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2023 HAABC Seminar

After a brief hiatus, another successful Seminar was held in lovely Victoria, BC. Learn more.



Hello members and friends of the Harbour Authority Association of BC.

What a terrific start to 2023! It was truly wonderful to once again host and see everyone's smiling faces at our annual seminar back in January. Victoria served as the perfect venue to welcome us all back together for a full week of networking and informative sessions. Just a quick thank you to all the attendees, speakers, and guests for making it such a memorable seminar. Also, to Small Craft Harbours (SCH) for their presentations and updates, and for ultimately making themselves available to speak with many of the HA Staff and Directors throughout the week.

I can't express enough appreciation for the confidence of the HAABC Board of Directors and for the opportunity by electing me to a third term as President, allowing me to lead this highly successful organization that I'm so passionate about, and proud to be a part of. Please do not hesitate to connect with me about anything HAABC related. Whether you are in need of assistance or have an idea or suggestion to improve our organization, I'm always available to you and the HAABC!

Enough can't be said about the volunteer efforts of the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment to the success of the HAABC. I would like to thank Julie Blood, previously the VP and Harbour Manager of the Harbour Authority of French Creek, and Lutz Budde, Director from the Oona River HA, and previous Director at Large. Both individuals dedicated countless hours around the table, and we very much appreciated their knowledge and expertise. As Julie and Lutz have moved on, it provides a great opportunity to welcome to the Board, first time Director Leslie Taylor, Harbour Manager at the Comox HA as the Mid-Island Zone Director. Some of you know and remember when Leslie was our HAABC Administrator for several years, and the excellent work she did for us in that role. With her extensive experience, we are excited to have her on the team. We also have joining us, Jean Miserendino from the Fords Cove HA in the Director at Large position. Although Jean is new to the Board, he has been a fixture at his HA since 2012, managing his facility quite successfully.

We are excited to continue the forward direction of this organization as we're seen as a leader amongst our industry peers. As such, we have been working diligently to provide as many offerings as possible to help build capacity at your respected facilities. These programs are only successful if individuals are using and taking advantage of them. During the seminar we spoke about the wide variety of training available to assist you in the day-to-day operation of your HA, accompanied with the new training videos we were fortunate to put together using funds that unexpectedly became available due to all the Covid restrictions.

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All of these offerings are a great way to build capacity that will undoubtedly give you the tools you need to succeed. Further to that, the HAABC offers legal and mentoring support, and have also started the crane training program and have successfully run through a series of these workshops. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please don't hesitate to connect with your Zone Director, or our Administrator Darlene Denholm. We will continue delivering the regular Oil Spill and Marine Fire Fighting workshops as well. So, keep an eye/ear out for our next visit to your area!

As spring has now sprung, I wish you all the best of luck in taking care of some of those nagging items that have been put off over the winter and getting your HA's ready for another successful season of commercial fishing and boating. I would also like to encourage you to partake in the upcoming Zone Meetings to stay informed and up to date with other HA's in your zone as well as industry updates from SCH. These meetings are full of relevant information for your HA and helps guide the HAABC Board to ensure we are meeting membership needs while providing a great opportunity to walk the docks of another HA.

Thank you all for your time and support of everything HAABC related. Stay well and keep up the excellent work!

Mike Loy - HAABC President

The HAABC 2023 Board of Directors and Executive are:

Mike Loy, President and Lower Mainland Director, FCHA

Chris Lougheed, VP and Sunshine Coast Zone Director, GLHA

Keri Dybhavn, Treasurer and North Coast Zone Director, PEHA

Jean Miserendino, Director at Large. FCHA

Janet Rooke, South Island Zone Director, THA

Leslie Taylor, Mid Island Zone Director, CVHA

Anika Tarata, North Island Zone Director, PHHA

Spring Zone Meeting Dates

We hope to see you, either live or virtually at your Zone Meeting.

Let us know if you are attending live to ensure your lunch order!

April 3, 2023 - Lower Mainland Zone - Location: Squamish

April 5, 2023 - South Island Zone - Location: Saltspring Island

April 12, 2023 - Sunshine Coast Zone - Location: Gibson's

April 13, 2023 - North Coast Zone - Location: Virtual

April 19, 2023 - North Island Zone - Location: Port McNeil

April 20, 2023 - Mid Island Zone - Location: Port Alberni

HAABC Office Closure

The office will be closed from June 2 - 18th, 2023 for annual vacation. Please feel free to reach out to your Zone Director for any questions during this time.



The Van Isle 360 yacht race will be happening June 3 thru 17th, after a 4 year hiatus. There are currently a total of 41 boats registered. A crew change will take place in Port Hardy, where the race awards ceremony will be held. This year, you can follow the vessels in real time, with their online vessel tracker. Visit <https://www.vanisle360.com/> to find out more.

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

SCH Distinction Awards

SCH Awards were given to these deserving recipients:

Regional Distinction:

Herb Carpenter, Ocean Falls HA: Individual Achievement Award
Jim Heath, HA of Salt Spring Island: Individual Achievement Award
Carol Doyle, Gibson's Landing HA: Long Standing Service Award
Michael Griswold, Quadra Island HA: Long Standing Service Award
Bruce Evans, Fanny Bay HA: Long Standing Service Award
Gordon McLellan, Fanny Bay HA: Long Standing Service Award
Joe Tarnowski, Fanny Bay HA: Long Standing Service Award - in memoriam



HAABC Lifetime Membership Award

The HAABC was proud to present Darlene Denholm with the 2023 award.

Darlene has been working in the industry 20+ years, with 7 years at Lund HA, 3 years as HAABC Director before stepping down in 2019 to join us in the roll of HAABC Administrator.

We are fortunate to have her skills and positive attitude in our organization, and cannot thank her enough for her hard work and support.



HAABC Long Standing Service Award

The HAABC was proud to present Janet Rooke the 2023 Long Standing Service Award. Janet has been with Tsehum Harbour Authority since the beginning of time, lol, and has been a Director of the HAABC since joining the board in 2003 for the South Island Zone.

In the early years Janet was our Sunshine Girl, making sure newcomers were welcome and milestones acknowledged.

In the years since she has mentored and supported countless staff and directors at our harbours!

Thank you for being a friend ;)



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The HAABC was thrilled to offer the first in-person conference since 2020. Networking with over 130 attendees including HA staff and directors, SCH staff, vendors and guests from across the country, in beautiful Victoria, BC. It was a packed 3 days of presentations and activities. Seminar presentation pdf's and further info are shared on the HAABC website, "Member's documents".

Topics included: Board Governance with Deb McClelland; Director's Legal Responsibilities with League and Williams (LaW). Conflict Resolution with Michael Lomax, TC and the CGG gave updates on Vessels of Concern, LaW also reviewed the Warehouse Lien Act and Kleanza Consulting gave a presentation on the Heritage Conservation Act. We also received updates from SCH's Engineering and Client Services teams, Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative, Clean Marine BC and BC Used Oil Management Assoc. As shown by the raised hands in the picture below, approximately 50% of the participants were first time seminar attendees! So great to see!!



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Contacting Small Craft Harbours

Please start with your Program Officer, who is your first point of contact at Small Craft Harbours (SCH). The detailed list of harbours assigned to Program Officers is always available in the "SCH Toolbox" folder on the Member Documents section of the HAABC website. Call the HAABC office or your Director if you are in need of the password to access.

We appreciate and thank you for your commitment to starting with your Program Officer, which helps the SCH Program to best serve you and the other harbour authorities on the coast.

To help us best serve you, please do not contact the SCH Engineering group directly. Engineers are assigned by project, not by harbour. If an Engineer is assigned to a specific project, they will share their contact information with you for direct communication and coordination on that specific project. For inquiries outside of that specific project, please contact your Program Officer.

If you don't know who to contact at SCH, our Front Desk remains available at **DFO.SCH_Front_Desk-Reception_PBB.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and 604-314-6978**. The Front Desk is checked daily, Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays). Inquiries will be assigned to the appropriate person within 24 hours of your contact.

Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program

We are pleased to inform you we are now accepting funding applications under the Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program (AWVRP) for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the process will remain the same as previous years.

The updated application form, application guide, Frequently Asked Questions and other supporting documents can be found at <http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/vessels-bateaux/index-eng.html>.

The Small Craft Harbour (SCH) AWVRP has a national funding envelop of \$250,000 annually to fund projects from Harbour Authorities and other eligible recipients to remove and dispose of abandoned and/or wrecked vessels located within small craft harbours owned by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Lam.Hughson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and I will be happy to help you through the process.

Applications are due to lam.hughson@dfo.mpo.ga by 4:00 pm May 5, 2023.

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Dick Maughan Memorial Scholarship

Marine Education \$500

**Interested in a
career on the water?**

**Are you enrolled or planning to enrol in a BC
post-secondary education program in marine
education or harbour operations and development?**



**\$500 Scholarship
awarded annually in memory
of Dick Maughan in recognition of
his contributions to the formation of
the Harbour Authority Association of BC
Deadline for application: June 30
To apply visit www.haa.bc.ca**