbour; Mid-Island, Maureen Nordstrom from Fanny Bay HA; and our first Director at Large, Robert Clarke of Comox HA. Without the commitment these volunteer directors bring to the HAABC, it would not be the successful organization it has become. Thank you!

Day 2 began with a breakout session. Session one brought back an old friend to the Harbour Authority Program, Alisdair Smith www.alisdairsmith.com Alisdair has the unique ability to make the subject of board Governance both entertaining and interesting. Session 2 had Richard Chan of SCH outlining the importance of developing an effective Maintenance Plan for your HA.

After the break Shelley Chapelski, Bull Housser LLP www.bht.com, one of the highlights of many HAABC conferences, took to the stage to give her frank and practical advise on dealing with legal issues faced by many HAs. Shelley found herself answering questions well into the lunch break. We do appreciate the time she gives to the HAABC each time she attends the conference →

as well as all the assistance she provides to HAs throughout the year.

The afternoon provided some lighter fare, with a ports of call session for the North Coast, Sunshine Coast, and the Lower Mainland. The day ended on a serious note, with Harvey Delaney of Owen Bird Law Corporation www.owenbird.com giving a sometimes surprising and definitely informative presentation on Human Resources. The use of facts, not presumption is essential to maintaining harmony in the workplace. Good communication must be maintained.

A fabulous banquet featuring Wild BC Sockeye was followed by some mystifying entertainment. Vitaly Beckman, www.sensationofmagic.com hailing from Vancouver BC asked that the audience enlist their imaginations while he displayed his magical powers. Jerry Gasner of Bamfield HA was thrilled to win the raffle prize, a painting by Quadra Island artist June Cameron. Chris Lougheed won the 50/50 draw. A well deserved win, he bought numerous arm lengths of tickets every time Phyllis (Campbell River) approached him with the ticket roll! Thanks Phyllis for all your hard work selling 50/50 and raffle tickets. Proceeds go to the Dick Maughan Scholarship Fund which allows the HAABC to contribute to the education of a deserving student.

The final day of the conference began with a hearty breakfast after which zone meetings were held. Thank you to those who stayed for the zone meetings; they are an essential tool that allows the HAABC board to determine the direction the membership would like the HAABC to take for the coming year.



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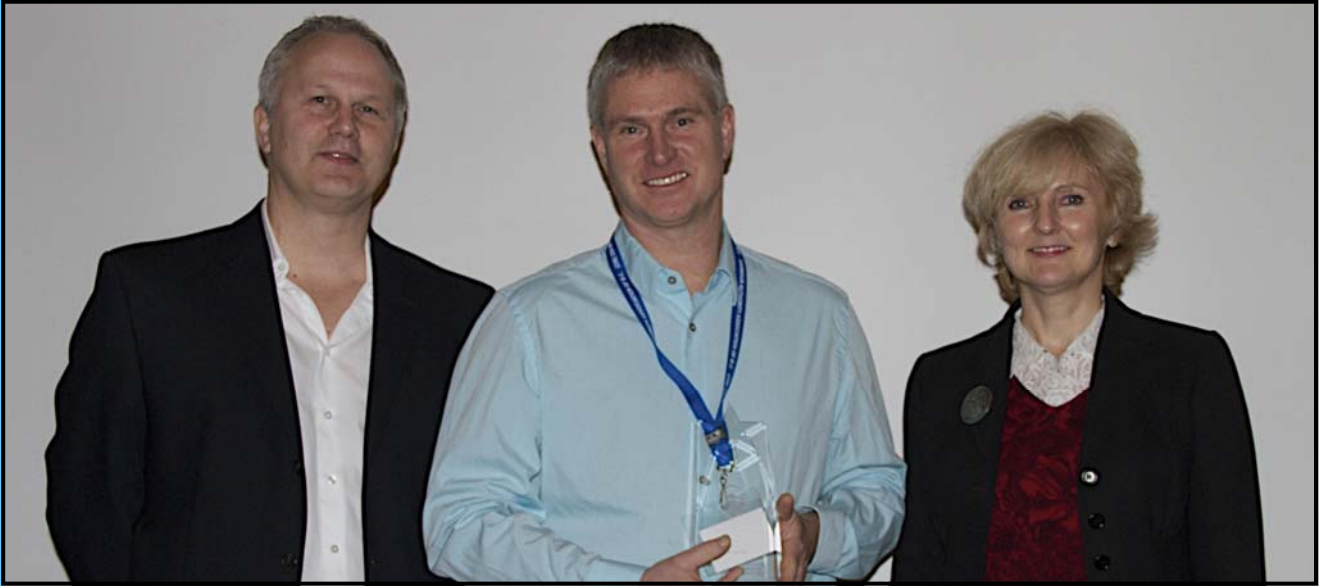


Photo courtesy of Bob Baziuk

At the 2013 HAABC conference in February Ken Smith, Regional Director of SCH Pacific and Sylvie Berube, Associate Regional Director General, SCH Pacific presented **Mike Jacobs – Program Manager, Haisla Fisheries & Harbour Authority** with the Individual Commitment Distinction Award.



Photo courtesy of Bob Baziuk

Mr. Smith and Ms. Berube also presented **Tom Carney, Morley Riley, and Garrett Newkirk** with the Harbour Authority Achievement Distinction Award on behalf of **Bella Coola HA**.

Mike Griswald of Quadra Island Harbour Authority was honoured with the Individual Commitment Distinction Award. Mr. Griswald was unable to attend the conference this year. For more information on the SCH recognition program please go to:

www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/recognition-reconnaissance-eng.htm

by *Christianne Wilhelmson*

We've all heard the saying "change is hard", and that certainly rings true for one of the changes at GSA right now. After more than 12 years, first as Green Boating Program Coordinator, then Director of Special Projects, **Mike Richards** will be leaving us at the end of March.

Mike's contribution to GSA is not easy to put into a few words. A strong commitment to the organization and passion for our local waters have underscored all of his work. When he took over as coordinator of our fledgling Green Boating program in the summer of 2000—a position he embraced enthusiastically as a lifelong sailor—it was full speed ahead.

Right from the start, he was busy meeting with boaters and marina operators, talking up the new program, distributing our *Guide to Green Boating* brochure and marina signs, giving workshops and presentations and participating in various policy forums.

Not everyone he met in those early days was supportive: some marine industry officials were less than receptive to the message of Green Boating. Mike's skills in strategic planning and facilitation were important, and his wonderful Aussie humour helped break down barriers and build a great many very positive relationships.

Travelling by road and sea—reaching marine parks, marinas and anchorages via his own sailboat and dinghy, then later GSA's inflatable—Mike's work has been all about connecting with people. And connect, he has: by 2001, GSA won a prestigious Canadian Safe Boating Award (CASBA) for the Best Environmental Campaign, and in 2008, we won a second CASBA, for "Safeguarding the Environment".

But more than anything, it's been Mike's calm, "steady at the helm" approach to social change that enabled him to transform the young Green Boating initiative into a highly-respected program that's now embraced by our region's recreational boating community. In 2007, Mike oversaw the expansion of his program into *Clean Marine BC* (CMBC), which includes eco-certification of marinas and boating facilities as well as the boater education side that was the focus of Green Boating. CMBC now includes nine certified marinas, with another dozen enrolled and awaiting certification. The program is unique in BC and it's thanks to Mike's strong relationships within the boating and marine industry community that CMBC was able to take root and grow.

Mike has been generous with his time and supportive of the work of other staff and volunteers, contributing to their successes as well. He really showed his leadership in 2009 when, with current Executive Director Christianne Wilhelmson, he successfully co-managed the organization through one of its toughest financial periods.

In 2011 Mike left CMBC in the capable hands of Michelle Young, so that he could take on new challenges within GSA. Since then he's been developing a new Energy and Shipping program, with a particular focus on the Kinder Morgan proposal to almost triple the amount of tar sands crude oil piped to the south coast (*see page 1*). He has laid the groundwork for the new program, creating reliable information for communities around the region and building positive relationships with the variety of citizen and industry sector groups engaging in this issue.

It's been a privilege and a pleasure—and a lot of fun—working with Mike over the years. We'll miss him, and we wish him nothing but the best in whatever adventures he takes on next. "*No worries, mate!*"



*Mike Richards: we'll miss his thoughtful, "steady at the helm" approach.
photo by Brent Cote Scotia McLeod)*

To celebrate the rich tradition of harbours and the maritime industry on the BC Coast many HAABC member harbours play host to exciting events each year. To help you plan your summer here is a list of just a few. These events will also be listed on the HAABC website. Send the date of your event to: contact@haa.bc.ca



Photo courtesy of Mike Loy False Creek, HA

May 11	7th Annual Spot Prawn Fest	False Creek HA
May 19	5th Annual Cowichan Bay Spot Prawn Festival	Cowichan Bay BC
May 24– 26	Lund Shellfish Festival	Lund BC
June 28	Oceans Day	Campbell River BC
June 29—July 1	Ship To Shore Tall Boats Festival	Steveston BC
July 6—8	10th Annual Dragon Boat Festival	Nanaimo BC
July 26	31st Annual Alert Bay Seafest	Alert Bay BC
July 26 –28	Marine Festival /World Champion Bathtub Race	Nanaimo, BC
July 26—27	31st Annual Alert Bay Seafest	Alert Bay BC
July 26—28	50th Annual Sea Fair Festival	Powell River BC
July 27	Pink Salmon Festival	Campbell River BC
July 27—28	Sea Cavalcade	Gibsons BC
August 2—5	Nautical Days /Bullhead Derby	Comox BC
August 4	5th Annual Alert Bay 360 Eco Paddle	Alert Bay BC
Sept. 20 - 22	17th Annual Jazz Festival	Pender Harbour BC



As a harbour manager, you have all heard, or more likely directly experienced, this story in one form or another. A busy couple dreams of sailing the BC Coast so they can escape from their busy lives for even just a few weeks a year. They buy a lovely sailboat and find a willing Harbour Authority to take them on. During the first couple of years, they spend hours sanding and painting, keeping their new baby in perfect form. After a few years they find themselves busier in their jobs, children, maybe grandchildren, dogs, aging parents, the list never ends. Before they know it their boat is in less than perfect shape, they never get to go sailing, and neglect sets in. If left unchecked, worst case scenario, the boat sinks at the dock. They spend hundreds, sometimes thousands to get the boat raised, never mind the possible environmental fines and damage, and are left with broken dreams, broken hearts, and a worthless boat. For some the only option is to spend yet more money to have the boat destroyed and taken to the dump. Sometimes the Harbour Authority is left having to clean up the mess. Hold on, there are positive options with a little creative thinking. Sylvain Chabot of Carihi high school in Campbell River is working hard developing a program, a key component of which is the restoration of wooden boats.

Carihi Nautical Sciences Program

This program is open to grade 10,11,12 students. It will consist of a full semester, starting February 2014, with classes running all day long. It will take the form of a small non-profit business where sailboats and sailing equipment are donated to the school board. The sailboats and sailing equipment will be used to learn about different nautical sciences.

The students will have to appraise and/or repair the equipment and sailboats donated. They will then use the sailboats to acquire sailing skills. Students will have to apply (with resume and cover letter) for different technical positions (3 positions minimum) such as secretary, accountant, mechanic, plumber, propulsion technician, painter, seamstress, rigging technician, chemical handling, electrical technician, and other trades such as media specialist, interior decorator, and marketer.

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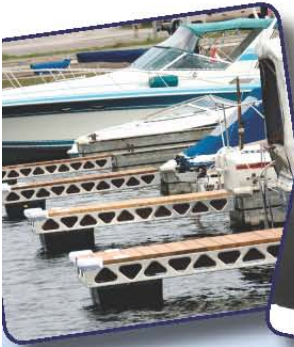
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This initiative will not solve the Derelict Vessel Problem in BC by any means, but shows that with some creative thinking, small community based solutions can be developed to address what seems like insurmountable issues in a positive manner. If you would like to discuss the possibility of developing a program like this in your community and would like to discuss the process, please contact Sylvain at sylvain.chabot@sd72.bc.ca Or if you know of a vessel needing some TLC and an owner that is ready to let go, please pass the information on to Sylvain.

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A new board of directors was elected at the AGM in February 2013.

Lower Mainland Zone, President—Bob Baziuk

South Island Zone, Vice President—Janet Rooke

Mid-Island Zone, Secretary Treasurer—Maureen Nordstrom

Sunshine Coast—Robin Millar

North Island Zone—Eric Gregory

North Coast Zone—Lutz Budde

Director at Large —Robert Clarke

New Harbour Staff Positions

Jean Mesinderino—Harbour Manager, Ford Cove HA

Darlene Dehnholm, Harbour Manager—Lund HA

Sherry Henderson, Acting Harbour Manager—Port McNeill HA

Keri Weick, General Manager—Port Edward HA

Mike Carter, Manager Marina Services —Port Alberni Port Authority

Mike Loy, Harbour Manager—False Creek Harbour Authority

Trevor Amos, Wharfinger—Haisla HA

New Associate Members

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Skidegate Band Council

Janet Rooke, a long serving director on the board of the HAABC, as well as the Harbour Manager at Tsehum HA received the HAABC Life Member Award for 2013. This award is presented each year to someone who has contributed above and beyond what is normally expected of an HAABC member. Janet has been an HAABC board member for 10 years and works hard to serve the members of the South Island Zone.

Neil Gustafson of Lund HA was also a recipient of the Life Member Award this year, but was unable to attend the conference. Neil served as a director on the Lund HA board for 20 years and played an active role in both the planning and operation of the harbour. “I attribute the success of my term to working as a team with SCH, retention of that relationship is key to the continued success of the SCH program.” Neil’s dedication to the HAABC and the Lund HA is just one example of the tenacious nature of the many volunteers that make the SCH HA program a success.

Newsletter Article Submission

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