

TIDAL CURRENTS



Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who attended the seminar in February, despite the flu that made the rounds during and after, I think the event was one of the best yet. Thank you to Keri, Tammy, and the board members of the Port Edward Harbour Authority for hosting and for arranging the tour and museum visit. Thanks to the HAABC board members who are willing to volunteer their time to help the organization succeed at its mandate “to establish effective communication between Harbour Authorities through information exchange, networking and education.” Thank you to all the presenters, volunteers, Jason at the conference centre, and the staff at the Crest. Your extra effort made the event a success. Congratulations to all the award winners, it is really heartwarming to see that this recognition is so appreciated by the recipients.

For those of you who do not know me, I am president of the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour. I also work at a nearby private resort and marina just inside the mouth of Pender Harbour. As HAABC president I am not interested in taking centre stage, I look at my position as very much a support role, to the HAABC board members, Leslie our staff, and to every HAABC member, especially in the Sunshine Coast Zone where I think I can be of the most help. If you have any issues in your harbour please send me an email and we can set up a call or visit. Maintenance is my speciality!

I have two goals I would like to achieve while president. First to educate HA boards on the benefits of being actively involved with the HAABC, thereby increasing HA director involvement. The HAABC has so much to offer and with the financial support of SCH through the Contribution Agreement we can provide a lot of support. As a director you should attend Fire Workshops, Legal Workshops, Oil Spill Management Workshops, anything that is offered. It is important that you know what you have signed on for and how you can best protect both yourself and your HA. Secondly I would like to increase our associate membership. I challenge every HA to sign up one associate member. For each dollar we receive in membership fees, we have been leveraging 10 times that in funding. In addition associate members provide an excellent resource for HAs in providing insurance, planning, legal services, etc. tailored specifically to the needs of HAs.

On closing I encourage you all to consider implementing the new Moorage Agreement we distributed at the seminar. It is a solid document with legal clout. I hope to see you soon at a harbour near you. Robin Millar

2016 Calendar of Events

April 4	HAABC Board Meeting
April 5-8	PCC Harbormasters Conference, Vancouver BC
April 27	North Coast Zone Meeting
April 5	North Island Zone Meeting
April 12	Mid Island Zone Meeting
April 19	Lower Mainland Zone Meeting
April 26	South Island Zone Meeting
May 31	2017 HAABC Seminar Planning Meeting
June 1	HAABC Board Meeting
June 1	Barbara Schwantes Project Grant and Scholarship Applications
June 15	Tidal Currents Newsletter
June 24	Barbara Schwantes Project Grant and Scholarship Announcement
June 30	Dick Maughan Memorial Marine Scholarship Application
July 27	2017 HAABC Seminar Planning Meeting
September 15	Tidal Currents Newsletter
September 21	HAABC Board Meeting
October 5	Sunshine Coast Zone Meeting
October 6	North Island Zone Meeting
October 11-14	PCC Harbormasters Conference, Bremerton, WA
October 18	Mid Island Zone Meeting
October 20	Lower Mainland Zone Meeting
October 25	North Coast Zone Meeting
October 27	South Island Zone Meeting
November 1	HAC Insurance Payment Deadline
November 3	HAABC Board Meeting
December 7	HAABC Board Meeting
December 15	Tidal Currents Newsletter

Charging Interest on Accounts

A recent post on the HAABC forum email was asking questions about charging interest rates on accounts. In Canada we are governed by the Canada Interest Act (CIA) relevant excerpt posted below. This Act was written over 100 years ago, the latest version updated on June 18, 2008. Here are some additional recommended Best Practices when charging interest on overdue accounts.

- Interest rates should be included on each invoice along with a due date.
- Interest should be stated as the effective rate of interest, not the APR.
- Interest rates should be included in your contract ie moorage agreement. Note that the new HAABC generic moorage agreement has included a section for this.
- Accounting programs are often developed in the United States and should be carefully vetted to ensure they comply with the (CIA)
- All interest charged each month should be reviewed for errors. (Again don't rely on your accounting program.)

Interest Act R.S.C., 1985, C. I-15

No restriction except by statute

2 Except as otherwise provided by this Act or any other Act of Parliament, any person may stipulate for, allow and exact, on any contract or agreement whatever, any rate of interest or discount that is agreed on. R.S., c. I-18, s. 2.

Interest rate when none provided

3 Whenever any interest is payable by the agreement of parties or by law, and no rate is fixed by the agreement or by law, the rate of interest shall be five per cent per annum. R.S., c. I-18, s. 3.

When per annum rate not stipulated

4 Except as to mortgages on real property or hypothecs on immovables, whenever any interest is, by the terms of any written or printed contract, whether under seal or not, made payable at a rate or percentage per day, week, month, or at any rate or percentage for any period less than a year, no interest exceeding the rate or percentage of five per cent per annum shall be chargeable, payable or recoverable on any part of the principal money unless the contract contains an express statement of the yearly rate or percentage of interest to which the other rate or percentage is equivalent. R.S., 1985, c. I-15, s. 4; 2001, c. 4, s. 91.

Recovery of sums paid otherwise

5 If any sum is paid on account of any interest not chargeable, payable or recoverable under section 4, the sum may be recovered back or deducted from any principal or interest payable under the contract. R.S., c. I-18, s. 5.

National On-Line Licensing System

As the fishing season is starting you may get requests for assistance from your fisherman customers to get their on line licence. I encourage you to help them out, once you have done it a few times it is an uncomplicated process. If you have any questions give me a call and I can assist. Recently I helped a gentleman get his Fisher Registration Card. I completed the usual steps, received a receipt for payment, and awaited the email instructing me to print his licence. I waited, he went fishing, I went away to meetings, 11 days passed. Every day I checked the website to see if the licence was available to print. Finally I phoned the number on the website and within a few hours I received his licence. By this time the fishery was over and he had returned home. I mailed him his licence. In future I will phone sooner, the staff I spoke to was very helpful and friendly. Except for this glitch I would give the system an A+ rating!

Leslie

DICK MAUGHAN MEMORIAL MARINE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Dick Maughan, the Harbour Authority Association of BC will award one \$500 academic scholarship annually to a qualified individual who is graduating high school and is enrolled in a BC post-secondary program in marine education or harbour operations and development OR to a qualified individual who is already enrolled in such a program OR to an HAABC member who wishes to take a University of Alaska online training course. Applications are due June 30, 2016. Visit the HAABC website for application forms.

HAABC WEBSITE

The new HAABC website will be launched today (barring any technological challenges). What can you expect from the new site?

- A new cleaner updated look.

- All information will be current and up to date.

- The site will be easier to navigate.

- Past seminar presenters and themes will be listed.

- Past seminar exhibitors and their business links.

- Photos and more photos.

This is where you come in. Please send photos of your harbour that we can post on the website. Just like the Ports of Call please send them to me in JPEG format. Include your name and harbour so we can post that information on the website. We welcome all suggestions or comments on the new site.

Clean Marine BC

Great Victoria Harbour Authority has recently achieved a four-anchor rating from Clean Marine BC for its marinas, increasing their eco-rating certification since their original audit in 2012. A formidable accomplishment considering the size and scope of their operations. For more details read the article on the [Georgia Strait Alliance Website](#). Congratulations to everyone at GVHA whose hard work and commitment to the environment made this possible!

HAABC Eco Rated Member Harbours

Okeover Harbour Authority - 3 stars

Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour - 3 stars

False Creek Harbour Authority - 5 stars

False Creek HA is hosting the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers 42nd membership conference in Vancouver from April 5-8. While it is late to make plans to attend you may want to check out the [Agenda](#) to see what you will miss. [Presentations](#) from this and past conferences can be found on their website.

The summer boating season is fast approaching. To assist you in managing your summer boaters please download [Transport Canada's Safe Boating Guide](#). Share with your boaters.



HARBOUR ART

Angela Smith

Environmental Management at Harbours

REQUIREMENTS OF THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY LEASE

In the Harbour Authority Lease with Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Harbour Authority agrees to comply with Federal environmental legislation and applicable Provincial, Territorial and Municipal environmental legislations, regulations, rules or guidelines.

The mechanism for doing this is a written Harbour Environmental Management Plan. This plan should contain enforceable environmental rules for harbour users and environmental best management practices. It should also contain a way of reporting on progress.

The Environmental Management Plan is not something cast in stone; it should be periodically reviewed and updated to suit how harbour operations change with time. SCH regional office is responsible for ensuring that Harbour Authorities develop and implement an Environmental Management Plan and for assisting them in that task.

Currently most SCH harbours have an Environmental Management Plan in place. It is important for Harbour Authorities to review the effectiveness of this document periodically and make changes as required to improve its usefulness.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY RESPONSIBILITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Harbour Authorities must assign specific responsibilities to specific persons to address a particular environmental issue. In general, Harbour Authorities should:

- Develop, endorse, post, and abide by a Harbour Environmental Policy;
- Monitor compliance with applicable environmental legislation;
- Develop and enforce Harbour Environmental Rules;
- Communicate environmental information and requirements regularly to harbour users;
- As part of regular business, monitor harbour activities daily;
- Develop a procedure to manage cases where harbour users do not follow the Harbour Environmental Rules;
- Discuss environmental management at Harbour Authority meetings;
- Follow-up on all environmental items in a timely fashion; and,
- Always set a good example in environmental management.

Excerpt from the Small Craft Harbours Harbour Authority Manual/
Environment 2012