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Our Mission

THE VEHS MISSION IS TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND CULTURAL VITALITY OF OUR WORKING HARBOURS THROUGH ADVOCACY, STEWARDSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

Who we are

VEHS is a united group of harbour stakeholders that acts as a voice for our working harbours. Our members represent a diverse range of interests including marine tourism, transportation, industry, commerce, residences and environment. Our purpose is to promote open dialogue, information sharing and networking on harbour-related matters.

About VEHS

Our organization was formed in 1998 as the Working Harbour Society to represent harbour stakeholders in the negotiations associated with the formation of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA). To this day, VEHS continues to represent stakeholder interests on the GVHA Board and more broadly acts as a voice for broad stakeholder interests in our working harbours.

Victoria and Esquimalt Harbours are centres of industry, recreation, learning and celebration. Opportunities abound for recreation, employment and industry. The harbours provides economic opportunity and diversity to the region.

VEHS is a united group of harbour stakeholders committed to providing vision, knowledge and guidance for vibrant activities and commerce at the interface between land and sea in Victoria and Esquimalt Harbours.

Membership Meetings

General Membership meetings are held periodically in addition to the Annual General Meeting. Recent meetings have been held virtually via Zoom due to Covid-19 however we certainly look forward to when we can meet in person once again.

General Membership meetings normally include an update from the President on behalf of the Board of Directors and well as a guest speaker relevant to our activities concerning the Harbour.

About Victoria Harbour



The Victoria Harbour, British Columbia, is a small, natural harbour located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island, approximately 4 kilometers in total length. It consists of three roughly equal sections running north (Outer Harbour), then east (Inner Harbour), then north again (Upper Harbour).

Beyond a fixed road bridge at the head of the Upper Harbour, Selkirk Water leads to a small industrial area accessible only to tugs and barges drawing four metres or less. Widths of the harbour run from 0.4 nautical miles at the outer entrance, gradually narrowing until the narrowest point of 137 metres just before the main commercial area of the Inner Harbour. A short, very narrow section connects the Inner and Upper Harbours where a single-span lift bridge connects the city of Victoria to its western suburbs and the Township of Esquamalt.

There are approximately 9.5 kilometres of coastline within the harbour, used for commercial, recreational and residential purposes.

Depths in the harbour vary from 20 metres at the entrance in the vicinity of the cruise ship berths to 6 metres in the Inner Harbour at the terminal of the international ferries. As a result of its shape, the harbour is well sheltered in all but its outer section and even that has the protection of an outer breakwater to the southeast, the direction of most winter storms.

VEHS Members

VEHS members comprise a diverse group of harbour stakeholders, representing marine industry and commerce, transportation and tourism, marinas, marine residents (floathomes and liveaboards), communities, and municipalities. The broader and more diverse our membership, the stronger and more influential our voice can be with the businesses, organizations and governments that are our partners in protecting and advocating for our working harbours.

We are proud to list our current Members:

3GA Marine	Eagle Wing Tours	The Fish Store
Black Ball Transport	Hannah Horn	Tourism Victoria
Burnside Gorge Assoc	Jackson's Ice Cream	Township of Esquimalt
Butchart Gardens Ltd.	Kelp Reef Adventures	Tymac Launch Service
Butler Brothers Supplies Ltd.	Kenmore Air	Victoria Clipper Ferry
Camosun College	King Brothers	Victoria Fire Department
Canadian Scientific Submersible Facility/ROPOS	Maritime Museum	Victoria Harbour Ferry
Canoe Cove Marina	Ocean River Sports	Victoria International Marina
Bob Cross	Odlum Brown	Leslie Welsh
Doug Crowder	Pacific Northwest Transportation Services	Western Canada Marine Response Corporation
Finest at Sea	Pacific Seaplanes	Western Stevedoring Co. Ltd.
Fisherman's Wharf Community Assoc.	Pirate Pizza	Whitehall Rowing
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce	Prince of Whales	Wilson's Transportation Ltd.
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority	Ralmax Properties Ltd	Zapco Welding and Fabricating Ltd
Harbour Air Seaplanes	Sailor's Cove Marina	
Helijet International Inc.	Schnitzer Steel	
Hidden Harbour Marine Centre Ltd.	Seaspan Marine	
I.L.W.U. Local 508	Jonathan Secter	

Membership Categories

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- A. **Transportation** includes ferries, air carriers, terminals (air and marine), shipping
- B. **Industry/Commercial** includes harbour industrial, harbour connected business, fishing fleet/commercial
- C. **Marine Tourism** includes charter boats, sport fishing, adventure tours, paddles sports, whale watching, harbour front accommodation/food
- D. **Environmental** includes conservation focused organizations and individuals
- E. **Marinas, float homes & liveaboards**
- F. **Community Associations, municipalities, and First Nations**
- G. **Member at Large**

Appointed Members:

- H. **Greater Victoria Visitors & Convention Bureau** (“Destination Greater Victoria”)
- I. **Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce**

Membership Fees

Annual Membership Fees

Corporate/Business Membership	\$200
Community Assoc. Members	\$100
Individual Membership	\$100
Individual Membership (non-voting)	\$ 25

Membership fees may be pro-rated depending on the time of application.

Apply to Become a VEHS Member

If you are interested in joining us, please follow the steps outlined below. Should you have any questions our contact details are noted below, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Step #1: Complete our Online Application Form.

Please follow the link below to the Membership page <https://www.vehs.ca/membership/>

Step #2: Submit membership dues.

Please follow the instruction on our Membership page to provide payment by:

- a. Cheque
- b. Credit card
- c. E-transfer

Step #3: Await confirmation of your application.

The VEHS Constitution requires the Board of Directors to approve all applications for membership.

Contact Us

Please contact our Membership Committee with any questions regarding the VEHS or the application process:

By email: membership@vehs.ca

By phone: **Nick Banks** or **Jordan Welch**
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