



Hello fellow anglers,

I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the 2023 Tyee Club season.

The past winter gave the Directors a chance to reflect on the 2022 season and make plans for the upcoming year.

The fishing results from 2022 were very poor but participation was strong with many evenings having 30-40 boats fishing. The REST committee posted a safety notice at the start of last year highlighting a few items that were safety concerns to members while fishing as well as motoring to and from the fishing grounds. Improvements in safety and etiquette on the water were recognized by all. Thank you to all those that helped make the fishing experience safer and more enjoyable.

Two changes for the 2023 season are regarding fishing licenses and catch and release. Before a chinook is weighed at the clubhouse, the angler must show a current Tidal Waters fishing license that has been correctly filled out showing Area 13 SMZ which is consistent with DFO regulations. If catching and releasing a chinook, the fish must stay in the water. Measuring length and girth is not required as an estimation of the size of the fish is acceptable. The intent is to minimize the stress on the fish and ensure boater safety is not compromised.

The Tyee Club wharf has been a gathering point for many since its inception. Old friends renew acquaintances and new friendships are made often either on the wharf or in the parking lot. The executive recognizes this tradition of family and friendships and has made a few changes to the allocation or succession of spots on the wharf. There should be two extra spots on the wharf this year with the float plane no longer needing the use of the wharf. To help manage maintenance costs on the wharf, fees for the wharf have increased to \$275 for the season. Due to liability concerns, overnight camping in the parking lot will not be permitted anymore. Timely payment for wharf use is important to managing the wharf. Payment dates, options for non-use and allocation of wharf spots are stated in the Wharf Tenancy Policy which will be posted on the Tyee Club web page as well as at the wharf and clubhouse.

Fund-raising activities contribute significantly to the Club and require many volunteer hours. For 2023, we are offering three prizes for the raffle ticket sales. They will be a trip for 2 to King Pacific Lodge in Rivers Inlet, a traditional tyee rod and reel and a hand-crafted burl table. Thank you again to previous years contributors and to those donating items for 2023.

The Tyee Club will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2024. Randy Killoran is leading a passionate committee that will help commemorate this event. Online ordering for memorabilia for the centennial celebration will be available this season.



The Tyee Club has been involved in numerous community events for many years. Previous years of cleanup in the estuary resulted in a cleanup not being required this year due to lack of debris being seen in the river by divers that were scouting out potential areas to clean up. The Tyee Club and Campbell River Salmon Foundation (CRSF) have worked closely for years. The Club contributed items to the annual CRSF dinner and auction in March. Long time rower Jim Clowes donated two tides which resulted in significant funds being raised also. The local Brave Hearts Dragon Boat regatta was held in late May and saw members help with this well attended event.

The Tyee Club net pen was relocated to the wharf near the Quadra ferry as the transfer of smolts to the pen was shorter and more efficient. Thank you again to Jeremy Maynard and his team of volunteers.

Chinook returns to the Campbell and Quinsam Rivers were similar to previous years. However, the survival rate of the Chinook smolts from the Quinsam River continues to be low.

The Tyee Club would like to thank Maegen Dougan who managed the Tyee Clubs webpage, social media sites and clothing for several years while working and raising a busy family.

The Tyee Club season is for only 2 months every year but requires 12 months of volunteer hours. Many of the hours are during the period of early July to the end of September. . We are looking for a few more who could help with fund-raising activities. The Club thanks those many volunteers that have contributed in the past and are currently helping.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water soon.

Roger Gage

Tyee Club of British Columbia President