



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the RNSA Singlehanded Race

On Saturday Nov 02 members of the CLI attended the Royal Naval Sailing Association mess dinner celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the BC Squadron RNSA Singlehanded Race. The Delta Lifeboat is the support vessel for this race. The guest speaker for the dinner was Commodore Philip Warwick, RN (ret), CEO of the RNSA.

The event was held in the main dining room of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. A four-course dinner was served with wine and port. Normal mess protocols were observed. Fifteen CLI crew and society members attended the dinner.



## Remembrance Day

CLI crewmembers attended Remembrance Day service at various locations in the lower mainland:

- Fraser Lifeboat sailed to Fisherman’s Memorial in Steveston.
- Crewmembers laid a wreath on behalf of the CLI at the Ladner Cenotaph.
- Crewmembers attended services at various locations.
- Garry Point Park,
- North Van Memorial with the Vancouver Naval Veterans Association.
- Aldergrove Cenotaph.
- Delta Air Park Services.



On Monday, November 11th, the Fraser Lifeboat sailed to honour our veterans and remember those that we have lost in service to our country.

Numerous Fraser Lifeboat crewmembers along with guests crewed the vessel for the ceremonial sailing. Heading east along Cannery Channel, then returned west to hold station close to the Steveston Fisherman’s Memorial at Garry Point Park,



where flags were lowered for two minutes of silence at 11:00am.

We then transited along the float homes in Ladner Reach, turning around in Ladner Harbour to return back to Steveston. Training components covered an oral examination on cold water safety and floatation device specifications on top of furthering development of skills through operational experience.



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## The Government of Canada Invests in the Small Craft Harbours of British Columbia From: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

### News release

November 12, 2024

**Richmond, B.C.** - Small craft harbours are the heart of many coastal communities, bringing people together in work and play, while supporting jobs in the fish and seafood industry for over 45,000 Canadians. As part of Budget 2024, \$463.3 million over three years will be invested for the repair and maintenance of small craft harbours. This is on top of the Department's annual budget of \$90 million for these harbours.

As part of the Government of Canada's commitment to growing the economy to help everyone get ahead, today member of Parliament, Parm Bains, on behalf of the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, announced an investment of \$32 million over three years for multiple projects in the Pacific Region.

These projects cover significant critical infrastructure improvements at eighteen Pacific Region Harbours, including nine on Vancouver Island, four in the Lower Mainland, two on the Sunshine Coast, two in the Gulf Islands and one on the North Coast. Work on these projects is anticipated to begin in fall 2024. The overall budget also includes \$11.15 million to complete minor projects to support health and safety requirements at various harbours, as required.

The fishing industry is central to many coastal communities across Canada, and harvesters need small craft harbours to be safe and reliable. With climate change causing more extreme weather events, it is critical to invest in infrastructure that is more resilient, and above all else, safe for harbour users.

These investments support local economic development for generations to come, providing functional harbours for Canadians working in the fisheries, aquaculture, construction, and marine engineering sectors.

### Quotes

"Small craft harbours are the backbone of our vibrant fishing communities from coast to coast to coast, including here in British Columbia. As the nation with the longest coastline in the world, we must invest in resilient harbour infrastructure capable of facing the climate challenges of today





and tomorrow. This is not only a question of economic development, but also of food security. With Budget 2024, we're giving ourselves the means to achieve our ambitions, by equipping our harvesters with modern harbours where their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will carry on our finest maritime traditions.”

The Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

“Canadian small craft harbours are at the heart of many communities. Much like our Steveston Harbour, they provide jobs, tourism and recreation, and a strong fishing industry means a strong British Columbia. I'm proud to be a part of the Government of Canada's investment in Pacific Region Harbours and the economic growth of our coastal communities.”

Parm Bains, Member of Parliament, Steveston—Richmond East

“Small craft harbours are vital economic drivers on the West Coast, especially in communities like ours, where fishing and tourism are woven into the fabric of daily life. This funding will strengthen these hubs, supporting families and preserving our local way of life through modernized, safer, and more sustainable infrastructure.”

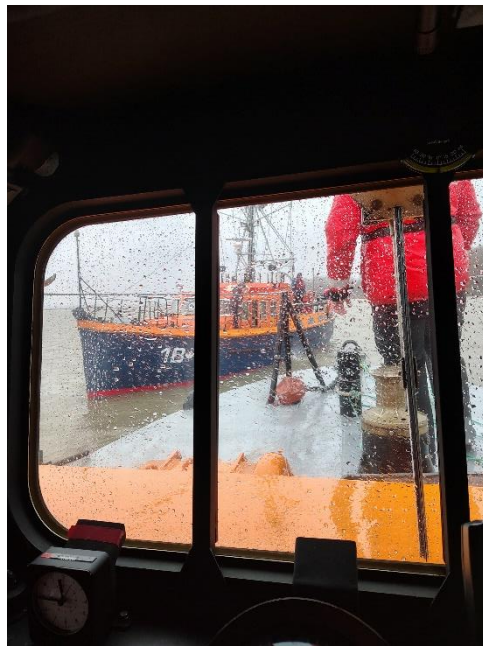
Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country

### Quick facts

- Small craft harbours provide critical support to the commercial fishing industry, which had landings valued at almost \$4.7 billion in 2022.
- Small craft harbours support more than 45,000 jobs within the Canadian commercial fishing industry, as well as many thousands of additional jobs in supporting industries
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is responsible for the management of 949 harbours, and for keeping the 691 harbours that are critical to the commercial fishing industry open and in good repair.
- Harbour restoration projects are undertaken in cooperation with the local harbour authorities, which are incorporated, not-for-profit organizations that manage and operate facilities for local users. There are more than 5,000 volunteers in harbour authorities across Canada.

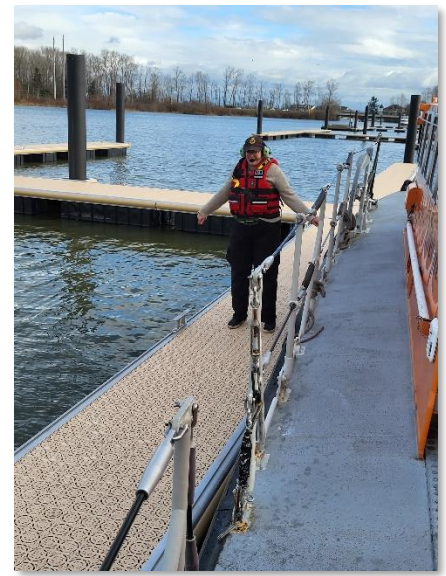
### Operational Exercises in Sea Reach

On Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> Delta Lifeboat and Fraser Lifeboat trained together for vessel towing practice with river current and cold wet weather. It's important to continue to train in all weather since one moves differently in cold weather gear. This was an excellent opportunity for all as we had a good mix of new and experienced crew.



### Partly submerged canoe

During Saturday's training (November 23) while practicing throwing heaving lines on the Imperial Landing Docks crewmembers noticed a partly submerged canoe that was tied up on the dock. The decision was made to use our portable pump to dewater the canoe. While dewatering the hose strainer comes above water while there is still a lot of water in the boat which is due to the design of this strainer. Crew decided to move



the Fraser to the end of the dock to make it possible using the port engine salvage pump which has a different strainer design at the end of the hose. With this

the crew was able to get the most of the water out of the boat. A passerby on the dock gave us a thumbs up for our effort.

At Captains Cove docking was practiced at the new boat slips and docks. It was noticed that the “fingers” are very small and unstable. People who walk on these docks have to be aware that the docks move / rock a lot when another person steps on it from a vessel.

## Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Subject: FN1258-Ghost Gear Removal - Area 29 - Lower Fraser River, upstream to Hope (PFMA 29-13,16,17)

During the period below, authorized ghost gear retrieval crews will be active on the Lower Fraser River, upstream to Hope, conducting visual surveys and removing gillnets that appear to be abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear (ALDFG). Eighteen days of work are planned on the river within the indicated time period. Retrieval vessels will be identifiable with a blue DFO Ghost Gear flag. All fishing gear that is marked with a floating tag or buoy, labelled with legible identifying information, and in good functional condition will be left in place.



December 1, 2024 - March 15, 2025

Any ALDFG that is retrieved and determined to be tagged or identifiable will be securely stored and DFO will notify licence holders of where gear can be picked up. Any gear unclaimed after 30 days of notification is considered relinquished.

If you have questions about the Ghost Gear Initiative in the Pacific Region please contact the Regional Ghost Gear Coordinator ([DFO.GGProgramPAC-PACProgrammeEF.MPO@df-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:DFO.GGProgramPAC-PACProgrammeEF.MPO@df-mpo.gc.ca))

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