



CLI presentation with the Tsawwassen Legion by John Horton photos Mary Horton

In an attempt to ensure patrons who give CLI significant donations are properly thanked, Aaron Turner and John Horton made up and decorated several paddles.

On Thursday 1st June CLI's Brian Cook received a cheque of \$5,000.00 from the Tsawwassen branch Royal Canadian Legion. In return John Horton presented a beautifully decorated paddle in gratitude, which will hang in the legion.



Thursday evening training Photos Monika

Thursday June 1. Towing is one of the "rescues" the CLI does most often and therefore it is important to do this regularly as a refresher for the experienced and new crewmembers. Tonight's towing exercise was held on the north side of the Fraser River near the BC Ferries Fleet maintenance yard in Richmond. The Fraser requested a tow and the Delta provided the tow. First a 360 circumference was made around the Fraser



to check for any anomalies followed by the approach crossing the T. The first heaving line throw was perfectly executed, connected to the tow line, heaved in and secured to the Fraser. Once secured and paid out to the

right length by the Delta crew the tow commenced.

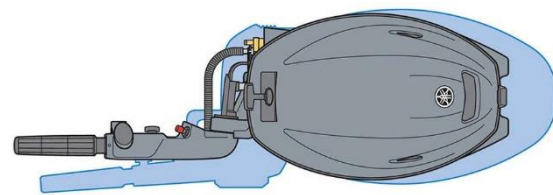


After some turns the Delta crew prepared their vessel for an alongside tow by rigging fenders and mooring lines 1 – 4. Once ready, the Fraser crew dropped the tow line and the Delta crew retrieved it. Then the Delta approached the Fraser and came alongside to secure both vessels. After securing, figures 8 were performed to check the behaviour of the vessels and also to get rid of slack in the lines as much as possible in order for both vessels to behave like one. The exercise went well but it did show that more practice is needed.

Delta outboard engine repair by John Horton

Following the return of 'Delta' RHIB it was loaded aboard and the engine remounted. When attempts were made to start the engine during Thursday night training, it would not turn over. With 'Delta' leaving the following afternoon for the Singlehanded Race it was vital that repairs be made.

Sincere thanks go to John Oystensen, John Ashikian and Brian van Vliet who worked for several hours to fault find and correct on Friday morning. It was concluded that the engine had been improperly stored and oil had flooded the cylinder and the carburetor. After cleaning the oil out, the engine was started and tested (note: the Yamaha outboard should be stored on the tiller side as per user manual).



Again, well done in finding the fault and correct it and making yourselves available at very short notice"BZ".



CLI RNSA Single Handed Race 2023 by John Horton

The 49th annual running of the RNSA Single Handed Race was held on Saturday 3rd of June and Sunday 4th June 2023. The weather was perfect with 10-15 knot SE wind on Saturday and 20-25 NW knots on Sunday. 27 yachts were registered and the 'Delta L/B' deployed as the

safety/committee boat. With a crew of five plus four Race committee members aboard, 'Delta' set up the start line at Point Grey and the finish line at Snake Island (Nanaimo). Only 1 yacht failed to finish within the time limit. 'Delta' monitored the radios as well as a visual watch throughout the race in case of any accidents. A race dinner was held in the Nanaimo yacht club, enjoyed by all.



The Sunday return race was more of a challenge owing to the stronger winds and 3 yachts retired even before the start, owing to gear failures and one medical situation. 'Delta' again anchored south of the Point Grey bell buoy for the finish. All participants had an exciting return leg with a quartering sea 4 to 5 feet.

As 'Delta' was preparing to weigh anchor, a tasking was issued for 'Delta' to assist a 21-foot power boat low on fuel in 5' seas not sure if they could make safe harbour. The position given was off the North Arm. 'Delta' began to weigh anchor but found it foul of the bottom. CGD radio was advised. Even though there was a strong flood tide and a five-foot sea running, 'Delta' was worked around 180° with the engine reversing the pull on the anchor! Luckily this worked and the foul anchor was freed.

'Delta' then proceeded to assist the 21' power boat. Ten minutes later CGD radio advised that the position given was wrong and that the vessel was off Passage Island. 'Delta' changed course for West Van to then being advised the vessel had made into Fisherman's Cove.



'Delta' proceeded to the WVYC where the race committee and two CLI crewmembers disembarked. 'Delta' returned to Ladner transiting the North Arm to New Westminster and down to Ladner. A good safe deployment by all and excellent training.

Coast Guard SAR audit by John Horton

On Monday 5th June, CLI was visited by Trevor Chapman and Dylan Stephanian from Canadian Coast Guard who were conducting a national audit of all available SAR resources. The 'Fraser L/B' was taken over to Ladner in the morning by John Horton and John Oystensen, securing alongside 'Delta' so both lifeboats could be viewed. The meeting at 1300 was conducted aboard 'Delta' with Brian Cook and John Horton giving an overview of operations and what CLI has to offer as a SAR partner. A presentation slide show and film were shown. It was obvious that CLI's approach to accident prevention hit a favourable chord and was welcomed. A tour of both lifeboats gave a more in-depth view of CLI's capability.



On conclusion John Horton and Brian Cook returned 'Fraser' to Steveston, but had to wait 2.5 hours until the tide had risen enough to allow them to leave harbour!! Being included in the audit was clear approval of CLI's contribution to search and rescue. "BZ" to all CLI volunteers.

CLI presentation with the Ladner Legion by John Ashikian



On Thursday June 08, a presentation to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 61 (Ladner) was made at their summer break membership meeting. CLI Crew member John Ashikian presented them with the CLI paddle bearing the CLI crest and inscription plate thanking them for their generous support. The paddle was well received and they were appreciative of CLI volunteers

to the CLI. The work and commitment in the Delta area.

Tug on the rocks near Sand Heads by Adrian Lee photo from Facebook "BC Coastal Mariners"

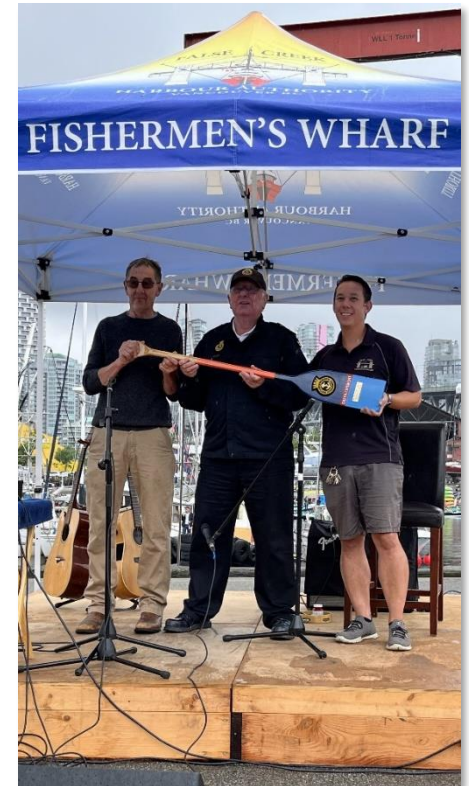
On Friday June 9 a tug with an experienced skipper going upriver probably lost its maneuverability, while there was a good tidal stream running at high water, and as a result ran aground on the rocks near Sand Heads. Some larger ships were aware and nearby but were not in a position to render assistance. Eventually it was floated off and towed into Steveston for inspection. No injuries were reported.



Blessing of the Fleet at False Creek

Saturday June 19. The Fraser LB departed Steveston harbour at 8am to support the Delta LB at False Creek for the "Blessing of the Fleet". The Delta arrived already in False Creek the previous evening due to other RNSA engagements. The weather was cloudy and hazy but the sea was calm. During the trip a simulated electronic chart plotters failure occurred and the coxswain in training used charts, compass and GPS coordinates to determine position and course to steer to get to False Creek. After half an hour the equipment became "operational again" and the coxswain in training was signed off on his task.

Between RVYC and English Bay many vessels were on the water with BC's kids with special needs and their families who were treated to a day of pirate-themed adventure on the high seas at Boat for Hope, a fundraiser in support of Variety – the Children's Charity. Together the local boating and business community create an unforgettable experience for 450 children, their families and caregivers totaling as many as 1,200 participants. For the hundreds of kids who participate every year, the day is a fun-filled opportunity to get out on the water with marauding pirates never far away and enjoy a barbecue in the part with outdoor activities, games and entertainment.



After maneuvering through all the "pirate" boats the Fraser came alongside the Delta at the Fishermen's Wharf in False Creek, just in time to receive the blessing of the fleet together with fishermen and other boaters. Like previous years, there was musical entertainment on the dock with an excellent buffet lunch. Brian Cook presented the harbour master with one of our decorated paddles as a thank you for donations received.



While moored at the dock both vessels had open house and crewmembers guided visitors in and around the vessels with their usual enthusiasm. At around 1400 both vessels departed in formation for their journey back to their LB stations. Our presence was well received by the fishermen, harbour authorities and the CLI got good PR out of it.

Dead heads hazards photos by Monika

Thursday June 10. Dead heads in the Fraser river are a danger to the boating community, but they move down river and eventually end up in the Strait of Georgia. Dead heads embedded in the bottom of the reaches (Ladner and Sea Reach) don't go anywhere and when they are in the middle of these reaches the CLI will pull them out of the mud and



tow them to a location where they are not a hazard for the boating community anymore. During this Thursday evening training Delta crewmembers towed some of these dead heads to safer waters.

Body found in Steveston Harbour

Although the CLI was never involved in finding and recovering a body, there is always a chance that this might happen. Dealing with such a situation won't be easy and additional help of professionals might be needed for crewmembers to cope with these kinds of situations.

On the CLI website crewmembers can find in the folder \File list\First Aid the document "Critical Incident Stress". This is a very useful document that will help crewmembers to understand, recognize and deal with Critical Incident Stress caused by incidents as described in the Richmond News article above. Crewmembers are encouraged to take some time to read and understand this document at their earliest convenience.

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Body found in Steveston harbour

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The body of an unidentified man was recovered from the Steveston Harbour area about two weeks ago. Richmond RCMP were alerted to a possible body spotted in the Fraser River at around 9 p.m. on June 9. A police boat, *The Fraser Guardian*, attended the scene along with the B.C. Coroners Service. The investigation, according to police, is active and ongoing.

AGM

Annual General Meeting



The first AGM post COVID was held at the Chinese Bunkhouse in Steveston. Traditionally the meeting started with pizzas, pops and time to socialize with crewmembers who haven't seen each other for a while. 25 crewmembers, 1 guest and 4 board members attended the meeting.

Bob McIlwane, with help from Brian Cook, chaired the meeting. A few questions from the floor were asked and these can be found in the minutes which will be uploaded to our public website with restricted access. The financial report was not presented because it was not ready but crewmembers were told that our finances are still healthy. All agenda points were moved, second and approved.

Email received after the meeting from John More:





Hi Ron:

It was very nice to attend the AGM, and reconnect with shipmates of the CLI that I have not seen for some time. Hopefully, I will be able to Crew again on the Delta L/B as my health improves. Please feel free to share with all.

Cheers, **John M. Chief Steward**



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Ports need their own police force, urges Delta mayor

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They're likely finding just a small portion of what's going through the port and fuelling the drug crises, says Delta Mayor George Harvie regarding major seizures announced by the Canada Border Services

Agency (CBSA). Noting the CBSA does outstanding work, but requires more resources, especially with the port authority's planned major expansion of the Deltaport container terminal, Harvie reiterated his concerns regarding crime following the CBSA's announcement

June 14 of seizures of more than 6,330 kg of methamphetamines over the past six months. Harvie pointed to ports in other jurisdictions including just down the 15 in Seattle that have their own dedicated police forces. "Good work on them (CBSA). They're so

underfunded. When I was back in Ottawa (with a City of Delta and Metro Vancouver delegation) we brought up with every minister our concern and every one did not know there was not a police presence. Chief (Neil) Dubord and I are arranging a trip to go down next month to Seattle to visit

their port. They have just under 200 police officers dedicated to port work," he said. "Police intelligence in B.C. shows our port is a conduit for meth to come up from South America, and also fire-arms as well as an exit for a large number of stolen vehicles. We have all this happening, and no police presence whatsoever. I find that incredible," Harvie added.

Also chair of Metro Vancouver, Harvie noted "a unified attack" on illegal activity in port facilities is required, adding that the CBSA's Tsawwassen inspection facility, which opened four years ago, is a good step. He said other provincial mayors are in agreement on the issue, which will be raised at

this year's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention. "It's time local governments stood up and said, 'Hey, this is affecting everyone. We have an addiction problem in this province and we need to do more to cut off the supply of illegal drugs.' I've also talked to our Metro Vancouver port representative about getting together and setting a meeting up and I hope to make a presentation to the (Port of Vancouver) board," he said. Three years ago, the city put forward a motion at the UBCM convention asking that the provincial and federal governments work together to re-establish a port policing or equivalent agency at the Roberts Bank container terminal and at all ports in B.C.



Amateur Radio Field Day exercise

by David Acton

On 24 Jun 2023 the CLI participated in the annual Amateur Radio Field Day exercise. This simulates an



emergency where radio equipment is deployed to remote locations, and then stations attempt to work as many contacts as possible over a given period of time. We worked 20 metre digital using FT8 mode. Our station ran by solar and battery power, using an ICOM IC7300 radio and 2 buddy pole antennas in a reflector configuration. We managed to work 115 stations across North America. We participate with Delta Amateur Radio Society and we run with one of their members. The event includes a fabulous BBQ too.

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Delta Spotlight



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Recently the Delta Lifeboat Station received a generous cheque from the Tsawwassen Legion to help with the operating costs of this valuable Ladner based Delta Lifeboat. In return John Horton produced a thank you presentation piece - a paddle with the CLI logo and a thank you plaque for Legion branch 289 in Tsawwassen. Pictured left to right Jodie McDonald, Tanya MacNeill, Ken Harvey from the Legion and Brian Cook and John Horton from Delta Lifeboat.



Ladner Legion Branch No. 61 recently presented a cheque for \$5,000 to the Heron Hospice Society. Pictured left to right; Rob Gardener, Sergeant at Arms, Al Ridgway, Legion president, Brian Reid, legion executive, Wayne Peace, Heron Hospice Society treasurer, Chris Pettipiece, president Heron Hospice Society, Russell Ford, Legion treasurer and Gerry Bramhill, Legion past president.



Norm Sayfs, president and David Bliss, vice president, of TOOB present a cheque for \$3,000 to Shari Barr, Annual Giving Manager from the Delta Community Health Foundation. The Tsawwassen Order of Old Bastards have donated more than \$44,000 since 1995 to support priority needs at the Delta Hospital Campus of Care.

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LNG protesters target MLA

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"Protect B.C.! Go frack-free! Stop Tilbury LNG!" were some of the chants heard along Steveston's waterfront last Tuesday.

About a dozen community members gathered outside Richmond-Steveston MLA Kelly Greene's office on June 20 to protest the proposed expansion of FortisBC's Tilbury LNG.

The \$3 to \$3.5 billion Phase 2 expansion in Delta will include a new marine jetty and a twelve-fold increase in production capacity.

Municipalities including Richmond, New Westminster and Port Moody, along with local environmental groups have opposed the project, citing potential danger to salmon habitat in the Fraser River Estuary and the risk of accidents and spills with liquefied natural gas (LNG) just across the river from the jet fuel tank farm.

Some protesters were also concerned about the environmental impact caused by fracking, the process used to extract natural gas, as well as potential health concerns for those living near the sites.

Fracking is used in 91 per cent of the province's gas production, which entails pumping gallons of pressurized, chemically treated water into shattered rock formations.

Peter McCartney, spokesperson of the Westminster Canadian Wilderness Committee and organizer of the event, said the aim of the protest was to urge the provincial and federal governments to reject the project. The marine jetty portion is currently awaiting approval from environment and transportation ministers.

"One of the big reasons we're here is because of the climate impacts of the terminal. This is a fossil fuel expansion in an era where we're already seeing deadly heat waves and record wildfires," said McCartney. "We cannot keep building fossil fuel infrastructure and expect to meet our climate goals."

McCartney told the *Richmond News* Steveston was chosen for the rally because it is



Local resident Dianne Milsom was one of the attendees at the rally. *Vikki Hui photo*

one of the communities at risk.

"If one of the tankers has an accident, it goes right through the area," he explained, adding many community members in the area are opposed to the project as well.

One such community member is Dianne Milsom, who is a supporter of the Wilderness Committee.

"I felt it was important for me to be an active person in this issue. I live here. I also boat up and down the coast. And I understand the huge implications there would be for accidents and fracking itself, the damage that it does to underground supports and to communities," she said. She added that she was thrilled with the turnout from Richmond, which can be "pretty conservative."

Greene voted against the project in 2020 while she was a city councillor, stating it was the "wrong project for here," but has since refused to clarify her position.

Greene's office was not open during the protest, but McCartney told attendees he met with Greene last week.

"She knows that we are out here and that she will be bringing her constituents' opposition to the provincial government," he said.

The *News* reached out to Greene's office for comment but was told she was "away out of town and unavailable for comment."

— With files from Maria Rantanen, Valerie Leung and Chuck Chiang

