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Greetings to Harbour Authorities of British Columbia!

First of all, thank you to everyone that attended the 27th Annual HAABC Seminar in Port Alberni. It was a rousing success, by all accounts. Getting to spend some time with other folks who face similar obstacles in their professional lives leaves my heart full at the end of every seminar. The week was packed to the brim with useful information that could be applied to most, if not all Harbour Authorities in BC.

Our appreciation goes out to the Port Alberni Port Authority for inviting us to your community. A beautiful setting for an educational week, and a really fun town to spend a bit of time in. I assume Port Alberni wanted all of us to stay put as the earth literally shook while we were all trying to make our way home. What's a seminar week without a little commute drama at the end of it all!

Planning will begin shortly for the 28th Annual Seminar with dates to be determined in early 2026. If your community would like to have a bunch of crazy harbour-management-types drop in for some off-season business, please reach out to our administrator or your zone director. The HAABC makes every effort to move this seminar around, affording us all a peek at how other Harbour Authorities are run up-close-and-personal, and this task is made easier by a willing community. Thanks in advance for the interest!

Looking forward into 2025, I am certain we're going to have a lot to talk about at the next gathering. My harbour is going to be monitoring the traffic from South of the border closely. Gibsons is a convenient and fun stop for US vessels travelling to Desolation Sound. We have many, many friends who enjoy what our community has to offer, and I am eager to see if the dramatic politics that fill our favourite nightly news segments bleeds over to the person to person relationships we have spent years developing. I certainly hope it doesn't as I've met a lot of quality human beings in this line of work. Here's hoping we're all in for a successful Summer.

Take good care!

Sincerely,

Chris Lougheed - HAABC President

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HAABC Post-Seminar Survey

The HAABC Post-seminar survey is live and member feedback is very important to us. We are hoping all our HA members will take a few moments to fill out this survey to help us serve you best.

The survey can be found online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LVBGF7X>

The HAABC 2025 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

Cecilia Addy, Mid Island Zone Director, PAPA

Keri Dybhavn, North Coast Zone Director, PEHA

Spring 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!

April 2 - North Coast - Virtual


April 7 - Lower Mainland - Seyem Kwantlen HA

April 8 - South Island - Ladysmith HA

April 15 - North Island - Port McNeill Harbour

April 16 - Mid Island - French Creek HA

April 23 - Sunshine Coast - Gibsons Landing HA




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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:

Cecilia Addy, Port Alberni Port Authority, Individual Achievement Award

Leslie Taylor, Comox Valley HA: Long Standing Service Award

Andy Ellingsen, Cortes Island HA: Long Standing Service Award

Ray Grout, Cortes Island HA: Long Standing Service Award

Jamie Gusto, Steveston HA: Long Standing Service Award

Mike Rekis, Steveston HA: Long Standing Service Award

John Arnold, Bella Coola HA: Up and Comer Distinction Award

Jeremy Pilotte, Bella Coola HA: Up and Comer Distinction Award

Carol Doyle, Gibson's Landing HA: Special Recognition Award

Congratulations to all these deserving individuals!



National Prix d'Excellence Winners:

The HAABC



Mike Loy, False Creek HA



Dear Harbour Authorities,

Please remember that we are now accepting funding applications under the Small Craft Harbours (SCH) Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program (AWVRP) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The AWVRP aims to reduce the number of abandoned and wrecked vessels in federally owned small craft harbours. These vessels can pose significant risks, including environmental harm, threats to the health and safety of harbour users, and impediments to the efficient operation of harbours. By removing these vessels, we enhance environmental protection, improve safety, and support the economic interests of coastal communities.

As a whole, the program has a national funding envelope of \$250,000 per year to support projects from Harbour Authorities and other eligible recipients across Canada.

Applications can occur year-round, and you are encouraged to submit them throughout the year, but priority will be given to those submitted by April 1, 2025. The application form, guide, Frequently Asked Questions, and other supporting documents, can be found:

<http://dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/vessels-bateaux/index-eng.html>.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me at Lam.Hughson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

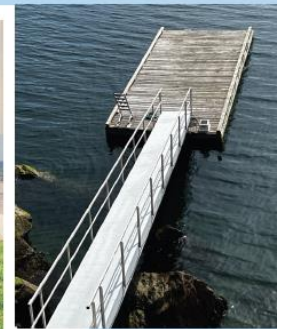
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**Are you enrolled or planning to enrol in a BC
post-secondary education program in marine
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**\$500 Scholarship
awarded annually in memory
of Dick Maughan in recognition of
his contributions to the formation of
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Deadline for application: June 30
To apply visit www.haa.bc.ca**

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The HAABC is on Facebook!:

The HAABC can be found on Facebook at **Harbour Authority Association of BC**, and <http://facebook.com/haabc.net>. If you have events, photos or harbour news that you'd like to share with our community, please feel free to email it to us and we'll post it on our community page.

Online Crane Training Now Available!

Online crane certification is now available through Fulford training. More information, and a link to the course, can be found on the "News and Events" page of the HAABC website.



The PCC is excited to hit the historic Port of Port Townsend, Washington for the first time in our history at this upcoming Spring Conference, running April 14th through 16th 2025. The PCC is looking at changing things up with our conference formats, so this will have a slightly different feel to it.

There will be offerings for both office staff and dock workers, with some hands-on learning as well as in class sessions. If interested, check out our draft agenda on the PCC website here:

<https://www.pccharbormasters.org/conference-registration-member-non-member/>

The PCC would love to see more involvement from our friends and neighbours here in BC, so please consider getting involved and help us continue to learn and grow. There is currently an open board position for BC and it would be great to hear some new voices and new ideas. We hope to see you in Port Townsend or look out for info on the Fall conference taking place in tourist friendly Seaside, Oregon, with amazing, sprawling beaches and fun for the whole family. Date TBD.



In memory of Mike Davidson March 27, 1960 - January 17, 2024

Mike started his 40 year career with the Nanaimo Port Authority as a summer student working as a terminal attendant on the docks, handling luggage and typing up seaplanes in the Nanaimo Harbour.

Over the years, Mike rose to the position of Chief Operations Officer at the Port, underscoring his dedication, hard work and passion for the community. Mike was a true team player, coach and mentor to all of the Port's employees.