

Ladner Carol Ships Safety Patrol

The annual Ladner Carol Ships parade took place this year on Friday and Saturday December 5 and 6. On Friday, as the Fraser Lifeboat sailed through Sea Reach, a bush fire was spotted near a house past the marinas on Westham Island. RCM-SAR 7 was already on scene, ensuring the safety of all involved. The local fire department was promptly alerted and dispatched a unit to combat the bush fire.

Fraser Lifeboat continued its journey to the muster point near the Westham Island bridge. All Carol Ships sailed in a festive parade to the Elliot Street Wharf passing the float homes where many people were treated on well wishes from the Lifeboat crewmembers and vice versa. Delta Lifeboat turned into her slip but Fraser Lifeboat continued past the wharf to give all the onlookers a good view of the decorated Fraser Lifeboat. Once past the wharf, Fraser Lifeboat turned and tied up behind the Delta Lifeboat. RCM-SAR 7 joined alongside the Fraser Lifeboat.

A potluck dinner was held on the Delta Lifeboat, providing an opportunity for everyone to enjoy delicious food and each other's company. The potluck featured a variety of dishes, contributed by all participants. A special mention of the delicious chili from Keith.



On Saturday, both Lifeboats had fewer crew and guests but it was still a pleasure to see the enthusiasm of onlookers and all on board. This time RCM-SAR 7 didn't join us so they missed John M's famous stew.



Coxswain in Training

On Saturday December 13th Richard K was promoted to “Coxswain in Training”. This term is the designation for a crewmember who has successfully completed the Advanced Crew qualification and has been accepted as a candidate for Coxswain. During this time, the candidate will be acting as Coxswain and completing the necessary task sign-offs required by the coxswain-level task book. They will perform under the watchful eye of a fully qualified Coxswain. The crew will be briefed before departing as to the chain of command on the vessel.

Congratulations on this next step in your CLI voyage and being the 3rd coxswain who has working up from the crew ranks.



Fraser Lifeboat Dock Shed

Crewmembers Jim, Rob, and Ron worked hard to get the container ready to be used as storage for the startup again in January 2026. The majority of lifejackets will be in the container which means crewmembers will have to grab their lifejackets and wear them before they go to the Lifeboat. Below the different renovation stages and the final result.





Two more weeks and the Vancouver International Boat Show is upon us. This show is a major fundraiser for the CLI. Last year we received over \$13,000.00 in donations. Of course, we need the help of as many crew members as possible during these 5 days. If you are able to help and haven't signed up yet then please do so. The Delta Lifeboat will be at Granville Island and will need 3 members at all times and the CLI booth at the Vancouver Convention Centre will need 4 members at all times. Members who signup will get free entrance to the show at both locations.

This year the indoor show will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre West and not at BC Place like previous years. The CLI has booth 521 (see below).

Use public transport (Canada Line) to get to Vancouver Convention Centre West. Walk from the end of the line (Waterfront) to the venue. There will be a FREE Shuttle Bus Service. **Wednesday** Noon – 8:00pm **Thursday – Saturday** 10:00am – 8:00pm **Sunday** 10:00am – 5:00pm. Shuttle bus service will run continuously between the Vancouver Convention Centre West and Granville Island. Because the In-Water show closes earlier, there will be limited service between 5:00pm to 8:30pm. Wednesday-Saturday the last shuttle departing the Vancouver Convention Centre will be at 8:15pm. Wednesday-Saturday the last shuttle departing Granville Island for the Vancouver Convention Centre will be at 5:15pm. On Sunday the last shuttle departing will be at 5:15pm. **Looking forward seeing you all at the Vancouver International Boat Show!**



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UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS IN 2026



Vancouver International Boat Show – Jan 14-18



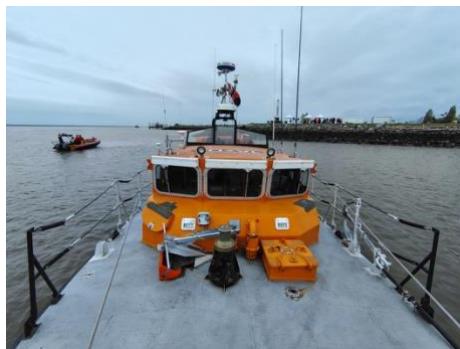
Fraser Lifeboat Refit – March



Roe Herring Fishery – March



PCCC Royal City Yacht Club – April



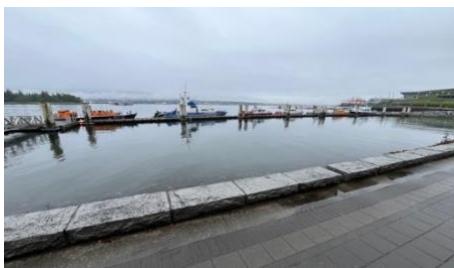
National Day of Mourning – April



Southern Strait Yacht Race – April



Delta Lifeboat Refit – April



Blessing of the fleet – May/June



Boating Awareness Week, Coal Harbour – May



RNSA Single Handed Boat Race – June



Salmon Fishery Fraser River – August



Richmond Maritime Festival – August



Camp Artaban, Gambier Island – August



Victoria Classic Boat Festival – August



Lucille Johnston Workboat Parade, New Westminster – September

Remembrance Day – November



CLI Christmas Dinner – November



Carol Ships, Ladner – December



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