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The latest news, views, and announcements

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2024 HAABC Seminar

Another successful Seminar was held in Prince Rupert, BC.

Learn more.

Zone Meeting Dates

Save the date for your April Zone Meetings!

See you then!!

Award Winners

See who the SCH Regional Distinction Awards and HAABC Lifetime Membership Award went to in 2024!!

In memoriam

Find tributes to those the HAABC community has lost and their devotion to the community.



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

What a terrific start to 2024! We want to thank everyone for making the trip north to support Port Edward Harbour Authority for three days of networking and informative sessions at the 2024 Seminar in Prince Rupert. 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.

Enough can't be said about the volunteer efforts of the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment to the success of the HAABC. We would like to thank Mike Loy for the years he spent on the HAABC Board and as President and Seminar MC. Mike dedicated countless hours around the table, and on the road, mentoring and visiting many harbours. We very much appreciated him sharing his knowledge and expertise. With Mike's departure we welcome Catherine Lea-Smith from Squamish Harbour Authority as your new Lower Mainland Zone Director. Welcome aboard Cathie!!

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.

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. We have now completed two years of crane training workshops and have one more year to go before it moves to an online program. 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!

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.

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The HAABC 2024 Board of Directors and Executive are:

Chris Lougheed, President & Sunshine Coast Zone Director

Anika Tarata, Vice President & North Island Zone Director

Catherine Lea-Smith, Treasurer & Lower Mainland Zone Director

Keri Dybhavn, North Coast Zone Director

Janet Rooke, South Island Zone Director

Leslie Taylor, Mid Island Zone Director

Jean Miserendino, Director at Large

Spring Zone Meeting Dates:

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

April 4, 2024 - North Coast Zone - Location: Virtual

April 10, 2024 - Sunshine Coast Zone - Location: Pender Harbour

April 16, 2024 - North Island Zone - Location: Port McNeill

April 17, 2024 - Mid Island Zone - Location: Campbell River

April 23, 2024 - Lower Mainland Zone - Location: Mission

April 24, 2024 - South Island Zone - Location: Nanaimo

Clean Marine BC - 2024 Update - Jacob Banting, CMBC Coordinator

Clean Marine BC (CMBC) aims to reduce potential environmental impacts of the boating industry through our volunteer eco-certification program for harbour authorities, marinas, and other boating facilities. We recognize our 45 certified facilities for their use of environmental best practices and continue to provide support tailored to each location in reaching their environmental goals. As well as other incentives such as reduced waste and costs, community support, and discounts.

We are excited to continue our boater outreach this season. CMBC trained volunteers distribute our free Clean Boater Kits to boaters at many different locations and events. Each kit is packed with spill supplies and resources including our Guide to Green Boating and other informational tools. We train our volunteers to have thorough conversations with boaters about all the tools in the kits.

Thank you to Okeover Harbour Authority for showing their commitment in educating boaters last summer by handing out Clean Boater Kits! We would love to see more harbour staff take part in our program and help educate boaters at their facilities and provide them with the knowledge they need to ensure they are clean boaters! To learn more about the program and get involved please reach out to cmbc@georgiastrait.org

HAABC Office Closure

The office will be closed from June 13-23, 2024 for annual vacation. Please feel free to reach out to your Zone Director for any questions during this time.



The Harbour Authority Corporation (HAC) is a federally incorporated body whose mandate is to work on behalf of all Harbour Authorities (HA).

Its mission is to offer to all its members, insurance coverage that is not already provided by the Third Party Liability Insurance (TPLI) purchased by Small Craft Harbour (SCH).

*Don't leave anything to chance, **protect** yourself, your board of directors, your members and your volunteers against the potential financial impact of injuries or personal claims arising from your harbour operations.*

In case of a claim or for all inquiries related to the **D&O Liability Insurance** or the **ADD/BI Insurance** offered by the Harbour Authority Corporation, you can contact:

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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:

Chris Lougheed: Gibsons Landing HA: Individual Achievement

Jaime Gusto: Steveston HA: Individual Achievement

Jim Brown: Lund HA: Individual Achievement

Mark Rudderham: Oona River HA: Long Standing Service

Bill McKee: Lund HA: Long Standing Service



HAABC Lifetime Membership Award

The HAABC was proud to present Anika Tarata with the 2024 award.

Anika won the contract to manage Port Hardy facilities in 2018 and quickly learned the benefits of the HAABC, utilizing mentoring and training opportunities.

She joined the HAABC Board as North Island Zone Director in 2020 and is now mentoring HA's herself. Congratulations Anika!!

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The HAABC was thrilled to offer the 2024 Seminar on the unceded traditional territory of the Tsimshian First Nations. Not often do we get to Prince Rupert and it was a delight. Thank you to Keri, Tracey and the PEHA staff for their help with a very successful event! Networking with over 100 attendees including HA staff and directors, SCH staff, vendors and guests. 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".

Presentations included: SCH Update; WorkSafeBC, keeping safe while on the job; Clean Marine BC update; Ship Source Oil Pollution Fund; SCH Crane Policy; SCH Overview of Units; CCG & TC, Pollution and Hazardous Response; Haisla Harbour Authority; League and Williams answered your legal questions; Environmental Management Planning; Coastal Marine Maintenance and Repair (Rob Clarke) on the docks and the HAABC Board held a mock Board Meeting that was both very fun and engaging. The Olde Time Trolley Company also gave us tours of the city.

Thank you to vendors Aquacan Floatation, Go Green Wastewater, WCMCR, Coastal Marine Maintenance and Repair, Government Windows and Rugged Coast Research Society. Their continued support of our membership is invaluable so please remember to support them too.



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HAABC Annual Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTP23KK>

The survey will close April 1st, so there are still a couple days to complete if you have not yet!
We love the requests and suggestions we see coming in so far and want to give you a few reminders:

Electrical: Everything we can teach you about electrical testing and kiosk maintenance is available to you 24/7 though our training video on our website. There is also the recorded version of the Corrosions and Electrolysis Workshop in the 2022 winter workshops section.

Conflict Resolution: A never ending topic, we are pleased to have a recorded video session with Michael Lomax in the "2021 Seminar HAABC Videos" folder on the website. He has also provided us with some excellent reading in the "Conflict Resolution" folder below the videos. Articles such as: Calming Upset People with E.A.R. (Empathy, Attention and Respect); and How to give a BIFF Response (Brief, Informative, Friendly and Firm); Dealing with High Conflict People; Talking to the "Right Brain" in a Conflict and Yes, No, I'll Think about it, Two tips for Resolving any Conflict. Remember these are available to you 24/7.

Spill Response: While these workshops can be tough to provide for a Seminar as they are full day workshops, please feel free to contact the HAABC Administrator if you would like to host one.

New Harbour Managers: There is a training video on the website and mentoring available. Just ask ;)

Governance: Our new Governance training video is complete and should be uploaded to our website next week. I will share the link through the forum once uploaded. We can also host virtual Governance Training Sessions with the wonderful Deb McClelland anytime we have enough interest.

<https://www.onboardtraining.biz/>

Preserving Your Legacy - Mark Higginbottom, Sagacity Business Services mark@sagacitybusiness.ca

I've had the privilege of walking the docks of some of the west coast Harbour Authorities and remain inspired by the important work that Managers and their teams are doing to operate their harbours serving as the gateway to the Pacific. During my conversations with local Harbour Managers I became vastly aware of the reliance on paper based and manual processes to maintain day-to-day operations and how much information is kept in their heads.

This presents both a risk and an opportunity.

The risk is that institutional memory and expertise may be lost as senior staff consider retirement and younger generations stepping into these important roles aren't interested in moving paper around when they know there are easier, faster ways to do things. This can be a big obstacle to succession planning and a significant risk to operational continuity. This is where the opportunity lies. The advancements in technology have made it possible for smaller, more cost-conscious organizations to streamline their processes, reduce administrative overhead and provide long term retention of, and access to, all kinds of data.

Forward-thinking leaders are beginning to think about digitizing moorage agreements and adopting POS systems to replace handwritten receipts. Replacing daily pen and paper "dock walks" with an app on an iPad can help to reduce the administration time it takes to document and report those statistics, while also making it possible to capture safety infractions, log and track maintenance issues, collect signatures and even invoice clients directly.

These incremental changes may seem small, but the savings and reduced costs and risks, and increased customer satisfaction are well worth considering for the long term success of Harbour Authorities.

How Do I Get Started?

We all know that technology can be the greatest enabler of our success or our biggest obstacle. The important thing is to prioritize your needs to optimize your investment. Rather than piece meal your approach to digitization, embark on a right size digital strategy roadmap that aligns with your overall business objectives. In other words, and as Stephen Covey likes to remind us, "begin with the end in mind".

What do you envision for the future of your harbour and the association?

How will you preserve your legacy and set the next generation up for success?

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In Memoriam

Derek Krueger, Harbour Manager for Kanaka Landing HA

With heavy hearts we pay tribute to the memory of a man whose spirit and values have left an indelible mark on us all. Derek's legacy will be forever remembered and cherished by the board as they navigate through the poignant task of preserving the harbour he loved so dearly. - Derek's unwavering commitment to tradition and his love for the old school ways of life were the hallmarks of his character. It is with deep respect and heartfelt intention that the board endeavors to honor Derek's memory by maintaining the harbour as he would have wished – untouched by the hands of modernity. In this effort, we pledge to keep the harbour as is, as much as possible, echoing Derek's preference for the timeless and the classic. His passion for the heritage and history embedded in every nook and cranny of the harbour will be their guiding light as they strive to preserve its essence. Derek's influence was not only felt in the physical structures of the harbour but also in the very fabric of its community. His dedication to keeping things old school was a testament to his belief in the enduring beauty of tradition and the importance of preserving the past for future generations. As we embark on this journey to honor Derek's memory, let us carry forward his legacy of appreciation for the authentic and the time-honored. May the harbour stand as a living testament to his values, a place where the echoes of the past resonate, and where the spirit of Derek continues to guide us.

Brian Roth, Harbour Manager for Sooke HA

Brian, who touched the lives of all those fortunate enough to know him. Born in Taber, Alberta, and raised in the heart of the prairie farming community of Bow Island, Brian's journey through life was one filled with purpose, passion, and a commitment to the values he held dear.

His thirst for knowledge and commitment to education led Brian to graduate from the University of Lethbridge with degrees in both Education and Biology. Throughout his adult life, he became a steadfast advocate for lifelong learning, social justice, and environmental stewardship. Utilizing his education, he contributed significantly to the protection of Old Growth Forest and Wild Salmon as a computer programmer and tech professional at the University of Victoria and the Provincial government. In his so-called retirement, Brian embraced his favorite role as Sooke's Wharfinger/Harbourmaster, delving into the rich marine fishing history and community of Sooke. A founding member of the Sooke Sailing Co-op, he found joy in pursuits such as reading, hiking, biking, and, most importantly, spending time with family and friends. - As we bid farewell to this good man, let us remember him with love, gratitude, and the inspiration to continue his legacy of learning, justice, and environmental stewardship. May his spirit live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his kindness, and may we find solace in the memories we shared with Brian Roth.

Joseph Wright, Chairman for Gibsons Landing HA

It is with deep sadness that the Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority announced the passing of Dr. Joseph Douglas Wright, President of the GLHA board of directors. He was 81 years old. Joe was a man who enjoyed tackling the big problems. He was unfailingly committed to getting the job done and pitched in with his time and work ethic to find a solution, whether it was laying the foundation of his retirement home on Gambier Island with his wife or alerting a municipal government to address a public safety hazard. All problems had a solution in his limitless mind, they just required the right approach. - Education was important to Joe. He earned a degree in chemical engineering at the University of Alberta, followed by further study at Cambridge University. He joined the faculty of McMaster University in 1969, then went to work for Xerox Research Centre of Canada from 1977 to 1994. Then he went on to become the President and CEO of the Pulp and Paper Research Centre of Canada, until his retirement in 2006. He was the holder of six patents and served in many professional associations. He served on the Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority board of directors for 13 years, adding his expertise as the HA began an ambitious project of harbour expansion. His skills were pivotal in the addition of a drive-on float, the first step towards the goal of expanding the moorage capabilities of Gibsons by 100 slips. The task of being President of the GLHA fell to him in 2016, a position he devoted many hours to. Joe also served on the BC Ferries Advisory Board for Area F and a member of the Gambier Fire Equipment Group. May he rest in peace.

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In Memoriam

Richard Michelson, Harbour Manager for Sointula HA.

Dick was born in Alert Bay, BC and called Rough Bay on Malcolm Island his home for all of his 94 years. Dick was a well-respected commercial fisherman; a highliner who owned and operated numerous boats over his long career on the ocean. The last boat he built was the "Island Sun" which is still in operation with family. As one of the founding members of the "Malcolm Island Lions Club" (MILC) in 1972, he was instrumental in the forming of the MILC Harbour Authority with SCH. He spent countless hours volunteering for the Harbour Authority with time, equipment and resources. He also was impetus behind the MILC taking over the Transport Canada Wharf in the centre of Sointula. Dick knew that there was no other community entity willing and capable of taking on this role. It was his desire to preserve the rich history of commercial fishing on the island and he was the inspiration behind creating the memorial to island fishermen lost at sea that stands at the entrance to the harbour. He also worked to ensure the maintenance of the community infrastructure for the benefit of the town's fishing fleet. Dick will always be a valued, cherished member of this community. Dick was also father to MILHA's current manager Lorraine Williams. A very devoted family!!



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Dick Maughan Memorial Scholarship

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post-secondary education program in marine
education or harbour operations and development?**



**\$500 Scholarship
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of Dick Maughan in recognition of
his contributions to the formation of
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