

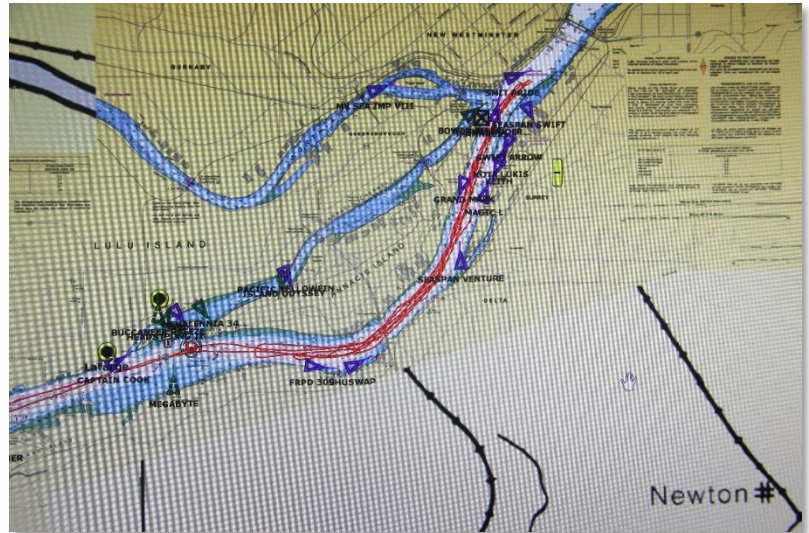
CLI & Aboriginal Safety Meeting

The second safety meeting between maritime users of the Fraser River and the Musqueam Band was held in person on the 14th of November at the Musqueam Cultural Centre in South Vancouver. The discussion centered on safety during aboriginal fisheries and covered timely notice of openings, communications between fishers and commercial traffic, proper lights and safety protocols. The CLI described what it offers fishers and the help it can provide. In addition, a list of concerns was tabled.

Commander Kelly Larkin from Transport Canada gave a list of items that they have funds to provide, which can include radios and lights. They can also provide links to a system that supplies digital traffic updates. Fish Safe provided a list of courses that they can give to fishers including radio, survival, stability, and net making. Also, inspection of vessels to ensure compliance with regulations and the various “gifts” that fishers can receive on completion.

CLI played a major role in the discussions, and everybody came away with high hopes for the future. Chief Richard Sparrow gave an excellent presentation. Showing he is anxious to improve relations between all parties and raise safety awareness in the aboriginal fleet. More meetings will be held and CLI stressed the importance of face-to-face meetings and training that can be held with the band’s fisher folk – these should be led by Fish Safe and CLI.

This will be a very important role for CLI which will go a long way to improving relations and safety on the Fraser River.



Fraser Lifeboat Station

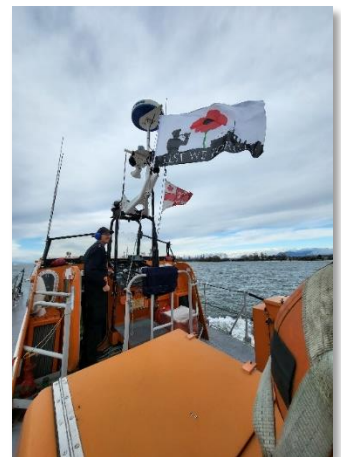
Thanks again to Sandpiper Signs & Decals for providing us with a new station sign for our Steveston Base. It looks amazing!! This is the same company that donated the Search and Rescue lettering on Fraser Lifeboat. We can't say enough about Sandpiper Signs and his team for their efforts to support us.



Saturday November 11

Crewmembers attended Remembrance Day ceremonies at various locations throughout the Lower Mainland. John Horton and P.J. McMillan laid a wreath at the Ladner Cenotaph.

Fraser Lifeboat conducted a brief lowering of the flag ceremony near Garry Point Park. After the moment of silence, a long blast of the horn and then flags flying again. Crew then showed the flag on a sail to Ladner and back.





Donated Sailboat

Tuesday October 31st. Delta Lifeboat sailed to Point Roberts to tow a 30 ft sailboat, which has been generously donated to the CLI, back to Steveston to Paramount Ship Yard. It will be put on the hard for two weeks for minor repairs, maintenance, and fitting out and eventually for sale. The Delta sailed from Ladner at 0830, to meet tidal and weather conditions for a successful tow.

Crewmembers drove to Point Roberts Marina where they prepared the sailboat with a bridle for the tow. It was decided to sail the sailboat under its own power outside the harbour. The engine ran smoothly but the prop was fouled as the maximum speed was about 1 knot. The crew did manage to sail it outside the harbour where the Delta Lifeboat took her in tow. The tow to Steveston was uneventful and after clearing

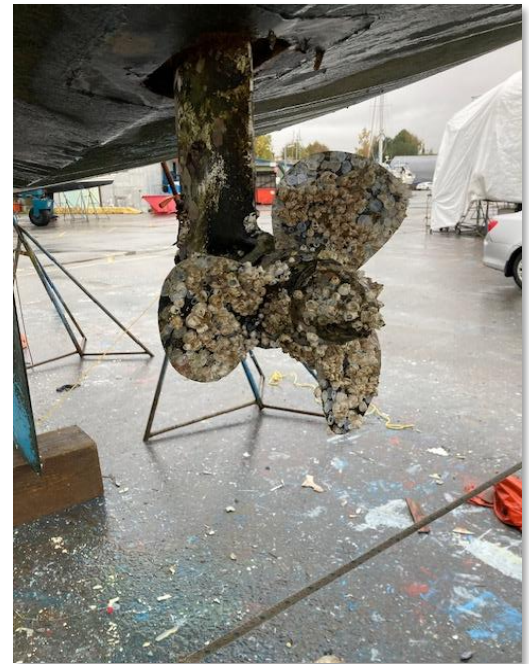
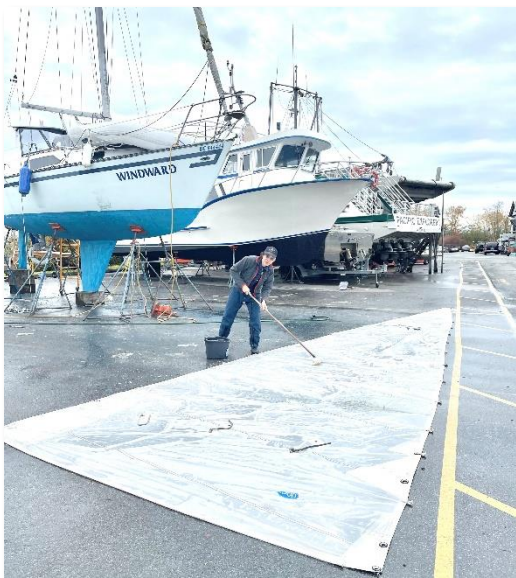


Canadian Customs in Steveston the sailboat was lifted out of the water at Paramount Ship Yard.

Working on the Sailboat 'Windward'

Many tasks have been performed by our crewmembers like: power washing, hull scrubbing, removing mussel growth (particularly on rudder and saildrive, removed prop, arranged for welding work on rudder assembly, cleaning, waxing and polishing of upper works, arranged for skilled fiberglass technicians to view the boat and provide info for the way ahead, prepared rudder for removal and disassembly to determine extent of damage, re-checked propane systems, drained transmission fluid, cut and then work the rudder post out of the bottom of the boat. Unfortunately, opened up the rudder; found considerable damage, and structural welding was needed for long-term solution. Week two: work on the rudder, saildrive, and bottom painting. Rudder post/rudder assembly welding was conducted. In preparation for hull painting, the boat was entirely tented and has a heater warming the hull.

Crewmembers work hard to get the donated sailboat 'Windward' ready for sale.





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Windward back to Ladner harbour

After all the hard work done by the crewmembers it is a pleasure to see the Windward sailing back to Ladner.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the crewmembers for all their hard work!!!





“TOOBS Presentation”

As more people in the community learn about the CLI, groups who raise money for charity are including the Institution in their financial support programmes. On 10th September a small party from TOOBS (Tsaawwassen Order of old Bastards) were given a brief tour aboard the “Delta Lifeboat”. On the 9th of November CLI attended a reception hosted by “TOOBS” and along with several other non-profit groups, the CLI was presented with a very generous cheque in support of the CLI’s service in Delta. The CLI extends its sincere gratitude for this financial assistance.



Fred Moxey is the former superintendent of B.C.’s Coast Guard stations and says the loss of a capability known as “radio direction finding” has degraded the service’s ability to find boats in distress.

“The sad thing about those two incidents is it might have been a different outcome,” Moxey said.

Radio direction finding is an old but reliable technique where the source of a radio signal, such as a boat in distress, can be located by triangulating between multiple antennas.

In a statement, the Canadian Coast Guard said its direction finding system has fallen into disrepair. The service said it was in the early stages of a years-long replacement project,

Loss of key coast guard tool putting lives at risk on B.C. coast, former officer says

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CLI 2023 Fundraiser & Holiday Dinner

This year’s Holiday Party was busier than ever. The CLI welcomed almost 100 CLI members, friends and guests at the Beach Grove Golf Club in Tsawwassen. Among the guests were mayor George Harvie, MLA Ian Paton, Fire Chief Guy McKintuck and Police Chief Neil Dubord. Like previous years there was a silent auction and 50/50 draw. John Horton generously donated his original 2023 Christmas card watercolor painting and it was auctioned off by Ian Paton, who used to auction farm equipment. CLI took this opportunity to announce the promotion of two of its crewmembers to CLI coxswains. This is a CLI first for coxswains to climb up from inside the organization.



THANK YOU to all who provided items for the silent auction and helped making the Event Dinner to a success.

