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Dear Members of the Harbour Authority Association of BC,

It is both an honour and a privilege to address you for the first time as the newly appointed President of the Harbour Authority Association of BC. I am grateful for the confidence placed in me, and I look forward to working alongside each of you to continue strengthening our network of Harbour Authorities across the province.

Our harbours are more than infrastructure – they are the lifeblood of coastal communities. From supporting commercial fisheries and local businesses to providing safe and reliable access for recreational users, Harbour Authorities play a critical role in sustaining British Columbia’s maritime economy and heritage. The dedication of our volunteers, board members, and staff is what keeps these essential facilities operating effectively and responsibly.

As we look ahead, our priorities remain clear: advocacy, collaboration, and sustainability. We will continue to advocate strongly on behalf of our members with government and industry partners to ensure that in addition to strengthening our relationships with Small Craft Harbours, we will explore and aim for additional opportunities to increase funding and potential sponsorships, while continuing to provide support with regards communication, policies and procedures. At the same time, we will foster greater collaboration among Harbour Authorities so we can share best practices, address common challenges, and learn from one another’s successes.

The coming years will bring both opportunities and challenges. Infrastructure renewal, climate resilience, regulatory changes, and workforce capacity are issues that require thoughtful planning and unified voices. Together, we can position our association to respond proactively and strategically, ensuring our harbours remain safe, viable, and community-focused for generations to come.

I encourage every member to stay engaged – attend meetings, participate in discussions, and reach out with ideas or concerns. Our collective strength lies in open communication and shared commitment.

Thank you for the important work you do in your communities every day. I am proud to serve alongside you and am excited about what we will accomplish together.

Sincerely,
Cecilia Addy

President
Harbour Authority Association of BC

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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.

The HAABC 2026 Board of Directors and Executive are:

Cecilia Addy, President and Mid Island Zone Director, PAPA

Anika Tarata, VP and North Coast Zone Director, PHHA

Catherine Lea-Smith, Secretary/Treasurer and Lower Mainland Zone Director, HAS

Jean Miserendino, Director at Large. FCHA

Paegé Maltais, Sunshine Coast Zone Director, LHA

Keri Dybhavn, North Coast Zone Director, PEHA

Janet Rooke, South Island Zone Director, THA

Spring Zone Meeting Dates

Spring zone meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. Links and agendas will be sent 2 weeks prior and again 2-4 days prior as a reminder and to accommodate any agenda changes. All will have a start time of 10am.

Lower Mainland - Tues April 14th


South Island - Wed April 15th

North Island - Thurs April 16th

North Coast - Tues April 21st

Mid Island - Wed April 22nd

Sunshine Coast - Thursday April 23rd



HOP ABOARD!

CLEAN MARINE BC

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

Georgia Strait Alliance

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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:

Robin Millar, Pender Harbour HA, Individual Achievement Award

Tom Jensen, Bamfield HA: Individual Achievement Award

Daniel Wild, Deep Bay HA: Individual Achievement Award

Jenny Hartwick, Cortes Island HA: Individual Achievement Award

Kevin Cortes, Ucluelet HA: Individual Achievement Award

Jean Miserendino, Ford Cove HA: Individual Achievement Award

Samantha Brown, Comox HA: Individual Achievement Award

Corinne Price, Cowichan Bay HA: Long Standing Service Award

Lynn Paris, Okeover HA: Long Standing Service Award

Team Award: Lorraine Williams, Kathy Parton, Dolores Shield,

Malcolm Island Lions Club HA: Long Standing Service Award

Janet Rios, Steveston HA: Long Standing Service Award

Jim Jones, Steveston HA: Long Standing Service Award

Momtchil Momtchilov, Tofino HA: Up and Comer Distinction Award

Prix D 'Excellence:

Jamie Gusto, Steveston HA: Individual Achievement

Kathy Scarfo, Salt Spring Island: Long Standing Achievement

Bill McKee, Lund HA: Long Standing Achievement

Lee Edmondson, Lund HA: Long Standing Achievement

Keith Reid, Deep Bay HA: Long Standing Achievement

Congratulations to all these deserving individuals!

HAABC Lifetime Membership Award

Congratulations to
Catherine Lea-Smith,
Harbour Authority of Squamish



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Dear Harbour Authorities,

We are pleased to inform you that we are now accepting funding applications under the Small Craft Harbours (SCH) Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program (AWVRP) for the 2026-2027 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 March 30, 2026. 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 Lam Hughson at Lam.Hughson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Melanie Stockley

Regional Manager, Client Services | Small Craft Harbours
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SUPPORTED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

HAABC can assist with training to support our Harbour Authorities to promote a safe and efficient workplace.

SPILL RESPONSE: Co-ordinated group training by zone

LANDBASED MARINE FIRE TRAINING: Co-ordinated group training by zone (including Fire Departments)

FIRST AID: Assist with funding for WorksafeBC Occupational First Aid

ROC-M: Restricted Operators Certificate - Maritime (aka VHF Radio license)

PCOC: Pleasure Craft Operators Certificate (if your HA has a work skiff)

FACILITY ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP: with Rob Clarke (Min 5, Max 8 people)

SUPPORTED ONLINE COURSES: Re-imbusement will be with receipt and certificate as proof of completion.

DOCK MOUNTED CRANE OPERATOR: <https://fulford.ca/dock-crane-operator-certification-2/>

TDG: <https://worksitesafety.ca/product/training/online/tdg-online-training/>

WHMIS: <https://worksitesafety.ca/product/training/online/whmis-online-training/>

DEALING WITH ADDICTION: <https://www.understandingaddiction.ca/>

GOVERNANCE: [Vantage Point online offerings](#)

The University of Alaska - Ketchikan Campus offers online Ports, Harbours & Marina's courses:

<https://uas.alaska.edu/ketchikan/maritime-training-center/ports-harbors-courses.html>

Courses include:

Harbour Administration

Facility Safety

Marina Structures and Materials

Oil Spills - Prevention, Preparedness and Response

Fire Safety for Ports, Harbours and Marinas

Hazardous Materials and Waste Risks and Controls

Marina Utilities Water and Sanitary Sewer

Marina Utilities Electrical

Harbour Operations and Planning

Customer Service for Port, Harbours and Marinas

Cleans Harbours

These are suggestions/options and not limited to. If there are other training needs for your harbour - let us know.

While funding lasts. Call HAABC before registration if funding is needed



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

Thank you so much to those that completed our survey!!

Please find below some replies to comments and questions:

Request - Seminar Conflict Resolution workshops. We can absolutely look at that again, but in the interim, do know we have the last presentation in our website members documents section under the 2021 Seminar videos, which you can watch at your convenience. There are also some very good readings in the Conflict Resolution folder. Advice on how to calm upset people and best practices on dealing with high conflict people, plus more.

Request: Grant Writing Workshop: We are already on the lookout, but we also have some excellent mentors available for this subject and are working to help you find access to any grants that may be available to you.

Provide training outside the Seminar: There is a lot we do assist with year-round. Please find, in this newsletter an outline of typical items we do support. Please know that the group trainings require enough buy in to make them worthwhile, or we can help you find singular workshops. For instance, we have been having trouble filling Spill Response Classes, zonally, which I why we brought that to the Seminar. These group training sessions are very expensive and meant for 25-30 people. If we cannot fill a class, we are better off supporting the few by attending a Clean Marine BC workshop (they advertise on our forum when they come up) or the online class offered through University of Alaska Southeast. If there is any training your harbour needs, please reach out to the HAABC Administrator or your Zone Director to discuss how we can help.

Ensure all HAABC Initiatives are known to staff AND directors: We could not agree more. Imperative – and that is where you come in. We highly recommend each HA has an introduction to the HAABC incorporated into their new staff and new directors' orientations.

Ensure all have the website address, Administrators and current Zone Directors names and contact info, password to members documents. There is a folder called "HAABC Initiatives" in the members documents that outlines supported training, mentoring, and legal support initiatives, and a catalogue of all that is in the members documents, to help you find your way through the plethora of documents and videos. Invites to Zone Meetings should be shared with all and there are sometimes forum posts, that should be shared wider amongst your organizations.

If you have specific things you would like to see discussed at Zone Meetings, chat with your Zone Director about it. They can request Zone Meeting agendas be tweaked differently between zones, to ensure needs are met.

For those that do not have a current Emergency Procedure Manual: We advise all HA's to download a copy of this Manual DFO National Headquarters is now updating from here:

[Emergency Procedures Manual](#) there is one for each region so ensure you choose Pacific. It is a template so you will need to add the appropriate local contact info. Review it amongst your organization, so when serious problems arise, your staff will know where to go for instructions right away.

Engineering inspection Reports: If you are unsure, or do not have the summary of your most recent inspection report, please request it from your Program Officer. These are invaluable in guiding some of your minor repair and maintenance needs, before they become major.

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**

Recommended new
signage wording from
HAABC lawyers
League and Williams
from their Seminar
presentation

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Proud New HAABC Associate Member - Desolation Dive Services

We're excited to have recently joined the Harbour Authority Association of BC as an Associate Member and to share some of our recent work with the HAABC community.

This spring, our team led a **significant seafloor cleanup at Lund Harbour**, removing a large volume of debris to improve safety and protect the marine environment. We also completed **mooring line inspections for the Port Hardy Harbour Authority**. Over the summer, we responded to numerous calls from recreational boaters and yachters in need—freeing vessels tangled in debris, retrieving lost anchors, refloating boats stranded at low tide, clearing lines from propellers, and performing in-water hull cleanings.

We're proud to provide services that support harbour operations and the wider marine community, including search & recovery, inspections & surveys, ROV services, mooring and anchor line assessments and installations, aquaculture maintenance, seafloor cleanups, and a range of custom marine projects. From preventative maintenance to emergency response, our goal is to help keep BC's harbours safe, functional, and ready for all who rely on them. Desolationdiveservices.ca

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