

APPENDIX 1. FALSE CREEK RECREATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS

Question 1. Please tell us the different activities you participate in within the False Creek inlet and the frequency of those activities (list each activity on the appropriate line).

- Answers to Question 1 summarized in text of report

Question 2. In which areas of the basin do you carry out these activities?

- Answers to Question 2 summarized in text of report

Question 3. How much water contact do you have while recreating in False Creek?

- Answers to Question 3 summarized in text of report

Question 4. Do you participate in these activities during or following light or heavy rainfalls?

- Answers to Question 4 summarized in text of report

Question 5. If you answered no to the previous answer, how soon following rainfall do you participate in these activities?

- Answers to Question 5 summarized in text of report

Question 6. What activities do you observe other people doing in/around False Creek waters and how often?

- jogging, cycling, fishing, rollerblading
- non motorized human power
- kayak, outrigger, dragon boat, canoe, row, motor boats, sail boats - see answer to question 1 for how often
- bicycling, running, walking, dog training
- occasionally see a surfer paddling through while laying flat on the board - also, many people come into contact with the water while they walk their dogs.
- canoeing, rowing, kayaking, pleasure boating - year round
- Paddling. How often? I don't think I've ever been on the water when I don't see someone else there too.
- rowing, dragon boat, paddle sports almost everyday. Motorized watercraft cruising up and down the inlet during the summers. bikers, walkers, joggers, rollerbladers on seawall around false creek daily.
- Rowing, kayaking, canoeing
- UBC & high school rowers, dragon boat paddlers, dogs playing fetch in the water, aquabus tours - daily
- kayaking, canoeing, outrigger
- canoeing; kayaking; sailing/boating; swimming; running/walking
- Dragon boat training seems to be year-round; tourists kayaking seems to be fair weather, mostly summer. Always lots of people on the seawall: dog-walking, running, biking, rollerblading, walking. Dogs are often swimming off the beach near the Maritime Museum in all kinds of weather.
- Running, walking, walking dogs, roller-blading, cruising, dinner cruises, kayaking, outrigger paddling, dragon boat paddling - all on a daily basis.

- All water activities relating to recreation and also working on the water. Unfortunately there are also lots of squatters polluting the creek.
- kayaking, dragon boating
- Kayaking, outrigger, other dragon boat teams - during same times our team is on the water. There are also what appears to be "squatters" living on the East and West sides of False Creek.
- boating lots, biking, walking, enjoying the scenery, bird watching
- we kayak, rent kayaks and run lessons all year round
- canoeing, kayaking, dragon boats, rowing, outrigger canoes, playing with pets.
- boating, strolling, running, biking, roller blading
- boating, blading, cycling, walking, canoeing, kayaking, transit, living, dining, arts,
- In my daily commute along the seawall I see people rowing & paddling various crafts every day, from 6am to late in the evening. Although I've never seen anyone swimming east of the Burrard Bridge, dogs are a common site in the water.
- kayaking, dragon boating, wading (at outer beaches), walking, cycling, blading, kids playground
- FCRC puts an average of 300 paddlers on the water per day for four months per year, plus we put an average of 50 paddlers per day every day of the year. This includes flatwater kayaks, dragon boats, solo outriggers and six person outriggers. Though we do not submerge our hands are constantly in the water and often due to wave action we are constantly sprayed. Dragon Zone Dragonboat Club, Burrard Dragonboat Club, Jericho Canoe Club plus the rowers use the Creek daily. Occasionally there are some foolish souls who swim in the Creek. There are also the ocean kayakers, rowboats, small and large motor powered boats as well. The Creek is a Mecca for watercraft of all sorts and is used constantly for 15 hours /day.
- Walking, bicycling, skateboarding, roller blading, jogging and running, photographers, ferry travel, canoe and Dragon Boat users, sunbathers, people on coffee break or lunch break just taking in the view, artists (occasionally), and special events. Most of these activities are taking place in fair-weather times, except bicycling and boating.
- Usually see canoeists, kayakers, outrigger paddlers and dragon boaters. Rowers are encountered less frequently. Pleasure craft (sailboats, powerboats) are encountered but they're usually in transit in/out of the Creek. There is evidence (tagging) that people have waded to or swum to the bases of the north and south supports of the Cambie Street bridge. Have noticed some individuals on land who let their dogs wade into and swim in the Creek.
- kayaking, rowing, canoeing, sailing, bike riding, in-line skating
- rowing, kayaking, sailing, outrigger, solo outrigger, canoe, dragon boat
- Large numbers of other Dragon Boats from several other clubs located in the creek. As well as numerous other paddlers from all disciplines of the False Creek club. During the summer months there are numerous pleasure craft & tour charters. There are always a large number of "squatters & or live aboards" (especially in the summer) anchored in various locations, whom from my observations and assumptions based on the outward look of of them, are dumping their "waste" into the creek.

- I see hundreds of FCRCC members in flatwater kayaks, dragonboats, marathon canoes, and solo outriggers and six person outriggers. We do not get submerged, but I am always wet from head to toe after any practice due to splashing, submerging hands, etc., even when it isn't raining. There are also paddlers from Dragon Zone Dragonboat Club, Burrard Dragonboat Club, Jericho Canoe Club, and rowers, and the occasional swimmer.. In addition, I frequently see ocean kayakers, rowboats, and various recreational motor boats. There are always other recreational users on the water when I am using it, from very early morning to well after dark.
- False Creek Racing Canoe Club has a multitude of paddlers on the water every day of the year in flatwater kayaks, marathon canoes, dragonboats, solo outriggers and six person outriggers. Dragon Zone Dragonboat Club, Dragon Canoe Club, Jericho Canoe Club plus the rowers from a variety of schools use the Creek daily. There are also many ocean kayakers, & rowboats on the False Creek daily. Occasion I have seen people swimming in the Creek, There are also small and large motor powered boats as well as tug boats and barges on the creek daily.
- I often see kayaker and many other paddlers. There is also a lot of joggers and dog walkers.
- All kinds of paddling, rowing, sailing, etc. The creek can be a very busy place at times.
- Dragon Boating, kayaking, canoeing are all active in false creek. Sometimes we fall in and get wet. The water is not so nice, and I would never recommend swimming..
- Flatwater kayaks, dragonboats, solo outriggers and six person outriggers. Though we do not submerge our hands are constantly in the water and often due to wave action we are constantly sprayed. Dragon Zone Dragonboat Club, Burrard Dragonboat Club, Jericho Canoe Club plus the rowers use the Creek daily. There are also the ocean kayakers, rowboats, small and large motor powered boats as well.
- There are many types of paddlers and rowers; outrigger canoes, flatwater kayaks, dragonboats, and rowers, as well as a plethora of motor boats, sail boats, tugs, barges and people around the edges of the creek enjoying the water. Recently somebody has installed large floodlights pointing at the creek, this adds to the light pollution and blinds paddlers in the evening when we are out training.
- walking, swimming, walking/playing with dogs, in and out of water, biking, canoeing, dragon boat paddling, kayaking. Usually quite a bit in the spring and summer, when I am walking on the sea wall.
- Fishing, kayaking, sailing, wading, canoeing, windsurfing, swimming
- Kayaking, dugout paddling
- Rowing
- Power boats, sculls, canoes, outriggers, dragon boats, sail pasts, public ferry, large vessels to moorage
- Canoeing, kayaking, power and sail boating, ferry traffic, even the occasional swimmer! Non-stop traffic of all types, including commercial barges
- Boating, sailing, canoe/kayaking, walking

Question 7. How would you rate the water quality in False Creek?

- Answers to Question 7 summarized in text of report
- a lot of visible garbage is floating in this area, which although not necessarily the worst aspect of the pollution, contributes greatly to the perceived pollution. The actual water pollution is evident at science world end where no aquatic life is apparent.
- Some days, especially at low tide in Alder Bay, the water is so dirty you can't see past the surface layer.
- more sea life, still a problem with south shore sewer outfalls fouling water, still won't swim in creek
- observing more litter and gas/oil slicks on surface of water
- All sorts of debris, lots of oil from boats
- I have noticed more gasoline spills and motorized pleasure craft traffic
- Not bad but could use some improvement
- Occasional signs of life such as fish and seals seem to have increased over the past few years; increased bird populations nesting under north side of Granville bridge have significantly increased bird droppings there
- Some days it's clear and clean looking - other days it looks dangerously murky, oily and sometimes smelly (particularly around some of those squatter boats.
- Floating garbage observed coming from squatter boats.
- I've heard of those who've "swam" in False Creek getting a parasite. There's always surface ugly scum, perhaps what appears after boats have flushed their systems clean.
- IT is getting clearer
- The water is particularly bad after rainfalls with visual evidence of sewer contamination, and the inlet shorelines at the south sides of Granville Island are caked with pollutants. However on a whole the water is improving from historic pollution levels.
- I've seen the bacteriological water quality data and it does not look good even during dry periods
- I also live in Sea Village. The raw sewage that we paddle in is getting worse. The sewage is more evident and more prolific after rains. Our boats come in with a thick sludge most times. What it contains I hate to think. Some years I have developed a rash on my hands from paddling. There are too many incidents of diesel fuel spills throughout the length of the Creek. In heavy rains the three outflow pipes dumping in the Creek boil with unhealthy run-off. Daily we find condoms, tampons, diapers, various garbage floating throughout the Creek.
- Much more macerated waste (suspended solids). With that exception, water quality seems to be improving. Occasionally very clear. Water quality is very much a function of season: late summer the water can be absolutely disgusting. False Creek water has a distinctive odour in all seasons and tides.
- he water quality is much improved and I think we don't 'celebrate' that enough. The general public has no idea how bad it was when they hear about how much it may need to improve. We also do not educate the public enough about issues concerning why we shouldn't disturb the sediment or how we can remediate soil so that it no longer leaches into the creek.

- Still get times where one can observe significant algae(?) growth or strange organic(?) materials floating about.
- 12 years ago we would never see seals or fish, now seals are common, as are birds and small fish. We think we saw a herring boil once but I think that unlikely. The water quality is probably the same, film, slim, sewage not uncommon. Unlike 12 - 15 years ago the number of unofficial anchorages has gone from one or two to countless numbers, it's packed on the creek with anchored boats.
- I'm always fishing out tampons, condoms, containers, etc. from the Creek. I wouldn't dare swim in it, because there is often sludge on the surface everywhere around our homes. Too many times there are oil/diesel slicks on the surface of the water, which smells and I'm sure creates difficulty for all the Ducks, Cormorants, geese, etc to dive and feed themselves
- It is obvious from the smell at low tide on warm days there is still a lot of sewage etc in the water, this especially noticeable at the east end. It is also not unusual to see various sewage items floating in the water or lying on the shoreline.
- There is frequently a great deal of brown sludge that is especially noticeable to me in the Alder Bay area where we dock our boats, and covers the bottoms of our boats. I see condoms and tampons, etc. floating in the water frequently. Periodically I also notice oil spills..
- I have been paddling on False Creek for 11 years now and the water quality seems to be getting worse. There are always patches of diesel and what appears to be raw sewage or poo patches as we call them. After heavy rains the water is littered with condoms, needles, garbage and sludge floating throughout the Creek.
- After a few years of paddling in the Creek, I seem to notice more and more oil and sludge build up around the dock and under the boats when we finish.
- The amount of debris/garbage that can pile up in Alder bay is excessive. It is also quite bad near science world, with some moored boats dumping their trash overboard. The amount of sludge that sticks to our hulls is quite bad, and requires scrubbing after each paddle.
- The sewage is more evident after rainfall. Our boats come in with a thick coating of "something" most of the time. Daily we find garbage floating throughout the Creek.
- I would NEVER swim in the creek. Sewage and oil spills are common as well as floating condoms, garbage, and other junk. It is unsightly and unhealthy. Increased marina growth and residential housing will only make things worse.
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- It is often better to paddle at night time so one cannot see the garbage floating in the water or the oil sludge.
- Our boats routinely come in with a thick sludge. I have also noted fuel spills in the creek. In heavy rains the three outflow pipes dumping in the Creek boil with unhealthy run-off full of all sorts of garbage and debris.

- The water quality is terrible and getting worse, many of the large motor boats and sail boats of all sizes regularly dump their toilets in the creek, and continual oil spills, large and small. There is no regulation of the dumping that occurs or the polluting of the creeks, there is nobody that patrols or checks this. The creek is a wet dump, open to all who don't care.
- I'm not sure. I usually, until this year, don't have any contact with the water of False Creek. I have noticed over the last 8 years that the smell of the water has improved.
- Very polluted
- Occasional very bad days (scum, flotsam, stray logs) but generally much better than a few years ago
- Less garbage

Question 8. Have you noticed any changes in the aesthetic quality (*i.e.* appearance) of False Creek waters in the past 5 years?

- have not lived in this city for 5 years yet
- Of the water, no. Of the surroundings, yes.
- it's getting oilier and oilier
- during heavy rains it is quite evident that some sewers flow into False Creek - also the boats anchored in various places obviously do not have holding tanks. The Marinas also allow people to live on the boats - inspections of these boats should be mandatory to ensure that holding tanks are being used.
- less garbage in water, but still a problem from time to time
- With the elimination of industry, there are fewer effluents pouring into the Creek.
- Yes - water is clear in the winter. Presence of seals. The water seldom smells offensive. Water quality is worst after major summer events, like Indy
- the new marina at the end of Davie is much less appealing to look at than having no marina there.
- At times the water does seem to appear better. *i.e.* less algae blooms in the summer. I am comparing this to 5 years ago. However, I do not find the appearance of more marinas very appealing.
- haven't really noticed
- The water is clearer; more aquatic and marine plants growing below high tide level. Also see seals between Granville and Cambie St. bridges more often in recent years.
- As above - there are more better days than there were 5 years ago.
- Yes, there have been dramatic improvements with more activities along the shore, new marinas being built which also enable more activities and bring the creek to life.
- more floating garbage
- There is more garbage and debris in the water and along the shore line which is partially due to boats that are being illegally lived on or derelict boats that have been left there for many years. The number of boats is constantly increasing and the poor anchoring techniques is a hazard in itself.
- "Squatters", other boats that live East and West. Makes paddling in the waters difficult specially since some "squatters" are rude, yelling at us on the water to steer clear of their boat. Isn't False Creek a public area/
- yes, too much development on the water, becoming increasingly artificial

- way too much marina intrusion into the water space, increased boat traffic, increased paddling traffic and more squatters. Foreshore is till ugly with no attempts made to provide public access to the foreshore. Concord is now covering one of the two natural beaches in the Creek. there was a potential to have a nice picnic sight here - alas - no more.
- no, still garbage floating around, not as bad at low tide
- less oily look and smell
- Yes, that water is much clearer (past 10 years) and there are more fish, herons, otters and seals
- No
- wild life increasing. Loons in winter , waterfowl all the time. Herring in the waters, seals abound, water quality seems better.
- Due to the sludge the shore area at low tide is covered in a thick slime that keeps getting worse. The garbage washed on the shore is more evident.
- I'm much more fit since I started paddling :). I have heard anecdotal reports of illness from swallowing the water or getting it in the eyes or nose but I have fallen in Alder Bay in August and the Creek in October and did not get sick on either occasion. When coaching involves potential submersion ("huli" drills and rolls) I will always take my class out of False Creek.
- Not in the past 5 years, but certainly in the past 10. It used to appear dirty. There are many areas where the water meets the shore or fill that is not maintained from litter and garbage. Someone should address this, particularly whose responsibility is that sort of clean up?
- Getting to see less and less of it as the boating channels are continually being constricted by new marina development and squatter pleasure boats.
- The water looks cleaner. There is less debris, sludge, and obvious contaminants such as hydrocarbons, or marine preservatives. The land area around and nearby to the Creek is also becoming much more user friendly as a result of improvements in accessibility (seawall walk areas), outdoor lighting, as well as services such as bus access, outdoor equipment, park areas.
- shoreline has mostly all been developed compared to a decade ago - the actual water quality is scary though - film, slim, sewage is still common
- It seems to have gotten worse
- Not really
- I have only been using False Creek recreationally for 4 years, but over that time I have noticed more garbage and more brown slime in the creek.
- More sludge & debris on the water. More algae growing on the rocks and bottom - in Alder Bay.
- Due to the sludge the shore area at low tide is covered in a thick slime that keeps getting worse. The garbage washed on the shore is more evident
- It comes and goes. Some days are definitely worse than others. It's unfortunate that such a prized segment of water can be let go like this.
- The thick coating of sludge is much more apparent than it was 5 years ago.
- There seems to be more and more garbage, oil and condoms etc.

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- I have only been paddling in the creek for 2 years so I cannot comment on the quality over the past 5 years. I can say that it certainly is not good and has not improved in the two years I've been paddling on the creek.
- The water seems to be getting dirtier and smellier, with more gas and oil spills.
- Not sure, just started dragon boating this year, and only been out sailing with my friend last spring/summer/fall. Before that I didn't ever go in or on the water in False Creed
- My use is restricted to last two years. Seems clearer than 10 years ago when I lived in Kitsilano.
- Much less debris, improved clarity (less suspended solids), less odour
- Yes - water seems clearer and herring I'm told are returning to the creek.
- Water full of garbage, looks very polluted.
- The waters have definitely "come alive" - much more evidence of sea life in last 2-3 years - seals, otters, schools of fish, swans (!)
- Winter - definitely clearer
- Yes

Question 9. Have you experienced any positive or negative impacts on your personal health from False Creek waters?

- rashes, skin irritation
- Positive - paddling fitness. Negative - not personally, but I know people who have quit paddling because they get rashes from the water.
- no
- have fallen in and been violently ill as a result - this was two weeks before a major competition and had a significant impact on my performance at the event. I would like to see no more sewage flowing into False Creek - I know this in the plan to stop eventually, but it can't happen soon enough as far as I am concerned. Considering the heavy recreational use of the creek - it is like having a park with no rules to pickup dog feces.
- Positive??? My health is likely better for the exercise I do on the water. Fortunately I've never had any sickness that I would attribute to the water quality (and don't want to either)
- sometimes develop rashes from the water in the summers
- Infection from an open wound, asthma is worse
- Positive effect - I use paddling as exercise 4-5 times a week. Negative - none known
- Not that I know of.
- Once, about 10 years ago, I got a skin rash after being splashed with False Creek waters. Other than that - it's healthy. Being out on the water is a great retreat from the city - in the heart of the city.
- Very positive impact due to increased physical activities.
- not yet, but I've heard of some who've gotten parasites as mentioned in #7.

- yes - upset stomach, eye irritation, skin itchiness
- some athletes have gotten rashes as diagnosed by their physicians
- No
- physical activity (paddling) on False Creek has increased my physical health.
- I have developed hand rash/blisters some years from the Creek water. I am very diligent washing hands and face immediately after paddling and quickly having a shower. The six person outrigger program no longer does changes in the Creek and hasn't for several years due to the perceived contamination of the water.
- Not so much water quality but some of the squatters are actively hostile to paddlers. I have seen my DB coach threatened with a 2x4 when we pulled up at a float to make an adjustment. I have seen shore lines strung in a fashion which appeared to be an attempt to obstruct navigation near Science World.(the alignment of the lines did not make sense from a simple mooring context). The club has had bumpers and other maritime equipment removed from our boats and sheds. I have seen (tourists presumably) boats moored directly in the navigation lanes shared with tugs in tow. In general, the boats underway (esp. the water taxis and tugs) are attentive and courteous. I am concerned about the development of the south shore with respect to recreational opportunities. The north shore seems to be one big private marina and FCRCC has already lost some of their facilities on Granville Island and may soon lose more. It would be great to see a significant portion of the south shore from Science World to the Cambie Bridge dedicated to water sport, esp. paddling and small sailing craft.
- I have made water contact from the area of South False Creek over the years and never had any health problems that may have been due to contact with that water.
- Not so far. This is in spite of one accidental total immersion (2002 - fell off boat near Cambie Street bridge)
- Not noticeable
- each year rashes develop, last April/May June the creek must not have been flushing as much due to rain, tide (?) but science world end was filmy and fowl smelling for months at a time - never noticed it so bad before, but then again Cambie bridge and in front of Monk McQueens - seals fish and birds
- No
- Our dragon team are all transplant recipients, as such our immune systems are suppressed to prevent rejection of our transplanted organs. We take extra care to ensure the "bugs" etc. in the creek water do not harm us, however the sport by its nature involves getting splashed etc. once in a while. It would be comforting to all of us to not have to worry about the extra risk involved with the creek's water quality
- I am very careful to shower after paddling, but despite this have had a number of infections that have no other logical explanation besides resulting from small abrasions that occasionally result from paddling coming into contact with water while paddling. Occasionally these have been severe enough to require medical attention.
- I have had sores and warts develop on my hands and have had some eye infections since I started paddling in False Creek.
- I sometimes get irritation in the summer when I spend more time paddling. It seem to increase the sensitivity to minor skin problem that have had for years. The water if not washed right away causes irritation and rashes.

- No, but I try not to get wet
- not yet!
- I shower immediately after any contact with False Creek Water.
- I am very diligent washing hands and face immediately after paddling and quickly having a shower. I also wash all my clothing after every paddle. The six person outrigger program no longer does changes in the Creek and hasn't for several years due to the perceived contamination of the water.
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- The six person outrigger program no longer does changes in the Creek and hasn't for several years due to the perceived contamination of the water. While the physical fitness I gain from training is a positive I certainly can make no positive comments on the impact of the waters of False Creek on my health. I have had trouble with rashes that require antibiotic treatment following paddling in the creek.
- I have developed rashes from paddling in the Creek water. As soon as I am off the water, I ensure to wash those areas thoroughly, however at times the rash still lingers
- I try to shower immediately after using the creek, from the spray of the water.
- Not yet, but we shall see.
- No negative
- Sunset beach doesn't close as often as it used to. Still think geese may be part of the problem.
- None
- Have had rash on hands from water. Now wear waterproof gloves.
- No
- No

Question 10. Please provide us with any additional comments which you think may be relevant regarding False Creek water quality in the space below. Thank you for your time.

- A study regarding water quality in false creek could be addressing several issues, primarily, water quality is viewed by the majority of the public, as visible debris (and whether it constitutes waste or just timber remains), another concern is chemical constituents within water, pertaining to its toxicity. Peoples perception of water quality is also influenced by the bodies surroundings, and false creeks south shore, for quite a stretch, is relatively dilapidated industrial areas which do not instill a great deal of confidence in the quality of adjacent water. I'm not of the opinion that this water could ever be considered safe as far as direct recreation (e.g. swimming or diving), but an effort should be made towards this goal in the long term.
- The number of boats harbored in False Creek doesn't help the water quality, and I am sure some people throw their garbage over the sea wall.
- Spruce Harbour Marina is a co-operative liveaboard community that takes great pride in our respect of the Creek and desire to see the Creek continue to be developed for multi-purpose use, including marinas, cruising boats and not just water sports. We have been interviewed by a GRVD representative concerning our usage of the Creek

and our attention to waste management and water quality issues. There are 55 members of the co-op, and while some members do use the creek for occasional water sports, such as kayaking and canoeing, our primary use is the marina for our boats.

- Your program to improve the water quality in this unique inner city waterway is extremely important. Good work. Please continue so future users can enjoy an even better experience
- there is nothing more disgusting while paddling in False Creek than to see condoms and excrement floating on the surface of the water. The exhaust from the motorized boats is bad, and the oil/gas spillage from these boats worsens the water quality. These are only a few of the factors that contribute to the pollution of False Creek's waters. If these matters are not dealt with, I am sure we will see a marked decrease in False Creek's marine life.
- I believe that the waters of False Creek are a great asset to the city of Vancouver. Not only does it attract visitors from neighbouring suburbs but from around the world. Most notably this past summer the waters of False Creek attracted a pair of visitors that many people took pleasure in seeing - a pair of dolphins. Wouldn't it be great if this sort of visit took place more often?
- One comment I would like to make is that the growing number of proposed marinas in False Creek is unacceptable. Pleasure craft traffic in the summer time is already almost unbearable. Not to mention the extra noise, air and water pollution each motorized craft emits into False Creek. I would like to see the waters of False Creek not become cluttered with docks and moored yachts but rather remain open and accessible.
- I honestly feel that False Creek is a treasure. I am very grateful to the friends of False Creek for the continuing hard work.
- The creek itself doesn't seem that bad, probably because of the tides sweeping the pollution away but some of the small coves are disgusting and need major clean-up ! The small cove around the back of Granville island where FFRC has its dock is a prime example.
- Keep trying to keep it clean. Try and keep it the same size. Squatters and marinas are narrowing and likely polluting the water space. Thank you.
- You should take the time to see the Seattle waterfront. It is a vibrant and thriving area that has been developed to its full potential. Vancouver should take a lesson from Seattle. Also, small watercraft in Vancouver should not impede traffic of larger vessels, remember, boats do not have brakes. People that do not want the waterfront developed are not looking at the big picture. There are unlimited business opportunities to bring additional wealth into the city via the water. This should be developed if Vancouver wants to keep up with the times. Living on and near the water is a privilege and not a right. The squatters should be removed, they are polluting the water and having other negative impacts on the city. The squatter that had a fire on his vessel is an example. Another example is the old squatter boat that was anchored in front of Science World. It sunk and is still on the bottom of the creek.

- I would love to be able actually wade or swim in False Creek, but I can not see that being safe for many years to come, especially if the live aboard boaters are flushing their raw sewage directly into False Creek.
- There is no doubt that False Creek is polluted. There are obvious sources that we see everyday: Fish boats dumping gas, sewage and engine water, boatyard allowing the bottom paint to go into the creek, squatters who obviously are not using holding tanks, people living under the ramparts along the shores, garbage from party boats, market. The creek does not always flush with each tide so stuff accumulates around Science World. It is too bad that the focus of urban planners has been looking away from the Creek. We need to change that so that we look at the Creek and have access to it. How about a canal from the end of False Creek to Burrard Inlet - this would be a major tourist attraction, provide flushing of the Creek and access to downtown by boat. Thanks for taking an interest in the health of False Creek.
- Have seen a large increase in the amount of people enjoying False Creek, especially on the water, over the past 4-5 years.
- While several Marina's in the Creek either have no sewage holding tanks for it's boats or does not monitor a system. In the Marina directly West of Sea Village there is constant dumping of grey and black water in the Creek due to lack of any sewage dumping facilities. Obviously the squatter boats dump into the Creek as well. I suspect the "party" boats do the same during the summer. I feel the outflow pipes during the rains add the most contaminated discharge we find in the Creek. False Creek is an accessible resource for Vancouverites and visitors. I strongly feel this area should be managed as a park and the city must be diligent in protecting the quality of this large water park. . I also feel that the moorage of the derelict boats is a eye sore to the creek and the surrounding area.
- I still have concerns about what the squatter boats are pumping out of their bilges.
- Given that False Creek has a limited tidal flush and in most areas has very low water flows, it has been very encouraging to see that a concerted effort has been made to either carefully remove some of the contaminated soils and other long term waste in the land areas surrounding the Creek, or to permanently contain contaminants so that they cannot leach into the seawater. Over the long term it would be great if at least a small representative area in the East end of the Creek could be restored to its former natural state, as a public message showing what the area once supported. If a small marshland area were to be reestablished, some of the wildfowl or fish species that once frequented the Creek areas might return.
- There are many boats allowed to moor in the Creek for long periods of time, and I'm sure they have to be putting their sewage and grey water directly into the Creek. The marina west of Sea Village Marina has people who live on some of those boats, and they don't, like us, have disposal systems that are pumped into the city's system. Again, it goes into the Creek. I've also seen sludge from the parking lot above us on Granville Island going into the Creek. That includes car oil spillages, soap from people washing their cars, etc.. The Creek should be respected and taken care of, not only for the Sea life, but for the people of this city to enjoy, as well as being a major tourist attraction in the city.
- Unfortunately I do not have of an accurate knowledge base from which to speak from regarding the source of the sewage pollution in the creek, however as stated

previously it is obvious to me that the water craft utilizing the creek (both in the marinas and as "squatters", and transients) are more than likely the source of the greatest amount of the pollution. Hopefully the City is no longer pouring raw sewage in there? The Creek is a very valuable recreational source to an ever growing and more active population, and deserves to be treated no less than any other park or environmentally system area in the country. The same applies as to its value to our tourism industry.

- False Creek is an amazing recreational resource: calm, protected waters in the middle of the city, that is utilized by hundreds of Vancouverites. Unfortunately, the poor water quality poses a potential health risk for its users.
- There are many live aboard boats in False Creek that do not have sewage holding tanks and dump their waste into the Creek. I have also noticed an increased number of diesel slicks on the Creek over the past few years. There is an underwater outflow in the bay just east of the Plaza of Nations that often has thick white foam bubbling out of it.
- I am not sure of any solutions nor have many ideas. I am sure that better sewage and waste management from the boats in the Creek and local storm drains would help. A large amount of oil that we see likely comes from the surrounding roads during rainfall. Having that treated as waste instead of drainage or runoff may be a huge step in the right direction.
- Being a creek with no flow through aside from the tide, extra effort should be made to keep it clean as it does not receive the flushing that most of our beaches do. It would be great to have the creek clean enough that swimming could become an option. Granted that is unlikely at this point, but we should move towards this. Vancouver will evolve around this creek, and it is only a matter of time before there are enough people to apply constant pressure to get it fully cleaned. No harm in getting a head start
- I paddle flatwater kayak in False Creek, and in the summer time, I often find myself fully submersed in the creek due to the boat over-turning. I often wonder what affect this may have on my health. It seems to me that the more we allow squatters in False Creek and multiply the number of Marinas that the quality of the water in False Creek will continue to degrade to the point where we cannot use the creek as we do now. It appears that there is no monitoring of the creek or what is going into it...WHY NOT??
- The Creek should be treated as a protected park land, due to its heavy recreational use. The sewage and garbage dumping is unacceptable.
- The use of False Creek should be regulated. There should be regular checks on all boats with toilets to see if they are dumping in the creek, I'm sure the squatter boats are, as are the party boats and the other boats in the marinas that do not enforce holding tank emptying into the sewers. If we are not careful, False Creek will turn into one big cesspool. There should be no more private marinas allowed, the Creek is getting clogged up as it is. It could be a great park/water park area but has been neglected for so long it'll take a huge effort to clean it up.
- I am part of the Transplant Dragon Boat Team. I had a transplant 3 years ago, and am always concerned about my health because my immune system is compromised to keep those organs that I received healthy. That leaves me open and prone to things

which a person whose immune system is not compromised would not be effected by. The quality of the water that I am being exposed to is of great concern to me personally.

- To keep the mouth cleaner, boats should not be allowed to flush their heads in this area. That should be the same for English Bay also since it is all swimming area. Coliforms definitely improving over the years in the western part of False Creek. We must keep working at improving the east end to improve the overall quality of the creek. I still think live-aboard boats not docked at a marina are still a pollution problem.
- I believe it has improved since the floor of the False Creek inlet has not been disturbed for many years and a new layer of sediment or whatever you wish to call it has possibly covered up any contaminants which are now lying in place as long as it is not disturbed.
- False Creek is over-crowded with power boats and new marinas. Motor vessels should be banned from Cambie Bridge to Science World. False Creek is too crowded on weekends to find parking while doing sports at FCRCC. The rat problem also contributes to the poor water quality. Also have witnessed illegally moored boats down near Science World dumping into False Creek.
- As a marina operator, my actual water activity is limited to observation. The creek is very busy - increased usage by kayakers and dragon boaters. I am very pleased to see the ever-increasing "traffic" - I do not think any group is usurping any other.
- Summer - greater turbidity? Sunset Beach - unidentifiable annual increased spike in health department readings - usually after prolonged dry spell and then followed by a rainfall. Winter - False Creek - by Aquabus dock - rainy days - observable oil slick from parking lot flows into creek.