



Delta boat show preparations

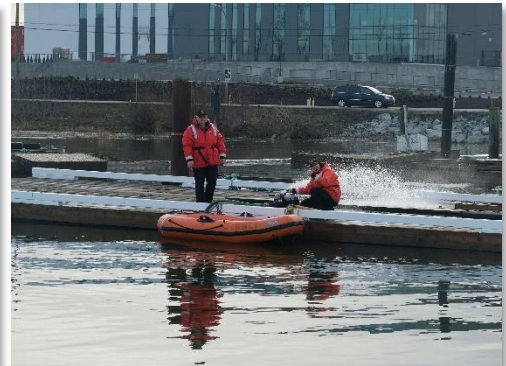
On Saturday January 28 it was all hands on deck to get the Delta in tiptop condition for the upcoming boat show. Vacuuming, mopping, polishing, transferring items not needed at the boat show, it was all done by John H., Len, Paul, PJ, Peter, Nick and Mike. Bravo Zulu.



Fraser on the water training

Saturday January 28. The Fraser Lifeboat went upriver today to practice laying a route using the TimeZero navigation software and using this information to give course recommendations to the coxswain. The helm indicator is currently indicating 8 degrees port when going dead ahead. This is something to be aware of when giving helm commands.

At the docks opposite the entrance to Shelter island crewmembers simulated a vessel taking on water and transferred the portable salvage pump to the dock using the X-boat. The was the first time crewmembers used the X-boat to do this and it went very well. All in all, it was a good training day.



Vancouver International Boat Show

Wednesday February 1 – Sunday February 5. On Wednesday the CLI started the show with crewmembers manning the booth and Delta lifeboat. As always, the first day was not that busy but the crew was still able to receive ± \$700.00 in donations. At 6:15 pm John gave a seminar called “Cruising our coast in Captain Vancouver’s wake” which was well attended.





As in previous years, our top fundraiser, Tim Cary, was able to join the crew every day to show us rookies how fundraising was being done. Although the crew didn't have a TAP possibility, they did have signs with QR codes for "Canada Helps" and "PayPal". It took some explaining and it was not as easy as tapping, but the crew did in the end get some donations through these 2 organizations.



The second and third day the visitor numbers started to increase as well as the donations. Thursday, the crew received ± \$850.00 and Friday ± \$1,250.00. On Friday evening John did another talk called "History and Industry of the Fraser River".





As always Saturday was the peak day in visitors and donations (\pm \$1,560.00). The Delta received a good number of visitors and at the booth crewmembers heard from many visitors how impressed they were with the Delta. On Sunday, the last day of the show, all crewmembers who have been on the show for multiple days were ready to call it a day but



kept on informing, educating and fundraising till the end of the day. The tally at the end of Sunday was \pm \$900.00. During the whole show, both the Delta and at the booth, the CLI received a lot of interest of people willing to join. The crew got their information and will follow up the coming weeks and hope to see them on the lifeboats.

A big thank you or as John would say, Bravo Zulu, to all crewmembers who helped the CLI making this boat show a success. A special thank you to PJ for lending his truck to get all the stuff on and off the booth at BC Place.



Welcome

New crewmember Limor Friedman

As a BC resident for the last 16 years, I have developed a deep appreciation for the ocean and all it has to offer. Kayaking has become a passion of mine, and I have spent the past 6 years exploring the waters around us on multi-day trips. With a strong interest in water safety and behaviour, I see joining the Canadian Lifeboat Institution as an opportunity to not only expand my knowledge but also to make a positive contribution.



SAR joint exercise February by John Horton



Over the years CLI has conducted extended training periods that may run over a weekend or even as long as 10 days. Such training has proven most valuable and helps develop skills, trust and comradeship between crew members. An extended training period was conducted from 1800 on Friday, 10th February, 2023 until 1630 on Sunday, 12th February, 2023.

The Delta and Fraser Lifeboats sailed in company on the 10th of February for Howe Sound. Night operations were conducted en route which included watch keeping, navigation and negotiating considerable commercial traffic. Both lifeboats secured at 2200 alongside Gibsons for the night. Accommodation ashore was arranged for Fraser's crew courtesy of the RCMSAR unit 14 for which CLI is most grateful.

Saturday February 11th and all victualing was provided aboard Delta. A full program was planned with joint training conducted with the Coast Guard hovercraft Moytel.



The following exercises were conducted successfully:

1. Recovery of a person in the water by both lifeboats followed by transfer of the patient by stretcher to the hovercraft.
2. Transfer of a tow from the hovercraft to each of the lifeboats in turn. This exercise was to assist crews understand the manoeuvres required as this must sometimes be done in the Fraser River when there is limited sea room.



3. Both lifeboats secured alongside the hovercraft for a multi vessel search pattern briefing. This also gave new crew members a chance to tour the hovercraft.
4. The lifeboats formed up with the hovercraft and practiced maneuvering and station keeping in company that simulated a multi vessel search. This went very smoothly and underlined the fact that the protocols and orders for maneuvering developed by CLI really work well.

On conclusion of the morning's training the hovercraft returned to base. Sincere thanks go to our Coast Guard colleagues for their participation and help in these worthwhile exercises.

Following an excellent debrief and lunch, Bill Parsons led the afternoon's training with both lifeboats conducting shoreline searches. For some new crew members this was totally new. Also, on Saturday both lifeboats practiced taking each other in an alongside tow and docking the towed vessel. Learning how to maneuver with another vessel secured alongside takes practice but is an essential maneuver that CLI is often called upon to do.



Another early start on Sunday the 12th prepared the crews for training in company with the RCM SAR 14 zodiac. Again, Bill Parsons was in charge of the training event. Just before 0900 the lifeboats were tasked (for exercise) to a lat and long position off Keats Island where a kayaker was reported missing. Arriving on scene (having deployed Oscar) Delta was instructed to conduct an expanding box search while Fraser set up a barrier search. With Oscar located RCM SAR 14 practiced recovering a victim from the water. After recovery the RHIB went alongside Delta where the patient was hoisted aboard in a stretcher using the boom.



RCM SAR 14 also conducted a pacing exercise with Fraser followed by an alongside towing exercise.

Following good debriefs and coffee aboard Delta, RCM SAR 14 returned to base with our grateful thanks for all their help and participation. BZ to all concerned.

Lunch completed by 12:30 both lifeboats sailed independently for their bases in the Fraser River. Training continued en route. Both lifeboats were secured by 16:30 and CLI's volunteer crews were able to go ashore well pleased with what had been achieved and lessons learned. All crew members performed well and proved they are up to the task. Special thanks must go to the new recruits involved who showed great keenness and a willingness to learn. BZ.

All planned events were carried out safely and efficiently and once again the value of such extended training was clearly demonstrated. Delta's crew was really challenged as 3 registered crew members had to cancel owing to sickness leaving only 4 actual crew. They performed extremely well and rose well to the additional workload.

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New crewmember Bill Venegas

Hello, my name is Bill Vanegas. I recently moved to Vancouver from Portland and have been enjoying

exploring the city and its surroundings. In my free time, I like to fish and crab, and have even been scuba certified in the past. Although I recently sold my 22-foot North River boat, I've been kayaking as a way to stay connected to the water. I'm a proud parent to two daughters; one is attending UBC and the other is working in the animation industry (photo Bill on the right).

