

Tidal Currents

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Hello HAABC community,

As the last days of Summer 2024 wind down along the British Columbia coast, it's time to take a moment to pat yourselves on the back for a job well done. Another busy season begins to slow down into the pace of autumn. Many of us staff, and directors of British Columbia's Harbour Authorities will shift gears to plan maintenance projects, schedule annual general meetings, or attend to a long list of tasks that have been put on the back burner since June. Congratulations on making it through the craziness!!

Zone Meeting Dates

Save the date for your Fall Zone Meetings!

We here at your Harbour Authority Association of BC are stepping back to the plate as well. Our administrator, Darlene Denholm, has been busy planning a full slate of upcoming zone meetings for every area of the coast. Look for dates and locations to in this newsletter. These meetings are valuable in the ability to share updates about our harbours, exchange advice on any number of common issues we all face, and receive the latest information concerning topics such as training opportunities and get updates from SCH. For any newer staff that may be reading, I highly encourage you to make some time to attend these zone meetings. There is a deep well of knowledge and experience within the diversity of HA staff and directors. Trust me, there's someone who's been in your shoes at one time or another and if you give one of us 15 minutes, we'll be happy to share our hilarious story of when so-and-so pulled that same stunt on our own docks.

Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2024 Dick Maughan Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Upcoming Conferences

Updates on the upcoming PCC and HAABC seminars

Planning for the 2025 HAABC seminar is in full swing as well. This year's gathering will be held in beautiful Port Alberni, Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town. The seminar dates are February 18-21, 2025, with a full slate of sessions to provide staff and directors the best tools and training to help you operate your facilities. We're grateful for the Port Alberni Port Authority for hosting us this year. Hope to see you there!

This will be my first year at the helm of the Harbour Authority Association of BC and I would like to take a minute to extend my sincere gratitude to all the presidents and directors that have volunteered their time in the past to fill the seats of this board. My first experiences with the HAABC were at the 2005 seminar hosted in Squamish, almost twenty years ago. I clearly remember feeling in awe of the strong-willed people who had created and grown this organization into what it was at that point. Now, in 2024, the organization is stronger than ever. This is only thanks to the hard work and dedication of those boards and staff, and I hope to leave all of them proud as we move into the next phase. Salute!

Sincerely,

Chris Lougheed - HAABC President

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2025 HAABC Seminar:

The 27th annual HAABC seminar dates have been confirmed for February 18 thru 21st, 2025. This year's seminar will be held in Port Alberni at the Best Western Plus Barclay Hotel and Conference Centre. Get ready for another amazing week of information, networking and fun. More information to come at the Fall Zone meetings.

The HAABC 2024 Board of Directors and Executive are:

Chris Lougheed, President and Sunshine Coast Director, GLHA

Anika Tarata, VP and North Coast Zone Director, PHHA

Cathrine Lee-Smith, Secretary/Treasurer and Lower Mainland Zone Director, HAS

Jean Miserendino, Director at Large. FCHA

Janet Rooke, South Island Zone Director, THA

Leslie Taylor, Mid Island Zone Director, CVHA

Keri Dybhavn, North Coast Zone Director, PEHA

Fall Zone Meeting Dates

We will be having hybrid meetings again, a combination of live and virtual. Links and agendas will be sent 2 weeks prior and again 2-4 days prior as a reminder and to accommodate any agenda changes. Let us know if you are attending live to ensure your lunch order!

Sept. 18, 2024 - North Coast Zone - Location: Prince Rupert


Oct. 9, 2024 - North Island Zone - Location: Port McNeill HA

Oct. 10, 2024 - Mid Island Zone - Location: Comox HA

Oct. 16, 2024 - Sunshine Coast Zone - Location: Powell River

Oct. 22, 2024 - Lower Mainland Zone - Location: Steveston HA

Oct. 24, 2024 - South Island Zone - Location: Tsehum HA




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Working with recreational boaters, marinas and boating facilities to minimize impacts on local waters and coastal communities.

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Dick Maughan Scholarship

Congratulations to the successful recipients of the 2024 Dick Maughan Scholarship:

Mahynour Saleh is starting the second year of her Master's degree in Oceans and Fisheries at UBC. She is passionate about protecting our waters and wants to continue her education to help support fishers and other coastal populations maintain access to their local marine resources.

Ava Perkins developed a love of marine sciences at an early age, spending much of her childhood on her grandparents' sailboat. After completing the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue training program and working as summer staff at the Comox Valley Harbour Authority, she has combined her love of psychology with her passion for the marine world.

Granted in memory of his contribution to the formation of the Harbour Authority Association of BC, the Dick Maughan Memorial Scholarship is awarded to deserving post-secondary students in BC who are enrolled in, or planning to take a marine based program.

Harbour Authority Association of BC
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

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Sagacity Business Services is pleased to announce the launch of our digital Dock Walk app!"

Port Edward Harbour Authority is leading the way with our new digital solution to tackling Dock Walk tasks and beyond.

Join us Sept25 at 11am for an online discussion and demonstration.

Register at <https://bit.ly/4eaDf5T>

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Spill Training Workshop - September 11-13 in Sidney BC.
Contact John Gove (John.Grove@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) for more information.



Marine Environmental & Hazard Response Training

Marine Oil Spill Response and Recovery (MOSRR)

This 3-day (22.5 hour) training and information session has been developed for Canadian Coast Guard and its partner agencies, coastal communities, Indigenous groups and industry, which have access to, and may be expected to deploy various types of pollution response equipment. Partner agencies and other groups can request this training under special circumstances.

This course will enable you to:

Understand the Marine Oil Spill Preparedness and Response Regime

The mandate of Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) Marine Environmental & Hazard Response (MEHR) is to ensure an appropriate response to ship-source, mystery and oil handling facility spills to the marine environment. We also discuss how CCG works with other governments, partners and the private sector in both preparedness and response to spills.

Respond Safely

Emphasis will be on recognizing the potential site-specific hazards of petroleum products on the water and how to identify and use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Assess an Oil Spill on the Water and Provide Information to Response and Regulatory Agencies

You will learn how to identify oil, its behavior within the marine environment, and how to estimate the quantity of a spill. You will also learn how to identify the source of the spill and accurately describe what actions are being taken to control, contain and recover the product.

Boom Deployment and Oil Recovery

You will learn about different types of boom and how and why they are used in oil spill response. Additionally, you will learn about different types of skimmers and recovery equipment used to clean up oil spills. There are two practical sessions with boom deployment and skimmer operation.

Contact

To inquire about a scheduled course or to organize a course within your community, please contact:

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COASTAL MARINE

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Coastal Marine Maintenance and Repairs offers full service Marine Structure Repairs and Harbour Maintenance Service packages. From new construction to wharf heads, decking and floatation we can take care of any harbour repairs or maintenance project. Contact Rob@coastalmarine.ca

We have received feedback from Small Craft Harbours (SCH) regarding their concerns about Vessels of Concern (VoC's). Over the past few years, there has been a steady increase of wrecked and abandoned vessels within harbours on the BC coast, despite all the work done by SCH and Transport Canada (TC) with the Abandoned, Wrecked Vessel Removal Program to clean up these vessels. SCH and the Canadian Coast Guard does not have continued funding available to deal with VoC's and harbours are the first line of defense in helping address this growing environmental issue. All harbours should have a moorage agreement in place with every user in the harbour, even if fees are not charged to access the facility. This will help ensure harbours are able to effectively deal with and enforce issues of non-compliance and can take action towards vessels at risk of becoming derelict.

Several useful documents can be found under the "Member's Only" section of the HAABC website, including an editable version of the model moorage agreement. Secondly, the flow chart and booklet on VoC's provide helpful information and resources for harbours who are currently dealing with derelict vessels.



Fall Conference Registration is OPEN

Join us October 28-30.

Registration is open for PCC's Fall Conference at the Parkside Hotel & Spa in beautiful Victoria, BC!

We'll pulling out all the stops to cap off our 50th year with superb educational content, a visit to Victoria International Marina, and plenty of networking capped off by our gala dinner featuring a Halloween theme.

Our education agenda is still being finalized but here are some teaser session titles:

- Resilience Planning for Existing and Future Marinas
- Electrical Maintenance for Marinas
- NEC Code Updates and How That Impacts Your Marina
- How To Hire the Best People and Keep them Onboard

Plus learn about several new environmental initiative that Victoria International has undertaken and learn from your peers during our Call of the Ports and Port Spotlight.

With a stunning city as a backdrop, top-quality education, and the best colleagues around, you don't want to miss this conference.