



### SVOP Ken Robertson

Congratulations Ken for passing the exam for your SVOP! Knowing Ken this must have been a piece of cake as he used to have his 350 Ton ticket. Still a great accomplishment Bravo Zulu. Just a few steps away from becoming a coxswain on our lifeboats.

For those of you interested in this course you can now do it online (due to COVID 19). Ask Ken for more information.

The SVOP is a Transport Canada certification to operate a small commercial boat less than 5 tonnes for passenger and cargo boats such as crew boats, work boats, sport-fishing, whale-watching and less than 15 gross tonnes for commercial fishing boats.

### Easter long weekend by David Acton

The CLI engaged in Easter long weekend safety patrols with both the Fraser Lifeboat and Delta Lifeboat from 02-05 April 2021. We had expected a fairly busy weekend; however, boating traffic was rather light. We did hear several calls on the radio but all were outside our area of operations. Fraser Lifeboat spotted 2 large deadheads at different locations that were submerging and popping up. We marked them and called their positions into Coast Guard Radio who added their information to the Fraser River Marine Broadcasts.

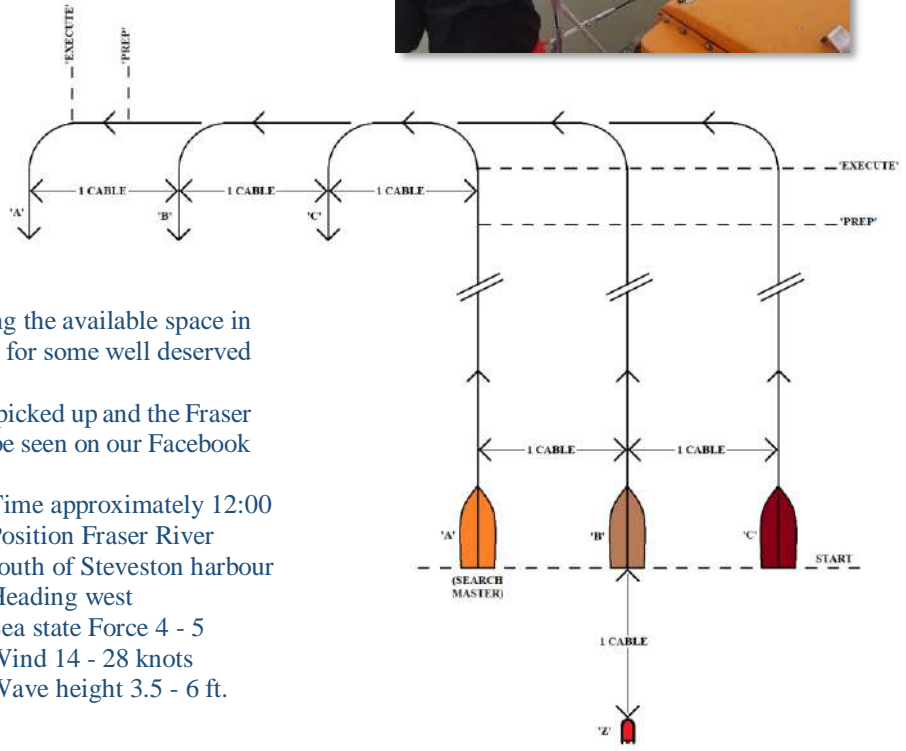


### Delta and Fraser training

Saturday April 10. Today the Delta and Fraser are out to practice a 'multi vessel search' pattern. Due to the weather it is decided to do it in the Fraser River between 'Crown Forrest' and 'Ladner Reach'.

The example on the right shows the search pattern with 3 vessels. We do multiple legs (short) and turns with the Delta and Fraser coxswains taking turns being the 'Search Master'. This exercise goes very well when taking the available space in consideration. After the exercise we anchored in 'Sea Reach' for some well deserved coffee aboard the Delta.

On the way back to Steveston harbour the wind and waves picked up and the Fraser encountered some nice nosedives in the waves. A video can be seen on our Facebook page.



Time approximately 12:00  
 Position Fraser River south of Steveston harbour  
 Heading west  
 Sea state Force 4 - 5  
 Wind 14 - 28 knots  
 Wave height 3.5 - 6 ft.

### Delta training night by Bjorn Andersson

Thursday April 15. Here is a picture from last Thursday's training with the dewatering pump. Pat and Andy took the pump in the RHIB and set it up on a dock and got it going. It was the first time that Pat was out with Delta for the first time.

Pat Nevraumont joined the CLI recently and we welcome him as a new crewmember on our lifeboats.



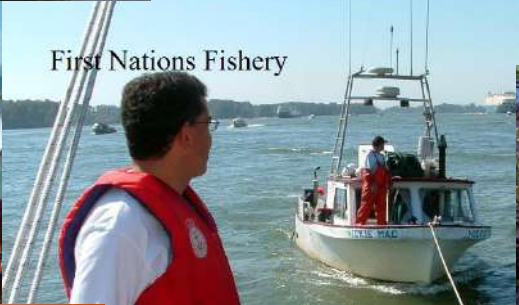


## HISTORY unplugged

Incidents over the years.  
Story told by photos.



First Nations Fishery



**Lynn Harrison**

**Hello from our fellow crewmembers!**

**Sean Waymouth**



Thanks for reaching out. I'm doing fine just hunkered down during Covid. I'm actually in day 9 since I received my Vaccination. I'm expecting to go out on the boats next Thurs or Saturday and looking forward to getting out after 2 weeks after the 1st Pfizer jab.

Thanks  
Lynn



Thank you for reaching out. I have had to step back a little from the CLI due to Covid concerns, more so that I don't want to risk bringing it from school to the boat. I have also been very stressed due to my masters and teaching and it has been difficult.

Once I get vaccinated, I will feel more comfortable, but until then I am keeping my distance. Hope to be able to see everyone soon.

Sean

**Doug Maxwell**



Hello CLI crewmember, how are you doing? I miss those good old days, Thursday training in the class room and Saturday training on the water.

Due to a downturn in the printing business I looked for a second full time sales employment and found one at the Tracker Boat Center at the Tsawwassen Bass Pro.

I enjoy my new employment but the down side is that my free time that I once had, has been greatly affected. My work schedule is that I work most weekends and Thursday nights.

It's been a while since I could attend in person as a crew member on the Delta or the Fraser. But we do what we need to do and look forward to what our new normal will become. I still do get out on the water on my boat Payback and continue to train and practice. I enjoy sharing my boat safety knowledge and helping client dreams come true with a purchase of a new boat or outdoor off-road Tracker product. Looking forward to better days ahead and to the opening of the 2021 Boating Season, with Doctor Bonnie's permission.

May you all enjoy being surrounded by those you love and those who love you. Stay safe, continue to be responsible and creative with your idle time.

Doug

**John More**



What a kind & surprise message it was to receive from you today.

My absence from the CLI scene & the boats is not by choice, however, my body has done a number to me and adding to my shoulder issues (Torn tendons in both shoulders!) my wrists have been going through a very painful period, at times I am not even able to open a can or jar. I guess I have to accept the comment made by my Dr.....John, you are getting old!

The good news is that I am on the road to recovery, and exercising at home with physio work-outs and I have been playing a little pickleball as well. So the body is still willing, but slow to respond!!!

I sure do miss the CLI environment & the Members with whom I have been so lucky to crew with, over these past few years. I look forward to when we are able to reconnect.

Happy to report I got my first 'Shot' four weeks ago. I asked for a double but was refused!

Feel free to convey my best wishes to all within our CLI Family, & I hope to reunite as soon as possible.

Cheers, John. M.

**Lesley Stein**



Because of COVID I have chosen to only attend the zoom classroom sessions, and otherwise remain in my little bubble for the time being. Heading into my 14 month WFH. It's very lonely... missing the chatter of co-workers and going out for lunch with friends. On the bright side, we have Tessa, our adorable, 2 year old German shepherd X to keep us laughing. She came to us as a fearful 10 month old puppy, rescued off the streets of Mexico City and is blossoming more each day. She's high energy, loves to play ball and run on the beach. We can often be found at off leash dog parks along both arms of the Fraser River. I may not be on the Fraser River right now, but I'm always close by.

Lesley

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Thank you to all of our **VOLUNTEERS!**

**IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

Delta's Emergency Management Program extends their appreciation and sincere thanks to: Emergency Support Services (ESS), Emergency Radio Communicators, Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP), Delta Lifeboat Society volunteers for their support and ongoing commitment towards public safety in Delta.

For all volunteering opportunities, visit [Delta.ca/Volunteer](http://Delta.ca/Volunteer)

**John Oystensen**



I have been staying away because of COVID. Several weeks ago my daughter and family in Ladner got COVID as well as my nephew in Prince Rupert. I was not in contact at the time so I missed the virus but it was close. They are now all well.

It has been over two weeks since I got the jab so am feeling more comfortable going on the boat. It would be nice if everyone on the boat had the jab. Andy and I have been taking turns doing maintenance alone on the Fraser, but more work still needs to be done.

I am preparing my boat for complete repainting so I am quite busy, but I will try to find time for training and maintaining the lifeboats.

John

**Continuing Who is John Horton?**



In July 1994 John organized an ambitious training deployment codename 'Seatrain 95'. It comprised a circumnavigation of Vancouver Island for a period of 16 days. Apart from training for the crew it would also involve exercises with the Canadian and U.S. Coast Guard, and Coast Guard Auxiliary units en route.

On board was also a Sub. Lt. from Sea Training and an air force Capt. from the Rescue Centre. Training was intense, carried out in strange waters and in all weather. Evolutions included sea searches, transfer of patients, towing, helicopter lifts, navigation, firefighting and medical assistance. Port visits included holding receptions aboard and delivering gifts of books to remote communities. After training with the U.S. Coast Guard at Neah Bay and Port Angeles the ship returned to Canada for an Admiral's Inspection in Esquimalt and a welcome home to Steveston by a crowd including the mayor and a bagpiper. A wonderful end to a fantastic training deployment that included several real rescues.

In 1995 following some regrettable differences John decided it was time for a change and contacted Phil Matty who ran a small incorporated society called 'The Canadian Lifeboat Institution'. For many years Phil had logged hundreds of rescues from his home on Passage Island. He had served as a director of the CMRA but had resigned when his hope of it being a non-government supported charity like the RNLI was dashed. So he gave birth to the CLI. Unfortunately Phil had suffered a serious injury but quickly realized that involving John might boost CLI fortunes. Soon after joining John made Phil realize that to survive CLI had to grow. Through John's many waterfront contacts an enlarged board of directors was elected. The new board included retired Canadian Coast Guard officers, a master with the TSB, ex naval personnel and captains of industry. At the time 'Artist Life' was renamed the 'Steveston Lifeboat' to more represent her role. A new crew was enrolled and trained. The vessel would now continue her SAR role under a new flag.



After a while Phil Matty realized his 'baby' was in good hands and asked John if he would stand for president. This was confirmed by the board and John quickly brought a plan to the table. CLI had to grow to be taken seriously. He had contacted the RNLI while on a visit to his home town of Poole. He learned that the RNLI had lifeboats for sale. The CLI board took on the process of fundraising and the 44' 'White Rose of Yorkshire' was purchased and repainted in CLI colours in time to participate in the 175 birthday parade of international lifeboats in front of H.M. Queen Elizabeth in Poole harbour. Following the day's celebrations all the lifeboats sailed for Portsmouth stopping at Cowes en route to visit the RNLI inshore boat centre.

The CLI crew which included Ken Lewis, CLI director Lyle Creighton and John attended a wonderful gala dinner aboard the historic HMS Warrior hosted by the Ministry of Shipping and minister Glenda Jackson. While departing Portsmouth for transit back to Poole the crew was hailed by a very large Coast Guard helicopter requesting participation in a practice helo lift. While steaming at approximately 15

knots both Ken and John were hoisted up into the helo end and returned down again after a short ride. The skill of the pilot was incredible as he landed both dangling from a long line onto a deck 3.0' x 5.0'! After the CLI members had returned to Canada the RNLI kindly delivered the lifeboat to Felixstone docks where it was hoisted aboard a ship for passage to Vancouver. John was able to arrange free transportation from the U.K. to Fraser wharves in the Fraser River. Some months later John handed over his position to Pat Mordaunt as the new president. Pat generously payed off the bank loan that had been taken out and played a lead role in arranging a spectacular fundraising week with HRH Duke of Kent visiting Vancouver for the lifeboats rededication as guest of the CLI. HRH was Patron of the RNLI.

**To be continued**

