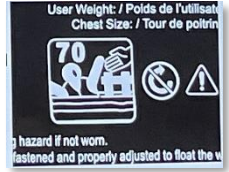


Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check (PCCC)

On Tuesday evening April 2nd crewmembers gathered at Delta Firehall # 4 for a refresher (new for some) PCCC training. The training was given by Breanne Muir from Transport Canada. She did an excellent job in conveying all the requirements recreational boaters have to comply with. New this year; Level 70 buoyancy aids certified by UL LLC as per the standard UL 12402-5 and UL-12402-9 are recognized by Transport Canada as substitutes for the personal flotation devices currently required under the Small Vessel Regulations and the Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations. The statistics shown by Breanne were a shocking eyepener for all 18 Crewmembers and one guest attended the training. Many questions were asked and discussions held, showing great engagement from all participating. Crewmembers are now ready and comfortable to perform PCCC's coming Saturday when we have 19 vessels from the Royal City



Yacht Club lined up at the Imperial dock in Steveston.



Royal City Yacht Club Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check

On Saturday April 6th the Canadian Lifeboat Institution was again invited to do the annual Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check of the Royal City Yacht Club. 19 RCYC vessels were tied up at the Imperial dock in Steveston. CLI crew members performed the voluntary inspections diligently. Every boat owner welcomed CLI crew onboard. Simultaneously Joe Schiller from Black Tusk Fire & Inspection performed fire extinguishers inspections free of charge. All 19 vessels were compliant according to the Transport Canada regulations and were issued the 2024 CLI decal. It was mentioned that the decal is not 100% weather resistant so the CLI advised to keep the decal as protected as possible from the elements. The CLI crew educated the RCYC members on the TC regulations but were also treated on the knowledge some of the RCYC have. The contact information on the CLI business card that was handed out can be used by the RCYC members in case they have any boating questions or if they need any free assistance. The inspections were followed by a RCYC potluck and was greatly appreciated by the CLI crew. \$950.00 was donated by RCYC.



Government to increase tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers

From: [Department of Finance Canada](#)

News release

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Volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers play a critical role in protecting Canadians. Every year thousands of Canadians volunteer their time, and sacrifice their own safety, to keep their neighbours safe. Whether responding to flooding in Nova Scotia or wildfires in British Columbia, these volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help with firefighting and search and rescue.

In recognition of this, today the federal government announced that Budget 2024 will propose to double the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit.

This means the tax credit will increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for 2024 and subsequent tax years, saving volunteer firefighters up to \$900 per year. This increase will particularly benefit rural communities where firefighters are most often volunteers and they are confronting increasingly more frequent wildfires due to climate change. Over the next six years, this represents about \$105 million in new support for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers across the country.

Today's announcement also includes \$166.2 million over five years in new funding in support of First Nations emergency management and preparedness. Recognizing that many First Nations communities are especially vulnerable to the impact of natural disasters, this investment will better support First Nations to protect their communities.

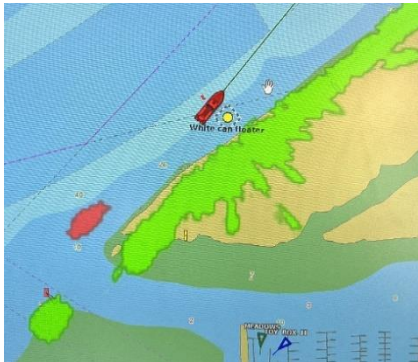
These investments will help ensure that our essential first responder volunteers are better supported in the selfless work they do to keep all of us safe. Alongside these measures, in the upcoming budget, the government will announce further action to build more homes, faster, make life more affordable, and create more good jobs and economic growth to ensure every generation can get ahead.

Fraser L/B new life vests

Thursday April 11th. Evan shows off the new SAR life vest. The Fraser L/B has now 8 new life vests in difference sizes.



Saturday April 13th training.



When there is wind (16 knots) and waves (3 – 5 feet) it is always a great opportunity for the Fraser Lifeboat crew to practice boat handling at Sand Heads (lower Fraser River) . Crew got effects the waves



en route to Sand Heads, Victoria Traffic sent out a warning that a partly submerged dock was afloat near the ODAS buoy in the Fraser River. After the boat handling exercise the Fraser Lifeboat set course up river to investigate this report. No floating dock was found but a new white mooring buoy was spotted near the tunnel near Captain's Cove Marina. This could be in preparation for the installation of the new tunnel segments.

some time at the helm to experience the have on the behaviour of the Lifeboat. While

Refit Delta Lifeboat

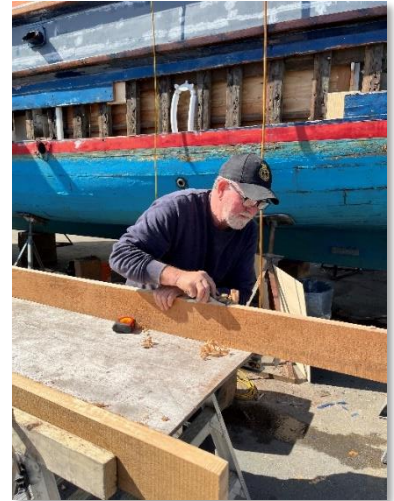
The 'Delta' Lifeboat went into annual refit immediately after being deployed on the Easter patrol. Thanks to the help given by CLI members, work was completed by the 24th of April. The hull was prepared and repainted and three new planks were installed.

Thanks go to Simon, a new member who was trained as a shipwright in England. His valuable contribution saved CLI a lot of money. CLI once again wishes to thank Commodore Boats for all their help and fine work during the refit.





Other work included fiberglass repairs to the upper deck and installing stronger support mounts to the swim grid. Also, the shaft stuffing box was repacked. The 'Delta' was launched on the 25th of April and returned to station where all unnecessary gear was landed and a thorough cleaning given. Some upper works painting still needs to be done over the next few weeks. However, the 'Delta' is now completely ready to return to service. Again, a special thanks to those members who turned up and assisted in the refit.





Deteriorated Anchor Cable

During the 2024 refit a survey of the ground tackle showed most of the cable in a deteriorated state and was condemned. The cost of replacing five shackles of cable was over \$2,000.00. CLI's close friends generously donated \$2,500.00 to cover the cost. Our sincere thanks go out to them both. With 2.5 shackles of old cable still in good condition the total now carried is 7.5 shackles.

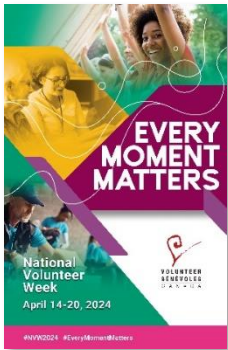
Ladner Legion Donation

On the 11th of April CLI were invited to meet at the Ladner Legion where they were presented with a cheque of \$500.00 to be put towards funds being raised for a night vision camera. CLI wishes to thank the Ladner Legion executive and members for their ongoing generous support.



National Volunteer Week

Apr 14-20 is National Volunteer Week. It highlights the importance of every volunteer and each contribution they make. CLI volunteers take many hours out of their own time to provide search and rescue services to the community. Whether it be training, taking courses, conducting vessel safety checks, or engaging in fishery patrols and safety patrols, our volunteers are committed to keeping you safe. The CLI appreciates all of our crews and their commitment to marine safety.



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Delta's Emergency Management Program extends their appreciation and sincere thanks to:

Emergency Support Services (ESS), Emergency Radio Communicators, Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP), Canadian Lifeboat Institution volunteers for their support and ongoing commitment towards public safety in Delta.

For all volunteering opportunities, visit Delta.ca/Volunteer





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National Day of Mourning

April 28th marked the “National Day of Mourning”. The ‘Delta’ Lifeboat attended the commemoration ceremony at Garry Point in Steveston. Every year the lives of BC fishermen lost at sea are remembered with dignitaries and families laying wreaths in memory of loved ones who did not come home. The lifeboat anchored close to the fisherman’s memorial to participate in



the event. The “still” was piped following a piper who played “going home”. After the wreaths were laid “eight bells” was struck followed by the “carry on” this ending the ceremony. Brian Cook laid flowers on behalf of CLI and several other members also attended

on shore. To ensure the Delta L/B could stay in position close to Garry Point it was decided to lay out a kedge anchor as well to make sure the vessel did not swing onto the rocks. Although the crew had not conducted this manoeuvre before, it was perfectly done.



Caution Delta Lifeboat Crew



There is a duck’s nest with five eggs at the end of the dock. Be careful during departures and arrivals when handling line # 1. Try not to disturb the duck with her important task.

Thanks in advance from Mama Duck.



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