

**JSCA Safety Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes**

November 27, 2025 1800H on Zoom

Present: Tom Duggan, Chair; Mariana Matranga; Erin Bell; Haakon MacCallum; Peter Lam; Benoit Sonrel; Erik Price; Paul Munnis; Winson Leung; Caitlin LePage; Tomo Machida; Simon Warner; Steve Irving; Lynne Beszant; Florian Krauthan; Douw Steyn; Kevin French; Sinéad Sprigg; James Eppel; Andrei Bredin, Asst. GM; Dominique Labrosse, GM.

Acknowledgement: The chair acknowledged that the meeting took place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

1. Agenda Approval

Motion:

“To adopt the agenda as amended (to include chair election and agenda approval).”

Carried

2. Election of Safety Committee Chair

Tom Duggan was elected by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2025 meeting

Motion:

“To approve the draft safety committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2025 as presented.” Carried

Review of the 2025 Season

- Off season training included foiling craft SOP development and afternoon hypothermia seminar
- Supported 103 event days in total
- 154 rescues logged
- 331 mariners assisted
- Individual rescue team member event day leaders reviewed

Bravo Zulu to Andrei and James for an exemplary response to a drowning swimmer in Jerry’s Cove, performing a quick launch and being on scene very promptly.

Bravo Zulu to Lou, James, Karol and Simon for their swift response to the collision between container ship Ever Sigma and a recreational power boat in English Bay. With Lou in his rowboat providing an accurate location of the stricken vessel, Jericho Rescue was first on scene, assuring no injuries and relaying an accurate position to the Coast Guard during a confusing communications environment. This enabled the CCG (aided by James) and VFPA to get pumps on board in time to prevent the stricken vessel from sinking.

4. Rescue team levels

Motion: “To promote all active trainees to Level I and further promotions as

recommended by staff." Carried

5. Boat condition notes

Albatross:

Boat cleaned in the water and put into plaza in late October.

- New mooring (anchor, chain & float) in summer
- Ding port aft quarter to be addressed
- Wood under anchor roller to be addressed and protected with an aluminum plate
- New control cables required
- Look at replacing/extending lifelines
- New paint required inside cabin walls and possibly on hulls/cabin exterior

Titan:

- VHF mic connection to be troubleshot (not transmitting).

Marks:

- Trailer, wheels, axles and springs replaced.
- Manual bilge pump diaphragm replaced
- Deck inspection hatches replaced
- Looking to install electric bilge pumps and troubleshoot water alarm

Hurricane:

- Hull drain plug flange to be re-seated.
- Helm wheel to be replaced

6. El-Mo

A discussion was had around potential uses, changes and disposal options for El-Mo. Issues centered around the following themes: since the pier has re-opened the role for El-Mo is less defined and it has been underutilized; benefits of current electric propulsion vs 9.9HP gas motor; potential usage for swim style event support; expanding the potential user base within the JSCA community; will we need it again when the pier is damaged next, what would that future cost be compared to what we currently have invested; what is the lost opportunity cost of the capital we have tied up in the asset; what is it worth as a used asset. It seemed that another year of monitoring its usefulness and actively probing new usage opportunities would be appropriate. Staff was asked to ascertain the value of the individual assets (motor, battery and hull) on the used market.

7. Headwear

Additional budget was put aside this year to purchase some wide brim hats for the rescue team. A supplier sample for testing is in Dominique's office. Rescue members are encouraged to test it on the water this winter. Staff will continue to evaluate hat options before a selection is made.

There was also an exploratory discussion on helmets. Various team members shared their experiences using helmets both in the rescue boats and during personal naturally powered recreation. It was clear that moving towards using helmets is popular amongst committee members. Many different helmet styles and options were discussed ranging from bump caps through to sailing, snow sports, whitewater, and dedicated SAR helmets. Pricing for helmets is beyond the scope of the current budget year, but members were encouraged to wear their own personal helmets on board and report their experiences to staff and other members. It was suggested that instead of buying communal helmets that subsidizing personal helmet purchases might also be an option. Issues around helmet selection and usage criteria will continue to be discussed at upcoming Safety committee meetings with an eye to including them in the 2026-27 budget year.

8. Other Business

Volunteer recognition meals: Several team members have expressed that post-shift nachos are not appreciated by many. Granting full meals after volunteer shifts is just not sustainable financially. There was discussion around the value of a post shift food reward. There was a suggestion of creating a discount coupon for use on a menu item at the galley or even shifting the programme to some other incentive altogether, potentially including hard goods. Staff was tasked with looking at the number of volunteer shifts, the JSCA budget and what monetary value could be sustainable to spend per volunteer shift.

FCRC Erg programme: False Creek Rowing Club has offered the indoor winter erg programme to Jericho Rescue as a significant discount. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the offer.

AED/Oxygen kit for Jericho Marks: It was suggested that we look at equipping ourselves with a third set of mobile AED and oxygen kits so that all three boats could be equipped.

9. Adjournment 1940H