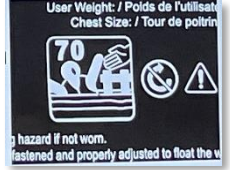


Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check

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.



Lliam Magee

Brian Cook welcomed new crewmember Lliam Magee at the Pleasure Craft Courtesy Check training and presented him with the CLI crew cap.



RCYC PCCC

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. Doug Maxwell handed \$950.00 in donations over to Brian Cook which was greatly appreciated by the CLI crew. Thank you RCYC for your donations and inviting us to this wonderful event. The CLI is looking forward to seeing you again next year or on the water during the coming boating season.



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

From: [Department of Finance Canada](#)

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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.

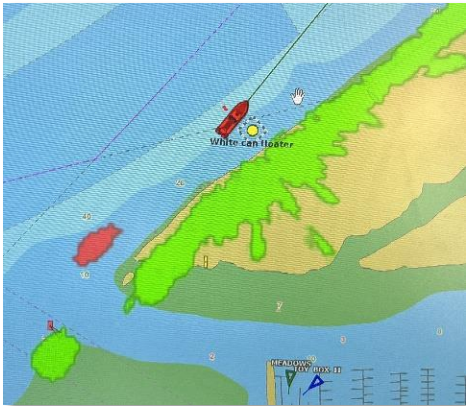


Saturday April 13th training.

When there is wind (16 knots) and waves (3 – 5 feet) it is always a great opportunity for the Fraser L/B crew to practice boat handling at Sand Heads. Evan and Richard got some time at the helm to experience the effects the waves have on the behaviour of the Fraser. While 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 L/B set course up river to investigate this report. No floating dock was found but a new white mooring buoy was spotted near the tunnel / Captain's cove marina. This could be in preparation for the installation of the new tunnel segments.



Simon Postma

Simon already joined the CLI in February but today he received his ball cap from Brian. Simon is putting his wooden boat builder skills in practice while the Delta is on the hard at Shelter Island. Simon is replacing some rotten planks at the port side together with PJ.





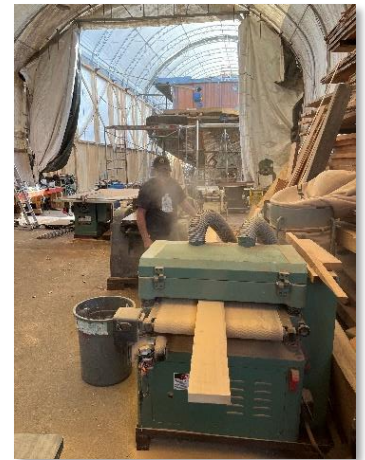
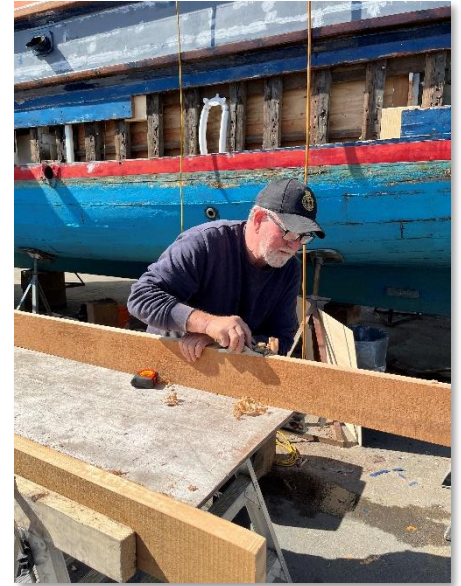
Refit Delta L/B by John Horton

The 'Delta' L/B 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 where installed.

Thanks go to Simon Postma, 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. '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, '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 cable by John Horton

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 Svein Stokke and Kathy Regner very 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 by John Horton

On the 11th of April Brian Cook and John Horton 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.

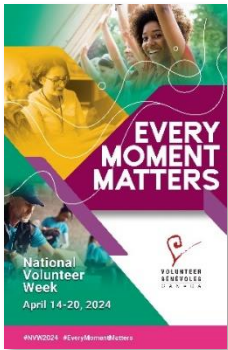


National Volunteer Week by David Acton

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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Ken and Wendy sailing from Fiji to Vanuatu and New Caledonia

Ahoy Shipmates,

Wendy and I are off on another sailing adventure, this time from Fiji to Vanuatu and New Caledonia. We leave Vancouver on May 6, flying to Nadi, Fiji, to rejoin a friend who is presently moored in the Vuda Point marina, approximately 10 km from the airport, on the west side of Viti Levu, the main island of Fiji. I had helped Bill get ready for his sailing adventure in 2016 when he had his boat in Blaine, then met up with him in Mexico, then again in Fiji when Wendy and I spent a month aboard Music sailing Fiji waters, culminating



in riding out a typhoon. Luckily the typhoon veered off course at the last moment, so all we got was 120 knot winds roaring through the marina, which is one of two certified hurricane refuges in Fiji, safe to ride out most storms. I returned in November that year to assist Bill in sailing to New Zealand. I had agreed to do this trip, as I thought that a trip to New Zealand would be a fitting last oceanic voyage to my sailing career. Little did I know that there were more ocean trips in my future.



While we were in Fiji, we visited the former home of a New Westminster native, Raymond Burr, known to millions as the star of the tv series Perry Mason and Ironside. Raymond had a passion for orchids, so he bought a property on the side of a mountain near Nadi and raised these beautiful flowers. Today it is open to the public, called "The Garden of the Sleeping Giant". Check out their website. Nearby is a thermal mud bath, reputed to be good for the skin, so we had to try it. It was quite an experience to smear ourselves in mud, wait for it to dry, then climb into a thermal pool to rinse off.



The area between the two main islands Viti Levu and Vanua Levu is called Bligh Water, named after William Bligh of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame. He made the perilous trip in an open long boat with 18 crew after being set adrift from the Bounty following the mutiny in April 1789. The area is strewn with coral reefs that are just below the surface, making navigation very difficult. When we sailed it in 2018, the wind was blowing 20-25kn, with horizontal rain and a lumpy sea. There are very few navigation markers, so seeing the reefs was a challenge. How Bligh did it safely is a testimony to his skill. Don't believe the Hollywood version.



Now, in 2024, we are to rejoin Music, as Bill wants to complete his voyage to Australia. Although he lives in the Oakridge area, he has lots of relatives in Australia, and has had the dream of sailing there to visit them. He could have flown, but sailing is more of an adventure. As the saying goes, "Sailing is the most expensive way of travelling 3rd class". Covid got in the way (as it did with everyone) delaying his trip for six years.



intended landfall is the southern tip of Tanna, an island at the southern end of the archipelago. Tanna has an active volcano which is reputed to be most easy to access to view the molten lava bubbling away. I understand the best time to see it is at dawn or dusk when the fiery glow is most obvious. Hence the trip to Tanna.

The voyage to Vanuatu is about 450 miles, so depending upon wind direction and speed, we hope to do it in four days. With the end of the typhoon season in April, hopefully the SE trade winds will have settled down and blow a consistent 15kn. Fingers plus arms, toes, eyes are all crossed hoping for the predicted weather. Our



My cousin Kirsten will join us in Port Villa, the capital of Vanuatu, on the island of Efate, approx. 120 miles north of Tanna. She was also part of the crew when we sailed Music to New Zealand, so knows her way around the boat. After exploring the town and surrounding area, we intend sailing north to explore some of the small islands, enjoying diving around the coral reefs, and enjoying some of the legendary Vanuatu hospitality.

After clearing out of Port Villa, the 300-mile trip to New Caledonia should be easier, with four crew to stand watch for the expected three-day trip. Again, the coral strewn reefs at the southern end of the main island (Grande Terre) and at the entrance to the harbour of Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia, will make for an "interesting" time. New Caledonia is part of

France’s Oceania territories, so we will have to brush up on our French. James Cook was the first European to sight the islands in 1774, and was the one to name it, as he thought the northern part of the Grande Terre reminded him of Scotland. The six lagoons of the barrier reef form the world’s longest continuous barrier reef, and were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2008. Therefore, I hope to do as much diving as possible. New Caledonia is one of the very few countries in the world to have two national flags, the French tricolour and the local flag. The local population cannot agree which should be the official flag, and is the cause of much “discussion”.

I hope to write more during the trip, and will forward it on to Ron for inclusion in future Heaving Line newsletters. Looking forward to seeing you all in mid-June.



National Day of Mourning by John Horton

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. ‘B.Z.’



Caution Delta 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.

