



Operations and Policy Manual

Fraser Lifeboat

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The Operations and Policy Manual of the Fraser Lifeboat has now been uploaded to the CLI website. Two Fraser Lifeboat coxswains (one who has since passed away May 2022) who spent many hours putting this manual together. It contains a lot of general and Fraser Lifeboat specific operational information that crewmembers need to know when crewing on the CLI Lifeboats.

Contents include: Vessel Specifications and Limitations, Safety, Lifeboat Stations, Crew Qualification Requirements, Crew Health Precautions, Equipment SOPs, Operations Procedures, Fishery Specific Guidance, Emergency Procedures, Search & Rescue Procedures, Policy, Communications, Contacts List, Signals & Flags, Operations Near Marine Life, Drone Operations, Coastal watch & CLI Operational Memos.

In addition, a hard copy of this manual can be found on the Fraser Lifeboat. An Operations and Policy Manual for the Delta Lifeboat is currently in the making.

March 2nd – Search and Rescue

Volunteer Memorial Day (source – Facebook)

Today is proclaimed as British Columbia Volunteer Search and Rescue Memorial Day by the Province of British Columbia. Representatives from Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, PEP Air, Coastal Nations Coast Guard Auxiliary, British Columbia Search and Rescue Association, and the Province of B.C. will lay a wreath at the memorial at noon. Unveiled on March 2, 2017, the Search and Rescue Volunteer Memorial is dedicated to those rescuers who lost their lives in the line of duty and to those volunteers who continue to serve.

The Search and Rescue Volunteer Memorial is located on the Legislative Precinct to the east of the back of the Parliament Buildings, along a pathway dedicated to honouring the fallen first responders of British Columbia. Picture credited to Caroline McAllister.



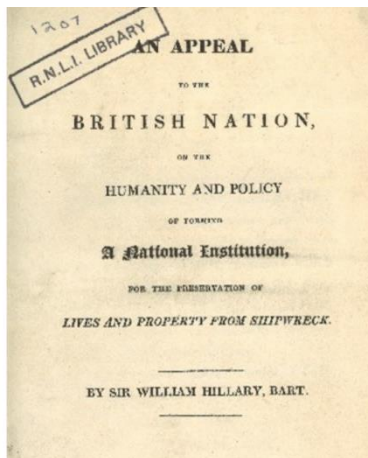
British Columbia Search and Rescue Volunteer Memorial

Medical Training: Pre-Departure

Saturday March 2nd. Prior to sailing for the 2024 roe herring deployment, CLI's dedicated medical officer presented a training refresher course to crewmembers. The presentation reviewed all the medical equipment and supplies held aboard 'Delta Lifeboat'. This session covered;

- a) All the contents in the medical bags and their use.
- b) The AED and its use.
- c) Oxygen and its use.

The training was given in the Delta Harbour conference room. All crewmembers benefitted greatly from this extra training, ensuring the crew was ready for any medical emergency encountered.



RNLI 200 years On 4 March 1824, Sir William Hillary's vision for a service dedicated to saving lives at sea became a

reality in Bishopsgate's trendy London Tavern. Now, exactly 200 years on from this landmark moment, we mark 200 years of lifesaving. Since the charity launched its first lifeboat in 1824, the RNLI has saved more than 144,000 lives at sea. Everything the RNLI has achieved in this time has only been possible thanks our incredible volunteers, supporters and staff who do extraordinary things every single day. (source RNLI website). CLI is modeled after the RNLI.



Roe Herring Fishery Patrol to Comox Area

On Wednesday March 6th the Delta Lifeboat departed Ladner for Comox to support the herring fishing fleet at the Comox area. A complement of 6 Crewmembers volunteered for this great opportunity of training, practicing and assist with SAR objectives.

Crew members at home were kept up to date with photos and write ups posted electronically.



Excerpt from March 7; *Dinner was roast pork, roast potatoes, veg and gravy, with apple pie and cream for dessert. We were tasked out at 03:52am by Coast Guard who could not reach a boat on via VHF radio. It was drifting off anchor onto Sandy Island, Henry Bay. We headed to the boat, woke them up and escorted them back to anchorage. Successful callout. We went back to standby for the remainder of the night.*

March 10, a local RCM-SAR group dropped by the Delta Lifeboat while we were fueling up. They have a program to introduce kids to SAR. Out of this experience some kids that carry this knowledge with them while some others will get interested in the Navy.



Posting the Delta Lifeboat departure on Facebook we received some nice comments shown on the right.

Other Posting:

3/10 Today the fishing was on the east side of Denman Island. Off to Deep Bay for the night. Getting closer to quota. No word when gill netters will fish.

3/12 We are waiting for the gill netters

to start. In Comox getting groceries. Will head back to Deep Bay for the evening. Don't have a planned date to return yet.

3/13 We are anchored off Qualicum. Gill net fishery is open. Quota @ 3180 tons.

3/13 The night watch. Gill net fishing opened at 2pm this afternoon.



2024 Herring Fishery Report

On 6th March CLI was advised that the 2024 herring fishery would open on the following day. With last minute provisions on board the 'Delta Lifeboat' sailed at 0900 on the 7th March travelling nonstop to Lambert Channel where the seine fleet were fishing.

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Yesterday, Delta Lifeboat deployed to the Herring Fishery near Comox BC. Our vessel stays on scene during this event to render assistance in case of emergency. While waiting for the official opening, crews enjoy camaraderie and do some training.

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Brian Shaw

I well remember my 2 deployments with the CLI to the herring fishery. It was a great time to build a team spirit and hone all the necessary skills a crew needs to perform the important skills needed for the lifesaving skills the CLI is committed to provide. Bravo Zulu and stay safe!!

1h Like Reply



Quincy Sample

You guys towed a skiff in for me about 8 years ago when you saw I was struggling with 4 skiffs. Always thankful that you guys are supporting the herring fishermen. If you guys need anything in Comox or a set of wheels, let me know.

52m Like Reply



On arrival in the area a safety patrol was set up and even when able to anchor near the fleet a continual radio watch was maintained. Over the weekend high winds and lack of fish caused a delay in fishing and the fleet sort shelter.

At 0400 on the 8th March 'Delta' was tasked to alert the seine boat 'Nordic Queen' that they were dragging anchor and in danger of going ashore. Delta Lifeboat responded and when close alongside managed to raise the crew. The vessel was escorted to a safer anchorage.

During the deployment 'Delta' was pleased to welcome personnel from WorkSafeBC – FishSafeBC – Canfisco and RCM-SAR. These sorts of visits help strengthen the relationships between us all.



net full of fish. 'Delta' and its RHIB stood by to offer assistance, but eventually the net was cut free.

With the quota of just over 6000 tons almost landed 'Delta' departed the grounds for a transit back to Ladner. The last few days had seen calm sunny weather and starlit nights, in sharp contrast to the cold, wet and windy conditions for the first week. For the second year in a row there were thankfully no fatalities or injuries during what can be a very dangerous fishery. Perhaps the hard work by FishSafe and WorkSafe is paying off to ensure every fisher comes home safely.

Following the seine fishery, it was a few days wait for the gillnet fishery. Flights most mornings were used to find evidence of herring spawn and its size before an opening could be declared. Once 'Delta' observed on its AIS that the fleet was moving south the L/B repositioned to Qualicum Bay. Again, maintaining a 24 hour watch a close eye was kept on the fleet.

On the 6th March the L/B crew kept a close watch on one gillnetter that was listing badly which could have ended in the capsizing. The crew where observed

shoveling fish like mad to rectify the situation. Later the seine boat 'Christav' was seen with its anchor foul of a



CLI's presence again during the fishery was appreciated by many and calls of thanks were received on the radio. All the crew performed their duties



well. They stayed focused throughout the deployment and they all demonstrated good teamwork, ensuring they and the L/B were ready for any emergency. Together six crewmembers logged a total of 1202 manhours. The grateful thanks of the institution are passed to them all.

Delta Lifeboat Holding Tank

The Delta Lifeboats new holding tank is now in place. Crew are working on plumbing and electrics. The new toilet will go in after the Southern Straits and the upcoming on-shore refit.



Herring fishery is wrapping up around Vancouver Island



The total allowable catch in the Strait of Georgia was slightly higher than the last year.

Carla Wilson

Mar 19, 2024 4:00 AM



The annual herring spawn is wrapping up this year and it appears "pretty encouraging" on the west coast of Vancouver Island and in the Strait of Georgia.



area between the outside of Denman and Hornby islands and then the Vancouver Island shore from Deep Bay down to Nanoose has been quite active this year. Last year, Port McNeill was a surprise spawning area. But there's been little reported so far this year.

The roe herring fishery accounts for the bulk of the commercial fishery. Japan is the main customer. Herring is an important part of First Nations culture. First Nations food, social and ceremonial fisheries are open in all areas. Spawning on Vancouver Island's west coast turned out to be better than expected, Rusch said. It has been visible in Ucluelet Harbour and between Tofino and Ahousat. Limited commercial fishing was set for the Prince Rupert District and the Strait of Georgia. As well, limited commercial harvest of spawn-on-kelp will be allowed in the Central Coast and in some other small areas.

Loic Dallaire, a UVic master's student, is teaming up with the Pacific Salmon Foundation to do work for the federal Fisheries Department. He is using high-tech tools and drones to develop an effective way of using satellite imagery to better understand herring spawning patterns. Meanwhile, the Heiltsuk First Nation is suing the federal government because commercial harvest of herring spawn-on-kelp in the nation's territory was banned in 2022. The nation maintains this was an infringement of its Aboriginal rights.



Commercial fishing in the strait closed Friday, Bryan Rusch, regional pelagics co-ordinator for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, said Monday. Seine boats were out on the water first this month, followed by gillnets. "I think overall it has definitely been a positive year so far," he said. The total allowable catch in the Strait of Georgia was slightly higher than last year, he said, adding that the department is taking a conservative approach when setting limits.

This year's total catch for herring for the entire coast has been set at 9,251 tonnes, up somewhat from the previous year. Herring do not always spawn in the same location. They can move around the strait. This year, spawning was seen and is continuing at Cortes, Herdado and Savary islands. Spawning has happened there before but not that often, Rusch said. "But the focus has really been on the

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City chips away, removes old Brackman-Ker deck

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The City of Delta last week began removing the deteriorating concrete deck at the Brackman-Ker site on Chisholm Street.

Owned by Delta, the property is located next door to the city-owned Seven Seas site which is also vacant.

It's all part of Delta's push to revitalize Ladner Village and the waterfront. The city holds a water lot lease for the portion of the deck over the foreshore and water surface.

Built in the late 1800s, the Brackman-Ker warehouse collapsed into the river in 2010 and its components were subsequently removed and disposed of, but the deck remained.

The city over a decade ago used amenity money from the Port of Vancouver to purchase the Seven Seas building and adjacent Brackman-Ker warehouse, which was a recognized heritage building, with the aim the sites would be a catalyst for redevelopment at Ladner Harbour.

The warehouse then collapsed into the harbour and, a few years later, one of the former Brackman-Ker granary buildings also was demolished.

That building was one of three granaries constructed at Chisholm and Georgia streets in the 1890s, across the street from the Brackman-Ker warehouse.



SANDOR GYARMATI PHOTO

The city last week started removing the falling Brackman-Ker deck on Chisholm Street.

The warehouse was originally built for J.A. Paterson and H.D. Benson, who sold it and the associated granaries across the street, to Brackman-Ker Company of Victoria in 1904.

The milling business was founded in 1877 by Henry Brackman and James Milne as a rolled oats manufacturer.

The company dissolved in 1879, but was resurrected when Brackman partnered with David Russell Ker in 1881. After Brackman's death in 1903, Ker took over the company and began an ambitious expansion throughout Western Canada.

The Brackman-Ker Milling Company remained in business until it was bought by Maple Leaf Mills in 1965.

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RHIB trailer

While the Delta was at the Southern Strait Race PJ took this opportunity to give the RHIB trailer a hard-needed paint job. It looks now as new again! Great job PJ!!!



Southern Straits Race

The 2024 Southern Straits Yacht Race was again held on the Easter weekend. Starting off Dundarave pier at 1030 on Good Friday morning yachts raced over three courses measuring 59, 99 and 136 nautical miles respectively. The Delta Lifeboat departed her Ladner station at 0700 with a crew of seven to provide a safety patrol during the race.

The Delta Lifeboat arrived off Dundarave by 1015 to observe the start. Although 20 knot SE winds were forecast it was only blowing about 10 knots giving a graceful and picturesque start with many flying spinnakers. The plan for this deployment was to stay underway throughout the race to monitor progress and give assistance if required. With the winds remaining light and getting a lighter into the evening it wasn't till well into the night before yachts turned around Sisters Island. After dinner off Lasqueti Island the crew were able to welcome members of the Deep Bay RCMSAR who secured alongside. A very warm visit was enjoyed by all. While patrolling off point Atkinson Delta Lifeboat received a call from Vancouver Port Authority Patrol boat



requesting we advise any yachts proceeding towards 1st Narrows bridge that the supersized container ship 'Tranquility' required a clear passage through to 1st Narrows. The information was passed over the VHF race channel. At 1300 with most yachts crossing the finish line Delta Lifeboat stood down and proceeded to transit back to Ladner which was reached at 1530. Underway for a total of 33 hours, CLI thanks its volunteer crew for helping ensure yachtsmen in this classic event had assistance at hand if the need arose.



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