

THE WHALER

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CFSA Weekly Move Update

Message from the Commodore

Chris Maier (SV Argyle)

It was thrilling to see the club back returning to its roots last weekend! We haven't seen the kind of mass community turnout in such a long time. Shortly after the last newsletter was published, we were able to submit our DFO application and staff the Capital Expenditure Request (CER) to the Base Commander. Our focus has begun to switch - as design and execution achieves steady state we are working to solidify the commitments our supporters, keep them apprised and happy, as well as developing procurement strategies and turning an eye to a plan to develop an IOC plan. The buzz, however, is not just on the docks. Several folks have remarked about how exciting the new location will be and what a great addition it will be to the Base. In a sense we are not just returning to our roots, but also returning to the heart of our community. It's truly an exciting time.

Project update from Juno Beach and Dunkirk

Project Leads: Kevin Greenwood (SV Hessian) & Pierre Berube (SV Victoire)

This week the focus for Juno is three critical path items:

- a. Finalizing the dock specifications for clump placement.
- b. Creating the plan for rock anchors used to secure the docks to land.
- c. Design of dock bridles for securing the docks to clumps.



Herold Engineering has created the specifications including the requirements for the clump placement, bridles and rock anchors. Our focus now is to work through finalizing the design and determining how we will approach to the work. This includes what we can do through work parties and what will need to contract.

We have purchased 100 clumps that are set to arrive at the beginning of March and working with external contractors to evaluate our approach to rock anchors. Thanks to Kurtis, Dave Blake and Doran we should be in a good place in the next week to determine the final numbers or clumps, approach to the bridles and placement and our plan for the rock anchors.

Weekend work parties

Close to 50 volunteers came out this past Saturday to support four core work parties and a few additional tasks. The Pat Bay, Oriole Docks and Stevedore barges had the beginnings of a complete makeover, the steel gangway was cut down and hauled away and the clubhouse is packed. Even our beloved porthole has been safely packed for storage.

Thank you to Derk, Dana, Neil and Edith for leading the work parties, Sandra and Stefan Pinard for organizing lunch, Sandra for the incredible baking, Josh for organizing the volunteers and everyone for coming out to volunteer. The past weekend showcased the spirit of a long history of CFSA members coming together for the club and each other.

The Dunkirk team, with Peter, Lloyd and core volunteers, are continuing to prep the current site for the move including preparing large infrastructure and booking cranes for lifting them onto the barges and arranging interim and long term storage. Thanks to the Base for providing space in Colwood that will hold the primary storage space for items we are unable to have onsite at Lang Cove.

This coming week, the focus will be to finalize plans for the lifts and loads and begin to prepare the race shed, blue canopy and the ATCO trailer, among other things, for loading the onto the Oriole Workshop dock and the stevadore barges. Work to repair and clean the new docks is also ongoing. Work parties will be organized to conduct activities as they are scheduled. Please continue to watch for upcoming work parties on the CFSA Esquimalt Volunteer Projects Facebook site or send your name to communications@cfssa.ca and we will add you to the volunteer list.

Upcoming Work Parties

This Saturday, a work party will be led by Neil Porter to dismantle some infrastructure. He will need three volunteers who will meet for debrief at 0815 hrs at the top of the ramp. Come with work clothes, ear and eye protection, and gloves.

If you are interested please sign up [here](#) (*Please note to sign up using google docs you do not need an account, but you must log in on a computer). We will have additional work parties on February 25, 29 and March 5. We are currently confirming the details which will be posted on the sign up sheet ([click here](#)) please choose the date on the tabs located on the bottom of he spreadsheet to find out more information and to sign up.



What boat owners should know

Shannon Jones (SV Eden)

There are many questions we have as boat owners. How to access the new site, parking, how we will load our boats, where will we store our tenders, what if we have to use the bathroom, or what if we need to fix something and need power? These are all important questions and although we may not have all the answers right now, we will share them as the project advances.

Access to the new site will be a bit different than today. Instead of a code, you will need to show photo ID at the gate. Once inside security gate, you will drive to Baker dock near the training centre. This is the main point during EOC for accessing your boat. We are securing spots for unloading vehicles and there will be dedicated space on Baker dock for loading boats, filling water and we have secured a pump out for black water. Baker dock (Figure 1) will also provide moorage for the club boats, the ferry (still being worked on) and a portable outhouse.

We will also have storage at the new location for tenders and details to be shared as we finalize plans. We are asking club members to remove personal property from our current site including outboard motors and tenders by April 12. The earlier, the better to provide work crews additional room. There will be no access to the legacy site after that date.

Thankfully the weather is cooperating and boat owners are able to get some of those spring projects done before summer cruising season and the move. Although we will have generators for power tools and short charges, no boats will have direct power. Time to get those solar panels installed. Other items to note include accessing the mast crane, and finally water and power on the docks. We will keep the power on as long as possible, but we expect it to be turned off and no access to the crane on or around March 29. Lots to take in, but plans are advancing.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Important dates

- February 23 - Launch boats on the hard
- February 25 - Stevedore barges are moved to CFSA main dock
- March 6 - Delivery of clumps and prepare rock anchors
- March 15 - Begin onsite preparations for the new marina at Lang Harbour
- March 29 - Crane mast will no longer available for use. A new brow will replace the main gangway preventing access to the crane mast.
- March 29 - power / water turned off on docks
- April 12 - no further access to site

Figure 1: Baker Dock

