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Looking Back

Construction of new marina begins

When the Squamish whips the long tongue of water called Howe Sound into a white fuzz, yachts and dinghies alike will find a new haven-and a hot meal-at Lions Bay.

A large and modern marina is being built there, within half an hour of Vancouver.

Lions Bay Marina, a \$150,000 project on 760 foot water frontage should be popular, because of its location and because of the moorage and service it will provide.

As Howe Sound navigators know, Lions Bay itself offers a natural protection from that legendary, but quite real, wind called the Squamish.

These same navigators also know the wind can blow straight into Lions Bay on occasion, so the Marina will be completely enclosed by a floating breakwater of precast concrete sections.

There will be both dry and conventional moorage for over 400 boats up to 40 feet long.

The system of dry moorage is a first in Canada.

A large specially-designed fork lift truck will scoop the boat out of the water, and after a hosing down, will carry and deposit in on a padded rack in a weatherproof shed. The whole operation can be done in three minutes, from water to shed, or vice versa.

The first dry moorage shed will be in operation by May 15, this year, and will house 72 boats up to 20 feet long and 4000 pounds. A second housing 64 boats will follow.

Cost for dry moorage is \$ 8.50 per foot per year, as against the conventional at \$ 7.75. In addition, a seven-month seasonal wet moorage \$ 4.50 per foot per season is available.

Something new in service fuel pumps is a Wayne Blend-O-Matic which will automatically dispense any one of eight marine outboard mixes.

Another three pumps (Standard) will supply Regular and Supreme gas, and diesel fuel.

For boats requiring more then fuel to get them under-way again, a full-time mechanic will be around.

A Sail-In restaurant with boat hops is another first for B.C. This year a coffee and snack bar will provide for human fuel requirements, but next year the restaurant will be expanded.

To complete the picture, usual facilities such as launching ramps, parking areas, and full motor repair and servicing will be available. Rentals of ski and fishing

boats, outboards and trailers, and sales of motors, boats, tackle and bait have begun.

The marina is owned and operated by Chris Laursen and Hans Wolder. Mr. Wolder operates Flare Craft Marine in Burnaby, a subsidiary of Lions Bay Marina. Mr. Laursen is in construction and is personally directing bulldozers and carpenters at Lions Bay, where he lives with his wife and five children at the site.

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