

## Delta Lifeboat - Back In The Water

On Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> the Delta Lifeboat was put back in the water after almost 4 weeks of sanding, woodworking, filling, painting and hard work from our volunteers. Some minor touch-ups have to be done in the coming week but then the Delta Lifeboat is ready again for her important work on the water.



## Automatic BP Cuff

Both vessels, the Delta and Fraser Lifeboats, now have an automatic blood pressure (BP) cuff. This will make it quicker for the crewmembers to determine the BP and pulse rate and can be left in place to monitor the condition of a casualty. Spare AAA batteries are in the grey pouch and we will use a one use method to keep them fresh.

### Main features:

- **Fast Reading:** You will get a reliable result within 1 minute.
- **Highest Accuracy:** Advanced fully automatic measurement technology takes the most accurate blood pressure readings.
- **Irregular Heartbeat Detection:** It will automatically alert you if it detects an irregular heartbeat.
- **WHO Blood Pressure Indicator:** This blood pressure Indicator is based on WHO guidelines, offers accurate readings, and shows you if the readings are in a healthy range.
- **Time & Date Stamp:** History records with date and time stamps, for easy health tracking.
- **Auto power-off:** It will automatically turn off if no operation for more than 1 minute.



The Ship to Shore Festival at Steveston was held this year from Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The highlight of the festival was the Kaiwo Maru, a Japanese tall ship used to train merchant marine cadets.



# Rescuers among three dead after yacht sinks off Australian coast

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Monday May 4. Lana Lam, Sydney



The Marine Rescue NSW boat which flipped in the water en route to a yacht rescue

Three people have died, including two volunteer rescuers, after a yacht sank and a rescue boat rolled in choppy conditions off Australia's New South Wales (NSW) coast.

Emergency services were called at 18:15 local time on Monday after a member of the public reported a yacht in trouble off the break wall in South Ballina, a popular coastal destination close to the NSW and Queensland border. A Marine Rescue NSW crew of six rushed to the scene but their boat capsized in rough conditions as it crossed the Ballina Bar, police said. Two rescuers died, four rescuers made it to shore with minor injuries and a search was called off early on Tuesday after everyone was accounted for.

"It has been a terrible night for Marine Rescue NSW and our focus right now is supporting the families of those affected and our volunteers," a spokesperson for the volunteer organisation said on Tuesday. Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Todd Andrews said the death of two rescuers was a solemn reminder of the risks faced by volunteers. "These two men were serving their local community and have made the ultimate sacrifice to help others,"

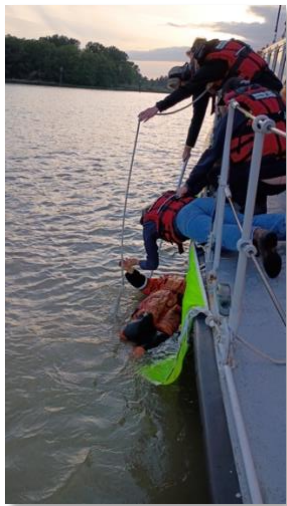
Superintendent Joe McNulty from the NSW Police Marine Area Command said the conditions on Monday evening had been "treacherous", "We need to remember and reflect on the heroic actions of this crew overnight," McNulty said, as he paid tribute to the Ballina marine rescue unit that attended the scene. "These people do a fantastic job, volunteers in the community and putting their life at risk to go and save another vessel that was stricken and in danger." The yacht - which hit the break wall and broke apart - has since sunk.

## Fraser Lifeboat MOB Training

May 7, the Thursday evening training started with a moment of silence to commemorate the two volunteer rescuers who perished during their rescue attempt last Monday off Australia's New South Wales (NSW) coast.

MOB (Man-Over-Board) training with a fender is regularly practiced but using the rescue dummy "Oscar" in its place is not an easy task. There are multiple ways to get a MOB back on board the Fraser Lifeboat and the different variations were practised.





Safe Boating Awareness Week May 16-22, 2026

New Crew Members Introductions

*Enjoy BOATING*  
Know Before You Go!

**Wear Your Lifejacket**  
When choosing a lifejacket consider the following:

<b>Size</b>	<b>Comfort</b>	<b>Style</b>
- Check the label	- Try it on, sit down, make sure it doesn't ride up	- Choose one that suits your type of fishing
- Ensure the lifejacket is within your chest size	- Ensure a snug but comfortable fit	

For your lifejacket to work, make sure it fits properly and you WEAR IT!

**Be Prepared to Call for Help**  
Have a plan in place to alert Search & Rescue (SAR) in the event of an emergency.

<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Marine Radio</b>	<b>File a Float Plan</b>
- Dial *16 to alert Coast Guard	- Broadcast on Channel 16 to alert Coast Guard & other boaters in the area	- Leave with a responsible person whom you trust
- Dial 911 to alert Local Authorities		

Learn more at [csbc.ca](http://csbc.ca)

Hello! I am very excited to be part of this team and meet all the members. I currently work in Cybersecurity and wanted to find a way to give back to the community through hands-on volunteer work. Although I am new to search and rescue and boating, I am motivated to learn new skills and gain valuable life experience. I have always had an interest in emergency response, working as a team, and helping others in meaningful way where I can. Outside of work, I enjoy hiking, gardening and woodworking. I'm grateful to begin this new journey with the CLI crew!



Hello, I'm excited to be joining CLI as a new recruit. I come from a small Swedish town and grew up cruising the inland lakes on small pleasure crafts. I love being in and around water and I'm currently rebuilding a 1949 Ed Monk tri-cabin cruiser. Time away from the yard is spent freediving and spear fishing. I'm excited to bring my professional experience within media production to CLI to help grow its presence in the public eye, to improve my seamanship and to be part of a great organization providing a crucial service to the BC maritime community.

Recruit Level Training

New Recruits are required to complete specific training modules prior to be operational Crew. Operating safely on the lifeboats it is very important and new crew should endeavor to reach this Recruit level in the first few months time after joining the CLI. The basic tasks that have to be completed are:

- Initial Orientation to the Vessels & its equipment
- Personal Safety
- Warmth
- Protection

Cold water survival knowledge

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# Farmers want Westham Island Bridge closed to marine traffic

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The Delta Framers Institute (DFI) is asking that marine traffic be closed on Canoe Pass through the swing span of the Westham Island Bridge until mitigation measures satisfy the needs of the island's farm businesses, including restrictions on vessel size and weight allowance.

That's part of the DFI's requests recently forwarded to Delta MP Jill McKnight regarding Transport Canada's review of Canoe Pass marine navigation and the bridge's operations, a review being conducted with TransLink and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Wanting to participate in the engagement process, the DFI's submission includes a request for TransLink to also implement protective pilings, independent of the bridge, to



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After a closure that lasted over two months, the Westham Island Bridge re-opened to vehicle traffic on March 28.

improve safety and protect the structure from further vessel impacts.

Westham Island farmers were impacted by the bridge's closure after a barge strike on Jan. 20, 2026, an incident which resulted in the span's closure for several months.

Outlining some of the con-

sequences, the submission by DFI president Hugh Reynolds notes, "Without the swift action taken by the City of Delta, TransLink and the Province of B.C. to provide commercial barge transport for farm goods, businesses on Westham Island would have ceased to operate. Even with the coordinated

efforts of our local and provincial governments, which were greatly appreciated, individual farm operators absorbed additional financial costs for labour and resources to sustain operations."

The DFI also notes that had the closure occurred during planting, growing and harvest season, the consequences would have been irreversible.

The submission also notes the DFI believes the future of the Westham Island Bridge's operations must be prioritized for vehicle traffic, and that marine vessels have alternate route options.

TransLink officials made a presentation earlier this year to council, where council members conveyed appreciation for TransLink's efforts and communication with the city, but also concern whether a repaired crossing should remain a swing bridge.

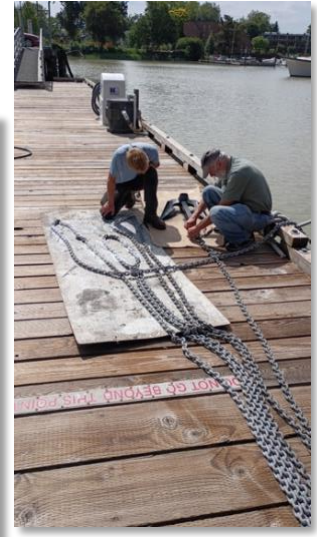
Kevin Quinn, CEO of

TransLink, expressed similar concern, noting the structure is 116 years old.

"That's something that I've been investigating further in terms of whether that swing continues to operate. That's something we want to have some conversations about. To be quite frank, I have some concerns around continuing to operate a swing bridge on a 116-year-old bridge. I think there are some risks inherent in that and I think that we need to have some good dialogue with the port, with the federal government, with the province, with First Nations and others to explore that further," said Quinn.

"I think that we've heard loud and clear from residents of the island, the issues that swing creates when it opens, when it gets stuck open at times. And so, I think that's something we want to be sensitive to," he said.

## Delta Lifeboat Maintenance Saturday 22 May



# A simple guide to 3 common boating documents

Know the difference before you go boating!



## 1 Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)

This card is about the person driving the boat. A PCOC is like a driver's licence for boating.

A PCOC:

- shows you passed a boating safety test
- demonstrates you understand basic safe boating practices
- is valid for life
- must be carried on board

Learn more:



## 2 Pleasure Craft Licence (PCL)

This is about the boat. A PCL is like a licence plate for your boat. You need one if your boat has an engine with 10 horsepower (7.5 kW) or more.

A PCL:

- gives your boat a unique identification number that must be shown on both sides of the bow
- helps search and rescue identify your boat
- is not proof that you own your boat
- is valid for 5 years
- must be carried on board

Learn more:



## 3 Vessel registration

This is also about the boat — but for specific situations.

Registration is valid for 5 years and is required if:

- your boat is used commercially (for example, carrying paying passengers)
- you need a marine mortgage
- you want to reserve a boat name

Learn more:



Safe boating starts with knowing the rules



## Changes to Pleasure Craft Licence

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**Expiry date:** All new, transferred and renewed pleasure craft licences are valid for 5 years.

**Licence issue date:** Licence expiry date  
 Dec 31, 1974 or earlier: Mar 31, 2026  
 Jan 1, 1975 to Dec 31, 1985: Dec 31, 2026  
 Jan 1, 1986 to Dec 31, 1995: Dec 31, 2027  
 Jan 1, 1996 to Dec 31, 1999: Dec 31, 2028  
 Jan 1, 2000 to Dec 31, 2005: Dec 31, 2029  
 Jan 1, 2006 to Apr 28, 2010: Dec 31, 2030

**Fee:** A \$24 fee will apply to new, renewed, transferred or replaced pleasure craft licences.

**Updating your information:** You must now update your licence information within 30 days of it changing (e.g., changes to name or phone number). Updating your information is free.

**Cancellation of a PCL:** The criteria for cancelling a licence have expanded. A licence must be cancelled if the vessel is no longer seaworthy or for other specific reasons outlined by the Minister of Transport.

**Wind-powered craft:** Starting December 31, 2027, wind-powered pleasure craft over 6 metres long will need a pleasure craft licence. This will not apply to human-powered boats like kayaks, canoes, or dragon boats.

## Safe Boating Guide

A 2026 Edition Safe Boating Guide has been released by Transport Canada.

[https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2026-05/boating\\_guide\\_2026\\_en\\_acc.pdf](https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2026-05/boating_guide_2026_en_acc.pdf)  
A copy can also be found on the CLI website at File list/Boating Safety and PCCC



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## More New Crew Members Introductions

Greetings fellow CLI members. It a pleasure getting to know you and learning from you all and thank you all for your warm welcome. I am recently retired from a career in real estate sales and before that, community recreation. My background in “water” includes some canoeing, kayaking and lake boating in a 20-foot sea ray and in recent years I have done some sailing trips with friends and have taken the beginners level sailing “crew” course. I love being on the water and am particularly interested in navigation, search and rescue, first aid, boat repair, maintenance, and seamanship. I was impressed with the friendliness of your group and also the history and track record of assists and rescues and wanted to join your ranks to see if I could learn more and contribute back to the community. Thank you for the opportunity. Cheers!



Hello everyone! I am excited to be a part of the CLI. I am a recent high school graduate looking to expand my horizons through volunteering while learning more about boats and the ocean. In my free time, I enjoy sports, hiking, fitness, and listening to old-school music. I look forward to meeting you all.

Hello, I am semi-retired since last year and continue to work as a registered nurse in the Emergency department. I also continue to be an active Flight Nurse repatriating patients’ home after becoming ill abroad. I also, occasionally work at Langara Fishing Lodge as Medical support. I became interested in boating in 20 years ago, taking Canadian Power Squadron (now CanBoat) courses up to Seamanship and hold a marine VHF radio license. All of my boating training has been theory and now as a CLI crew member it becomes practical. My hobbies are skiing, motorcycle touring, scuba diving, but, now I am vested in Canadian Lifeboat Institute.

## Refit Fraser Lifeboat

The refit of the Fraser Lifeboat is scheduled for September but crewmembers already started working on things that can be done without being on the hard.

Brayden is chipping, sanding and priming the deck rust spots with the same enthusiasm he showed during the Delta refit.

More work will be done during the coming weeks.



## Fraser X-boat Outboard

Thursday 28 May, Fraser Lifeboat crew conducted a proof of concept of the X-boat. Juan brought his 2.5hp outboard and we connected the mounting bracket and took it out for a spin. The outboard was a bit temperamental but showed we could use an outboard successfully.

