

TIDAL CURRENTS



HAABC UPDATE

Moncton or Bust - Maureen Nordstrom



Monday, March 23: I've been on the plane for a couple hours and will land in Toronto to -13C, but no time to relax as I board another plane right away to Moncton. Lots of wind, cold and snow, but I have prairie roots, lots of layers and a fondness for winter. We shall see how long before the

novelty of 9 feet of snow wears off. I'm keen to meet everyone and feel confident the information and materials I present will leave an impression of professionalism and thoroughness not normally found in a volunteer association. So grateful for Leslie and her knowledge and skills in administering the HAABC.

Thursday, March 26: Well, it seems like a week ago I was getting close to my arrival in Moncton! I arrived early evening to lots of snow and cool but not cold temperatures. Tuesday I joined the conference crowd, approximately 190 delegates from the Maritime and Gulf Region. I recognized a few in the crowd, all who have been guests at one of our annual conferences over the years. The SCH staff (and there was 40 out of 46 in the region attending) were on task, and with the assistance of the Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (HAAC) members, the registration, opening remarks, meet and greet and exhibitors/partners area were laid out and executed flawlessly. I've had many years experience assisting in hosting our conferences over the past eighteen years, and the attention to detail and organizing done done by Nicole Bannister, SCH Special Projects & Training coordinator and Lisa Robichaud, Administrative Officer, Client Services was astounding.

The conference had a somewhat different format than ours, with a professional and motivational facilitator, Pierre Battah leading the 2 days through testimonials, table discussions, and presentations. Most of the Eastern HAs are staffed by volunteers and SCH is much more heavily involved in management, development, planning and assistance. There were very few in the room under forty, but the level of long term devotion from the volunteers attending and HAAC members was inspiring. I had the pleasure of spending

some time with their new Regional Director, Alain Hebert, and Leo M Vienneau, SCH Manager of Client Services. Although Minister Gail Shea had to cancel because of airline weather issues, Morley Knight, Regional Director General, Gulf Region joined us and shared her greetings and message.

Five minutes after the conference wrapped up I was on the road to PEI as the guest of Edwin McKie, president of the H. A. of Fortune Bay, current HAAC member, and guest at our 2015 conference in Victoria. You cannot believe the snow here!

Saturday March 28: Edwin and his wife Freda (lobster deckhand extraordinaire) graciously toured me through ice and snow filled harbours. We visited workshops full of fishermen making lobster traps who explained how the various fisheries operate. I was completely immersed in the workings of a typical PEI vessel, from how the traps are set to how the fishermen service their vessels and store them for the winter season. Art MacDonald, Port Manager at Souris HA gave me an extensive tour of their multi-faceted facility, a divested transport Canada



facility. They have done so much partnership, economic development, expansion and support for the community in the past 8 years it made my head spin. They purchased the old lighthouse on the point and opened a gift store, bought adjacent property for a recreational upland winter boat storage, and purchased a cold storage facility, which they also operate. They have a research facility, a large fishing boat marina, a small fishing boat marina, and a recreational marina They lease out all types of areas and buildings and have a secured customs port. Both a ferry service and coast guard station are adjacent to the the facility. And they still have big plans in the works!

The idea of a Harbour Authority Association in this region had been discussed a few years ago with unenthusiastic results. However, there are some long serving harbour boards that feel the communication, education and administrative support that comes with a unified association would prevent volunteer fatigue and assure more standardized management throughout the regions. Similar to what Art Childs did years ago when he went to Newfoundland, I provided curious attendees with a selection of our HAABC print material and USB stick of information, and all were very well received. Their last conference was 5 years ago, and they don't want to wait another 5 years for the next one. I was peppered with questions, invited back in July for a meeting and would not be surprised to hear a steering committee had been formed post fishing season. In Eastern HAs change does not happen fast, so maybe I am being overly optimistic. SCH seems supportive, the volunteers have energy and there are some strong leaders. Most importantly the harbours are much better managed and in better condition than they were before the implementation of the Harbour Authority program.

Sunday, March 29: 3 am wake-up to drive in drifting snow to catch flight one, flight two was

delayed (flat-tire, no crew), missed connection to flight three (made the next one three hours later), waited forever for a taxi, then home! Tired but feeling positive about the state of fishing harbours in Canada, proud of the people who care for them, and excited to connect some time in the future with the many new friends I



made. Thank you for the opportunity to represent BC harbours, and I recommend if you ever have the chance, go walk a dock out East!

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

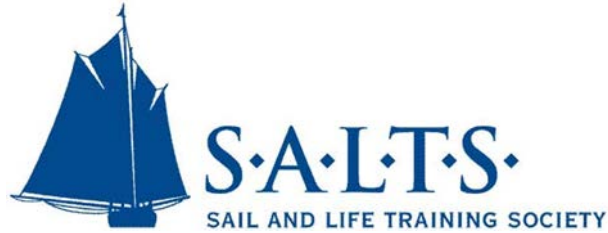
Please join me in welcoming our newest associate member, the Sunshine Coast Regional District. Jesse Agnew is their Facilities Maintenance Technician, one of his duties is acting as the wharfinger for 9 docks in the West Howe Sound and Halfmoon Bay Areas. He has already attended an Oil Spill Workshop and zone meeting and is looking forward to being involved in the HAABC. Look out for him on the email forum. A warm HAABC welcome to you Jesse!

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bull Houser is moving their offices to Telus Garden on April 7. Please note their new mailing address: 1800 - 510 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 0M3 For your interest BH has an interesting newsletter on their website www.bht.com

RETIREMENT

Gina McKay of FishSAFE BC has officially retired from her position as Program Manager after 10 years of building the program to the success it is today. The HAABC wishes her a happy and fulfilling retirement and would like to thank her for her commitment to the commercial fishing industry and her continued support of the HAABC! Her retirement coincides with the 10 year anniversary of the FishSAFE program.



SALTS Boat Donation Program Sends Kids to Sea

Jim Tennant had always been interested in sailing. When it came time to purchase a boat, he included the SALTS Sail and Life Training Society Boat Donation Program in his search. "SALTS had the right boat at the right time and offered the convenience of being on the west coast," explains Jim. **"We knew of the great work SALTS was doing among young people and were pleased to know that in buying a boat from them, we would be supporting that work."** Their purchase - the 50' Beneteau 'Big Ben' - was soon found adventuring in the waters of the west coast including completion of the Vic-Maui Yacht Race from Victoria to Hawaii. When it came time to sell 'Big Ben', Jim and his wife Patricia decided to donate the vessel back to SALTS. "It worked out well in our situation," explains Jim. **"SALTS Boat Donation Program made the process easy. We received a tax receipt for the value of the vessel and were able to continue to support the work of SALTS."**



Above: Big Ben in Lahaina, Hawaii at the completion of the Vic-Maui Yacht Race.



Each year, 1700 young people from all walks of life gain self-confidence, are mentored in life skills, and practice teamwork within the unique environment of sailing aboard a tall ship with SALTS!

Left: Trainees furling the Jib aboard SALTS Tall Ship Pacific Swift.

The SALTS Boat Donation Program sees generous individuals, like Jim and Patricia, donate to SALTS market-ready vessels. SALTS takes care of the details including arranging a third-party survey to determine the fair market value of the vessel. A **charitable tax receipt** for this amount is provided to the donor and a complimentary **Day Sail** aboard one of our beautiful Tall Ships. The vessels are then sold by SALTS and the proceeds help fund sail training programs for young people aboard the *Pacific Swift* and *Pacific Grace*.

"Thousands of young people have participated in our sail training program because of the generosity of those that have donated or purchased their boats through SALTS," explains David Eggert, Boat Donation Program Manager. "We are grateful."

For more information about the SALTS Boat Donation Program, how to donate a boat or to view boats currently for sale, visit www.salts.ca or call: 250-383-6811 to speak to Captains John Andrachuk and David Eggert (pictured to right).



FEATURE ZONE - SUNSHINE COAST

Over the next 6 newsletters each HAABC zone will be featured. At this years seminar you may have noticed a map in the agenda, pointing out each HA. That proved to be very popular (thank you to Rob Clarke, director at large for putting those together). The idea occurred to me that there is a lot to know about the harbours in each zone that would be of interest to everyone. Ideally each HA would contribute something about their harbour, thanks to Darlene at Lund for breaking the ice by providing her local knowledge!

The Sunshine Coast zone is unique in that it is divided in two by Jervis Inlet. The northern portion consists of 4 HAs; Lund HA, Okeover HA, Powell River HA, and Saltery Bay HA. They are a perfect example of the concept of setting up a system of safe harbours within a days travel of each other. The southern portion consists of another 4 HAs; Egmont HA, HA of Pender Harbour, Sechelt HA, and Gibsons Landing HA. Now a bit about each one...

LUND - Harbour Manager Darlene Denholm

While we are all very happy to see spring, no doubt, there are no complaints with the gorgeous winter weather we've had. Here at the north end of the Sunshine Coast we are ahead of schedule with our outdoor painting which means we should have no problem being finished with it all for the May 1 arrival of the prawn fleet. 2014 has brought us an increase in traffic of geoduck aquaculture vessels as there is a large new farm being built in Manson Passage, between Savary and Hernando Islands.

Lund Harbour's location lends itself to a very busy recreational season, with the 700+ summer homes on Savary Island and appr 50 on Hernando Island. These customers are very happy that we now use the space occupied over night by our crew boats for their short term day moorage needs between 8-4. This is ideal for their trips into town for supplies and/or medical needs and the crew boats are not competing for space with the recreational boats when returning home from work. It's a win/win!

As the last stop for those heading north into beautiful Desolation Sound Marine Park we now have 40'+ of pump out space we keep open from 10am to 6pm through the summer and our pump out usage has almost doubled. This space is easily accessible and also invaluable for efficiently dealing with the many broken down vessels being towed in over the summer.

Lund Harbour wishes you all a fun and prosperous season!!

OKEOVER - Okeover is a small dock with a wharfhead and launching ramp. Their primary user is the burgeoning shellfish industry but they also provide moorage for the transient summer crowd. With a fine dining restaurant at the top of the dock they are kept busy with boaters looking for a place to stretch their legs and partake in fine dining.

POWELL RIVER - Powell River is divided into two facilities, the south side is a SCH commercial fishing harbour, the north a marina that services the recreational fleet. Both are

managed by the City of Powell River. They offer transient moorage in the summer and their location makes them extremely popular with boater heading to Desolation Sound.

SALTERY BAY - Saltery Bay is a small dock located adjacent to the Saltery Bay ferry terminal. They are a vital component to the many islanders in the area and have a strong and committed board of directors.

EGMONT - Egmont is a very small community just up the inlet from Earl's Cove. The dock is the last stop before the Skookumchuck narrows and provides a vital link for the working vessels in the inlet. They boast what is the prettiest but tiny office I have seen on the coast.

PENDER HARBOUR - The HA of Pender Harbour operates Madeira Park, Hospital Bay, Whiskey Slough, and Secret Cove. They have a healthy commercial fishing fleet and a very busy summer transient moorage clientele.

SECHELT - Sechelt is locked away at the head of Sechelt Inlet in Porpoise Bay. It is no small feat to get there by boat from Georgia Strait via the Skookumchuck Narrows but is a suprisingly busy place. It is managed by the town of Sechelt.

GIBSONS LANDING HA - Gibsons is the last stop on the Sunshine Coast before hitting the big city of Vancouver. It is the hub of the downtown core. Gibsons has a healthy commercial fishing fleet and is a major provider of recreational and workboat moorage in the area. They have a beautiful drive on dock that provides service to the surrounding island communities, the commercial fishing fleet, as well as many large transient yachts. The expertise of their dynamic board of directors as well as their close relationship with the Town of Gibsons has ensured they keep up to the ever increasing demands of boaters in Howe Sound.

Please visit the HAABC website www.haa.bc.ca and take a virtual tour of the Harbour Authorities that keep these Coastal Communities alive and prospering. Each harbour listing has a 2012 Aerial photo of that facility.

MAINTENANCE TIP FOR SPRING

Do a complete inspection of your water lines. Winter weather can create leaks in your system. Inspect and test your fire lines. Call your local fire department and host a practice at the dock. Don't forget to check your pump out for leaks, that is the last place you want to experience a broken hose!

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

Now that all of the Harbour Authorities in Pacific Region have completed the application for continuance please remember to keep your Corporation's status up to date. If you have any questions regarding your reporting requirements don't hesitate to act. It is much easier keeping your status than having to start from square one. If you have any questions please contact the HAABC office at 250-339-2318.

Your Reporting Obligations under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act*

As a federal not-for-profit corporation you must...

File an Annual Return every year

Please note that this is not your income tax return. This is your corporate Annual Return, and it provides up-to-date information about your not-for-profit corporation. This information is then made available to the public through the Corporations Canada website. Members of the public, financial institutions and many other interested parties rely on this information. **You are required to file an Annual Return every year.**

Obligations

What - Filing an Annual Return

When - Within the 60 days following the corporation's anniversary date

How - File through the [Online Filing Centre](#) or send your completed [Form 4022 - Annual Return](#) to Corporations Canada by [email](#), fax or mail

Fee - \$20 if you file [online](#) or \$40 if not filed online

File Any Change of Registered Office Address

Your registered office address is the official address for communicating with your not-for-profit corporation. Many people rely on this address. Corporations Canada also uses this address to remind you to file your Annual Returns. **A change of registered office address is only effective once it has been accepted by Corporations Canada.**

Obligations

What - Filing a change of registered office address

When - Immediately to effect the change

How - File through the [Online Filing Centre](#) or send your completed Form 4003 – Change of Registered Office Address to Corporations Canada by email, fax or mail

Fee - No fee

Report Changes Regarding Directors

The directors of your not-for-profit corporation have the power and the duty to manage the activities of the corporation. As a result, interested members of the public have a right to know who the current directors are and where they can be reached. **You are required to report any changes regarding directors.**

These changes include:

- the election or appointment of a new director;
- the resignation or removal of a director; and
- any change in the address of a current director.

Obligations

What - Reporting changes regarding directors

When - Within 15 days of the change or, in the case of a change to a director's address, within 15 days of being notified of the change

How - File through the [Online Filing Centre](#) or send your completed Form 4006 – Changes Regarding Directors to Corporations Canada by email, fax or mail

Fee - No fee

File Financial Statements and Public Accountant's Report

This applies only to "soliciting" not-for-profit corporations, which are generally those that receive public donations and/or government grants in excess of \$10,000 in a single

financial year. Corporations Canada makes the financial documents of soliciting not-for-profit corporations available to the public. **You are required to send financial documents every year.**

Obligations

Who - Soliciting not-for-profit corporations

What - Filing copies of financial statements and reports of a public accountant, if any

When - Not less than 21 days before each annual meeting of members or as soon as possible after a written resolution is signed

How - Mail, fax or [email](#) financial documents to Corporations Canada

Fee - No fee

Keep Your Articles Up-to-Date

Your articles set out basic information about your not-for-profit corporation which is then made available to the public through the Corporations Canada website. **You are required to amend your articles if you make changes to the following:**

- the corporation's name;
- the province or territory in which your registered office is located;
- the fixed, minimum or maximum number of directors;
- the classes, or regional or other groups, of members;
- the restrictions on the activities the not-for-profit corporation may carry on;
- the statement of the purpose of the not-for-profit corporation;
- the statement regarding the distribution of property remaining on liquidation;

and

- any other provision included in your articles.

Obligations

What - Filing Articles of Amendment

When - As soon as the amendment has been adopted by members

How - Mail, fax or email your completed Form 4004 - Articles of Amendment to Corporations Canada

Fee - \$200

Send Copies of By-Laws

By-laws set out valuable information about your not-for-profit corporation. Corporations Canada does not review your by-laws but does make them available to the public. In most cases, a by-law is created, changed or repealed by the directors of the corporation and then submitted to the members for confirmation. **You are required to send copies of:**

- all new by-laws;
- any changes to by-laws; and
- any repeal of by-laws.

Obligations

What - Sending copies of by-laws and by-law amendments

When - Within 12 months of confirmation by members

How - Mail, fax or [email](#) copies of by-laws to Corporations Canada

Fee - No fee