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Dear HAABC Members,

As we welcome the arrival of fall, I am pleased to connect with you through this season's newsletter. Fall is always a wonderful time to reflect on the year so far, recognize the work being accomplished and look ahead to the opportunities that lie ahead.

On behalf of the HAABC Board, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to our association and to the communities we serve. The strength of HAABC comes from the knowledge, experience, and dedication of our members.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Fall Zone Meetings and, of course, at our Annual Seminar in February. We warmly welcome all members, including your Board of Directors, to join us at these sessions. They provide a valuable opportunity for us to come together as a group, connect with colleagues, share our successes and challenges, and collaborate on initiatives that strengthen our association and the work we do.

We encourage all members to take advantage of the resources, events, and professional development opportunities available through HAABC, while continuing to engage with fellow members and share your experiences, ideas, and perspectives. These opportunities to meet, learn from one another, and collaborate are an important part of what makes HAABC such a strong and engaged organization, and we encourage everyone to participate, bring forward your ideas and experiences, and connect with colleagues.

HAABC remains committed to supporting our members, advocating on issues that matter to our industry, and providing opportunities to connect, learn, and work together. I am optimistic about what we can accomplish together. Thank you for the important work you do every day and for your continued support of HAABC.

Wishing you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable fall season. I look forward to seeing many of you in the upcoming months.

Warm regards,

Cecilia Addy
HAABC President

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2027 HAABC Seminar:

Seminar 2027 will be held in Courtenay, BC at the Crown Isle Resort. Get ready for another amazing week of information, networking, and fun. Ensure your attendance at the Zone Meetings to learn more about this team building event.

The 2026 Board of Directors and Executive are:

Cecilia Addy, President & Mid Island Zone Director, PAPA

Anika Tarata, VP & North Island Zone Director, PHHA

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

Jean Miserendino, Director at Large, FCHA

Paegge Maltais, Sunshine Coast Zone Director, LHA

Keri Dybhavn, North Coast Zone Director, PEHA

Fall Zone Meeting Dates

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 to ensure your lunch order!

Fall Zone Meetings: Save the dates

September 18th - North Coast - Prince Rupert

October 6th - Sunshine Coast - Pender Harbour

October 14th - Mid Island - French Creek

October 15th - North Island - Port McNeill

October 20th - South Island - Tsehum

October 21st - Lower Mainland - False Creek

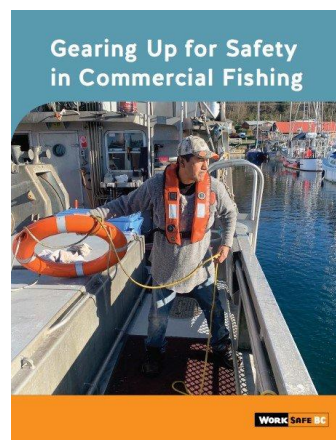
Spill Response video:

The HAABC's new training video for Spill Response is now online here: [HAABC Managing Oil Spills - YouTube](#)

You can find this, and all other HAABC training videos online under the member's document section of the HAABC website.



Drowning Prevention:



This year marked one of BC's worst years on record for accidental drowning deaths. The recently updated [Gearing Up for Safety in Commercial Fishing](#) guide was produced by WorkSafeBC, in collaboration with Fish Safe and other

fishing industry representatives and contains a wealth of information to support our fishing and boating community.

Contribution to this newsletter is open to all and there is a "Submit your Story" on the news and events page of our website

Dick Maughan Scholarship



**Congratulations to the
successful recipients of the 2026
Dick Maughan Scholarship:**

The HAABC is extremely pleased to continue supporting Mayhnour Saleh as she moves forward towards her Doctorate of Philosophy in Oceans and Fisheries, specializing in seafood security, climate-resilient aquatic food systems and community engaged marine research. Mahy finished off 2025 by defending her master's thesis: "Exploring Nation-specific solution options for the Tla'amin Nation's seafood security under changing climate conditions". We thank Mahy for her extraordinary work in this field.

We are also pleased to support William Lea-Smith as he heads into his final year of Nautical Sciences with BCIT. He is currently on term 4 sea phase co-op which has him serving on the tugboat "Beverly M" while dismantling/salvaging "MSC Baltic" that ran aground in Cedar Cove Newfoundland on February 15, 2025. The ultimate long-term goal for William is to become a Vancouver Coastal Pilot. Thank you, William, for helping to keep Canada's coastlines clean!!

New to us this year, we are also supporting Tully Ivany. Tully is in his 2nd year with BCIT Marine Engineering. He sees the great importance of protecting BC's coastal ecosystem for generations to come. He is passionate about the industry and new developments in ship technology to reduce sea, air and noise pollution, vessel efficiency and decarbonization. Thank you, Tully, for looking to protect our BC coast.

Thank you to all our HAABC members that partake in our scholarship fundraising raffles at our annual Seminar. We are so thrilled to play, even a small role, in the education of these impressive students.

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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.

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New Regulations for Southern Resident Orca's:

Effective June 1st, 2026, there are new regulations in place on much of the BC Coast, to protect Southern Resident Killer Whales.

With several boat caused whale fatalities on the coast this year, it is important for all boaters (including kayaks and paddleboards) to be aware of the new distance requirements when viewing marine mammals and transiting through areas frequented by whales. More information can be found online here: [Boater regulations for Southern Resident orcas • Georgia Strait Alliance](#)



In Memoriam:



Lund Harbour Authority would like to pay respect to the memory of Randy Phalen, past LHA Director, who lost his battle with cancer on August 5th, 2026. Randy spent eight years as Director, stepping down in 2020 after he retired and supported his wife Debbie, through her own cancer battle (she too was an LHA Director for over a decade). Their son Connor also worked at the harbour for several years.

Randy was a lifelong fisherman, both commercial (CFV Double Odds) and recreational. He was also an aluminum welder, building the harbour skiff, safety plates for the top of hot transformers on the dock and any other task that was needed.

While most people face a cancer diagnosis by slowing down, Randy saw it as the perfect opportunity to build a giant landing craft for hunting trips. That boat will now carry Randy's friends through many hunting seasons to come. The same friends that were by his side and made sure he spent the last weeks of his life, on the water, fishing.

There are not many people that can pull off knee high gumboots with Hawaiian shorts, but Randy tried really hard to be one of them, while on the boat.

Rest in peace friend, and thank you for your kindness, generosity, and dedication to Lund Harbour Authority.



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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

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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.

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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