

RECREATIONAL DOCK OWNER SOCIETY STEWARDSHIP

As Waterfront Property Owners we take on the unofficial role of Stewards and monitors of activities on the water in Burrard Inlet within range of our properties. We have prepared a list of just some of the many situations where we provide assistance and ongoing community support:

Waterfront Property Owner Stewards

As waterfront residents, we are continually on the watch for activities on the water. A few of the regular activities we are on alert for:

1) Waterfront rescues

- Individuals capsized on PWC's.
- Capsized canoes, kayaks and paddle boards regularly require assistance

2) Inlet Rowing Club

- Assist in rescues of capsized sculls

3) Habitat for Sea Life

- Our wharfs provide homes for numerous species of sea life including mussels, barnacles, and other aquatic species. These provide food for mammals and birds and shelter for fish

4) Marine Conservancy

- Feeding at Sea Pen to acclimatize fry raised in the local hatcheries for their Ocean journey
- Aquarium alerts when marine mammals are in distress
- Hatchery construction assistance and volunteering
- Fish conservation committees

5) DFO alerts

- Illegal Shellfish harvesting
- Overfishing (crabs)
- Fishing in Closed areas
- Not following fishing regulations
- Crab traps in shipping lanes

6) Boats grounded

- Require assistance such as food and water medical and in some cases medical until tide returns. Also provide guidance on procedures to follow such as setting a kedge anchor.

7) Garbage cleanup

- Discarded trees and trimming
- Cans, general boating garbage
- Plastic
- Commercial debris

8) Safety issues

- Unsafe boating practices
- Inexperienced boat operators / watersports operators
- Inflatables and non-powered PWC's in boating and shipping lanes
- Clearing deadheads and other debris that can cause marine hazards

9) Emergency Response in Boat Access Only Areas

- Waterfront Property Owner's docks provide access for emergency response in cases of individuals requiring urgent medical care resulting from incidents such as

boating accidents, heart attack, physical accidents and the like.

- Waterfront Property Owners are organized to respond to emergency needs of individuals where boat access is the only means of a response

10) Boat Access Only Indian Arm Volunteer Fire Brigade

- In the Communities up Indian Arm, residents have organized their own volunteer fire brigade with gas powered water pumps and fire hoses equipped to respond quickly to any flareups. Where authorities can take hours to respond, the volunteers can mobilize immediately in the area of the fire.
- The Fire Brigade team is comprised of boat access property owners with docks and boats who are prepared to provide quick community action in event of a fire. For example, the Boat access only Fire Brigade dealt with one such issue promptly during the dry season of August 2023. Without prompt action and access to the fire site, a serious forest fire could have been triggered impacting a large area of forest in Indian Arm and many lives likely lost or at risk. The Fire Brigade put out the fire in 30 minutes with 3x ocean sipping powered hoses after help was requested. The authorities showed up another 45min to 1 hour later - enough time for the fire to get out of control - thanks to our Volunteer Fire Brigade this did not happen.

Reporting Incidents

1. DFO Observe Record Report Line
Phone (604) 465-4339
Email – DFO.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
2. Coquitlam RCMP
Non-Emergency (604) 945-1550
Emergency 911
3. Port Moody Police (illegal fishing for crab, clams, oysters)
Non-Emergency (604) 461-3456
4. North Vancouver RCMP
Non-Emergency (604) 985-1311
Emergency 911
5. City of Port Moody Environment and Parks
Marine Spills 604 469-4628
6. Canadian Coast Guard
Marine Spills and rescue 1-800-889-8852
7. Vancouver Aquarium Mammal Rescue
For injured mammal assistance 604–258-7325
Email: rescue@vanaqua.org
8. Vancouver Port Harbour Patrol
Navigational Hazards 604-665-9000
9. Bird Rescue
Wildlife Rescue phone: 604 526-7275
10. Animal Rescue
Critter Care phone: 604 530-2064

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