

TIDAL CURRENTS



HAABC UPDATE

The HAABC board of directors has been working on a 5-year plan for the organization. It is currently in draft form and will be available for distribution in the fall. We are also making preliminary plans for next years AGM/Conference. After carefully reviewing the survey results, and listening to input at zone meetings we have decided to hold the conference in Victoria in 2015. The scheduled dates are Jan. 21 - 23. Look for your registration packages in November!

The HAABC online survey results have been compiled and can be viewed at [HAABC Survey](#). Thank you to everyone who participated, the winner of the HAABC jacket is Kim Mushynsky from the Village of Port Clements. Congratulations Kim!

Developing a training plan for the HAABC membership will take priority over the next few months so that we can get rolling for the fall. If you have staff or volunteers in your harbour who need First Aid Level I, WHMIS, or Transportation of Dangerous Goods please contact me. We also have the resources to provide Fire Training, Oil Spill Response, Project Management, Planning, Governance, and Derrick Maintenance. We are happy to entertain any ideas you may have for training in your Harbour. Please let us know what you need. Budgets are limited so get in touch as soon as you can!

The Bella Coola Harbour Takes Over Ice Plant

Here at the Bella Coola Harbour there has been an Ice Plant since the mid 1980's. Located on the end of the old Transport Canada Wharf, BC Packers installed the Ice Plant soon after the new wharf was built in 1983, the Bella Coola docks had burned down in the early 1980's. When it was installed Loyd Brindelson, operated the plant for BC Packers. In around the early 1990's BC Packers closed up and the Nuxalk Nation took over running the plant, they ran the plant until 2008, at which time during the spring start up they realized that the condenser had issues and was going to need to be replaced. The repairs and replacement would cost \$70,000. Meanwhile the local fisheries had been experiencing lower returns over the past several years.

I had just stepped into my position as Harbour Manager and had been reaching out to the Nuxalk Nation to try and find a solution to get the ice plant back up and running. For several years from 2008 – 2012, I tried to keep a dialogue open and finally the Harbour Authority told the band that they would need to decide, either to fix or remove the ice plant from the wharf. At that point the Nuxalk Nation decided that they did not want to run it and they would either remove the plant or, if we were interested, we could take it over. We brought in a refrigeration contractor first to do an assessment on the equipment and then with a baseline budget we decided that we would take it over. I found a source of matching funding thru the Coast Sustainable Trust, and we committed to invest 37K of the Harbour Authority's money. So with a secured budget of \$110,000 we went to work. The first job was to find a replacement condenser. We looked at several options but decided to go with having a new one manufactured by Henry Technologies in Ontario. Due to logistical problems we did not receive our new condenser until late November 2013 and we were not able to fully run thru all the systems so we had to wait until this spring to complete the repairs to the water system, and identify the other deficiencies.

While we have been successful in getting many of the major repairs done we still have several upgrades and improvements to make. We did manage to service the gillnet fleet for this season and the recreational boaters are happy to see our expanded services. Tom Carney - Harbour Manager



New Harbour Authority

The HAABC is pleased to welcome our newest Harbour Authority! The recently incorporated Seyem' Qwantlen Harbour Authority, located in Fort Langley, became a member of the HAABC in May! They are keen to learn from others in the organization and have already visited Joel at Steveston HA to see how they do business. They will be hosting a Marine Fire Training workshop in September. If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact the HAABC for details.

False Creek Fisherman's Wharf Boat Fire

What was supposed to be a day of mourning for our veterans ended with one of our harbour users mourning the loss of his boat. It was a fairly quiet November 11 at the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf until the phone rang in the early afternoon from some frightened boaters calling to say that one of our boats was on fire.

Our senior employee on shift responded quickly. He was able to call 911, the vessel owner, and myself within the first few minutes of being notified about the fire. He then proceeded up to the main driveway to meet the Fire Department and give them a briefing about the fire and its location. I arrived a few minutes later and noticed the Fire Department already running a fire hose from the street down to one of their trucks parked at the top of the dock. I wondered why they chose to run so much line and waste time when we already have multiple fire hydrants onsite a lot closer than the ones on the street but by that time, it was too late.

When I got myself down to the front lines, the training that I received from John Lewis of Sea Fire Training became very relevant and I sprang into action. With all of the onlookers exceedingly close to the boat, my first concern was obviously safety and I was thinking to myself "Is the boat going to blow up?" Knowing your boats in the harbour is very important for reasons such as this. I knew that the boat was a gasoline boat and I also know that boaters do one of two things with their fuel tanks in the winter months; they either empty them or they fill them right up to prevent condensation building up and creating water in the fuel. More times than not they choose the latter, so my first question to the owner of the boat on fire was "how much fuel do you have on board?" The owner replied "I'm near full, I've got about 800L or so..." Before he even finished his sentence I directed everyone to move further away. During this time the Fire Department was finally dragging the fire hose all the way down the 500' dock. When I mentioned that we have a dry line system already in place they continued to run line down the dock for a few more minutes until they finally decided to use the fire prevention system that we already have in place. While they were making their connections I decided to increase the firewall protection by moving vessels that were close to the burning boat farther away because as everyone knows, once a fire has jumped from one boat to another it creates a chain reaction and has the potential destroy anything in its path. After we created the void space around the burning boat we backed off and left the rest up to the Fire Department.



I understand that Fire Fighters need to be cool, calm and collected but I found them to be moving at a snails' pace. Once the fire broke through a window and started coming out the side of the boat they then seemed to be motivated to put the fire out and once they actually boarded the vessel it only took a matter of seconds before it was extinguished.

In the end, although we had a fire, it ended up being contained and really that's all that you can hope for. You can't always prevent that fire from happening but it's definitely gratifying knowing that you were able to not only save the surrounding boats and infrastructure but were also able to prevent it from creating mass destruction. I can't stress enough the importance of being trained in Marine Fire Fighting as it could be the difference in saving someone's life or your Harbour. If you have the opportunity to get your local Fire Department down to your docks for some training, or more importantly at least have them familiarize themselves with your site, it can make the difference in the outcome of an emergency situation. I feel that my training was well worth the investment and I'll be encouraging the rest of my staff to take the course!

Mike Loy - Harbour Manager

Associate Membership

The HAABC is pleased to welcome our newest associate member. Hub International Barton Insurance has joined the HAABC and has generously offered our membership a premium service. They will offer a 10% discount to any HAABC member, with the added bonus of no deductible for the first 2 years. There is a potential that this discount could increase depending on the number of members who apply. Hub has provided the HAABC with Directors and Officers Insurance for more than 10 years. More recently we have added event liability insurance to our policy. Our experience with this organization has been very positive and we highly recommend you consider this offer for your insurance needs. Marion may be contacting you over the next few months to further outline this exciting proposal!

BC Hydro - Be Powersmart

Have you noticed an increase in your Hydro bills lately? BC Hydro has announced recent substantial increases to their rates over the next five years. These are outlined in their ten year plan [Ten Year Plan](#). Beyond ensuring that you are passing that increase along to your users, you may want to use the tools that BC Hydro offers to optimize your hydro usage.

[Energy Evaluator Tool](#)

[Power Smart Express](#)

Even if you don't use these tools I highly recommend you visit their website, to track and optimize your usage. To track your usage sign up for MyHydro at bchydro.com

Staying informed will assist you in keeping your business current and successful.

Canada Corporations Act

The October 17, 2014 deadline for transition to the new act is just around the corner. If you have not completed this process call the HAABC and we will help you get started. At this point we can assist you in fast tracking the process. The paperwork required can be completed in a short time, obtaining approval from your membership may require some strategizing due to the looming deadline. The HAABC has had experience in overcoming challenges faced by HAs and are eager to assist you. Give Leslie a call at 250-339-3970 or email contact@haa.bc.ca

PCC of Harbormasters and Port Managers

This fall the Campbell River Harbour Authority will be hosting the PCC conference at Painter's Lodge from September 30 - October 3, 2014. Please visit the PCC Website at www.pccharbormasters.org and check out the agenda. The topics chosen this year are especially relevant to Harbour Authorities. If you have any questions about the conference please call Phyllis at 250-287-7931.