

The last Tyne: Waving Annie goodbye from Ken Lewis

Wednesday 22 May 2019

Wicklow lifeboat crew reflect on 30 years of lifesaving with the last of the Tyne class lifeboats – the *Annie Blaker*.
 In 1982, Dexy's Midnight Runners got the world on the dancefloor. A little boy named William became third in line to the throne. At the cinema, ET phoned home – and then flew away in a shiny spaceship.
 And RNLI volunteers got a shiny new craft of their own in the Tyne class lifeboat. Wicklow's Second Coxswain Ciarán Doyle recalls the first time he stepped onboard the Tyne: 'I had been lifeboat crew for 5 years, and then suddenly this spaceship arrived. I looked in it and saw all these electronics, engine control systems, nothing like we were used to. It was a huge leap.'



Thirty-seven years later, the Wicklow volunteers were the last crew in the RNLI to still go to sea in a Tyne class lifeboat. And while they were excited about the arrival of a brand-new Shannon class lifeboat, there was a certain sadness at saying goodbye to *Annie Blaker*, the last of the Tynes. For the whole article see <https://rnli.org/magazine/magazine-featured-list/2019/may/the-last-tyne-waving-annie-goodbye>

November 11 by David Acton

This Nov 11th the Delta Lifeboat attended Remembrance Day services at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Fraser Lifeboat conducted a brief ceremony near the Garry Point Memorial in Steveston Harbour followed by a showing of the flag. Many of our members have served with various organizations and militaries worldwide, or have families that have done so. We are fortunate to have such a diversified group. Lest We Forget!
 Lots of people stopped to take pictures, which made this an even more special day.





PEACE ARCH NEWS

Rescue prompts warning to Delta hunters about quickly moving tides from Ken Lewis

Police, firefighters and coast guard helped guide hunters lost at Brunswick Point back to safety

Delta police, firefighters and the Canadian Coast Guard came together to help rescue a pair of hunters who'd become trapped in marshlands last week. According to police, the two men who were hunting ducks out at Brunswick Point in the 2600-block of River Road West, on Thursday, Oct. 21 when they got lost in the darkness and tall reeds. (Police note hunting is legal within certain areas of Delta with applicable hunting licences and permits, which both hunters had.)

"Our officers walked 1.5 kilometres through marshland and reeds [that were] about six to eight feet high. Fortunately they were able to locate the hunters

with their flashlights, getting within 100 metres of them" Insp. Guy Leeson, head of operations for the Delta Police Department, said in a press release.

"With the assistance of the coast guard search lights and their flashlights, police were able to highlight a safe pathway for the hunters through the marshlands, and then escorted them back to safety."

Firefighters checked the two hunters and confirmed they did not need any medical attention.

"We're very pleased our officers were able to locate the hunters quite quickly, despite challenging circumstances," Leeson said.

"We're flagging this incident for the public, as the ending could have easily been very different. Hunters — especially those new to the area — need to be aware of the time, when the sun sets, and that tides here can move quickly. It's very important to be properly prepared."

CANADIAN LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE
Social Gathering

Date: Saturday, November 13
Where: P.J.'s House at 5278 1/A
Time: 1:00 hours
Please note: friendly dog lives here!

Please RSVP no later than November 4
E: clib@vancouver.ca
604.669.1864 (text or call)
We respectfully request that all those who attend are fully vaccinated.



Menu will be ham, turkey, assorted buns and condiments, assorted salads and a cheese platter. BYOB and selection of non-alcoholic beverages including tea and coffee will also be served.

CLI Social Gathering

Saturday November 13. PJ and Jenny were so kind to open their house for a social gathering. The amount and quality of the food and refreshments were excellent. It was great to see so many crewmembers again and their significant others at one location. We all had a great time. Thanks once more PJ and Jenny for organizing this. It was brilliant.



Delta Lifeboat refit



Monday November 15. Today the Delta was brought over from Ladner to Shelter Island to start a major refit. Besides the normal cleaning and painting of the hull, the stern needs repair due to some rot. Once all is done we should be good again for many years to come.



Fraser Lifeboat training by David Acton

Saturday November 20. The Delta Lifeboat is currently in refit, so we'll share stories of that later. BC is in a declared state of Emergency, so training today took on new meaning. With a looming fuel shortage, we were able to top up the tanks as we may need to deploy at a moment's notice. Proceeding to Ladner from Steveston via Sea Reach, very heavy wood debris was observed most of the way along. We ran our generator and salvage pumps in a clear area to ensure all was in good working order. We then transited the main arm back to Steveston, observing several pleasure and commercial vessels along the way.

Delta Lifeboat refit Wednesday November 24



National Volunteer Week (NVW)

International Volunteer Day

International Volunteer Managers Day

Giving Tuesday

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International Volunteer Day (IVD)

International Volunteer Day (IVD) is a global celebration of volunteers. It takes place every year on December 5 to shine a light on the impact of volunteer efforts everywhere.

Volunteers are leading social change around the world. This special day promotes the work of volunteers at all levels, including local, national and international.

United Nations Volunteers founded International Volunteer Day in 1985.

For more information, please visit the [United Nations Volunteers website](https://www.unv.org/).

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CLI Christmas Dinner at the ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB

Thursday December 9. This year's dinner was organized by Brian Cook and held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. There were 50+ attendants. Bob McIlwaine's son played the bagpipes at the start of the dinner and to accompany John and Mary Horton to the lecture where John received the "Duke of Kent" gold medal for all his years of hard work for the CLI. Mary received a bouquet of flowers as thanks for her support of John and the CLI. A raffle was held and 4 donated prizes were won by some lucky winners. The dinner was excellent and as always it was good to see and hear crew mates and society members in a different environment.



Ladner Carol Ships

This year's Ladner Carol Ships was held on Friday December 10 and Saturday December 11. Because the Delta Lifeboat is still on the hard only the Fraser Lifeboat participated. On Friday the weather forecast was 100% rain and 22 knots winds with gusts to 32 knots. Some carol ships cancelled their participation but the Fraser went out there anyway as it was expected that some boats would go out. Together with RCM-SAR we escorted the carol ships past the float homes to Ladner Harbour. We were surprised that there were still that many people out to watch the display. On the dock at the end of Elliot street recording artists KickDrive and local vocalists Brook & Summer performed. The Fraser moored at the "Delta" dock for some snacks kindly provided by David Acton. On our way back to Steveston the opportunity was taken to give our new crewmembers a chance to steer and get a feel of the boat during night and windy conditions. Steveston was in the dark due to a power outage but at 10:15 pm the Fraser moored at her berth without any issues after a very successful evening.





Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

