

## **2022 Piers Island AGM Report Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission**

The 2022 Southern Gulf Islands Harbour Commissioners Report is respectfully submitted by John Hall, Harbour Commissioner.

### **Overview of Responsibilities**

The Southern Gulf Islands Harbour Commission (SGIHC) is a volunteer committee under the purview of the CRD, the Commission represents 12-dock facilities across the Gulf Islands and Swartz Bay.

The Piers Island Harbours Commissioner (John Hall) and Wharfinger (Mike Smart) are respectively responsible for the management and maintenance of both the Piers Island and Swartz Bay facilities.

### **Facility Upgrades**

The Government dock on Piers Island dock extension has been approved and an RFP is out to tender. The upgrade will see an additional 40-60 feet of usable dock space installed, the expansion is modest, but will be appreciated for all of us who use the dock and have experienced the day- in and day-out overcrowding.

The Swartz Bay facility is slated to receive a new float this summer to replace the failing structure currently in place. We have also asked the CRD to look into installing CCTV to help mitigate issues of petty crime that has been occurring on the float.

### **Dock Etiquette**

The Piers Island Dock shelter does not have garbage service, so please ensure your guests and trades people don't leave their garbage there. This is an ongoing issue that seems to be getting worse. The easement is often full to overflowing, please mitigate the congestion by not using the space for long-term parking and ensuring you leave space for emergency vehicles to gain access.

Spring Lines are critically important to the safe moorage of your boat, please be sure to use both an aft and forward spring lines at all times to protect your boat from causing and being Damaged.

Our docks are shared spaces, please optimize the available dock space.

This means if you are occupying the front of the dock, please ensure your bow extends to the very front or beyond. If you are at the back of the dock, your aft should align with the end of the dock and not the rear cleat.

Rafting is a reality of using the Government docks. If you are the outside boat in a rafting situation, please ensure you have enough line to tie your boat to the dock, and not the boat

next to you. It is recommended that you carry line that is 20-25 feet long and both port and starboard bumpers.

The yellow bull rails are for Emergency Services, please don't leave your boat unattended. Moorage on the dock is not free. Be sure to deposit your payment in the payment box on the docks