

## Commodore

### Heather Fatkin

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March 1997, it all began . . . my introduction to dragon boating. With an inaugural trip from Abbotsford to False Creek and a team by the Name of Canadian Construction Women, aka CCW. Over the next few years there were lots of trips from Abbotsford to False Creek. Fast forward 20 plus years later. There have been women’s teams, mixed teams, tryouts, Regattas, Nationals, Club Crew and the qualifying for Worlds. From this, there have been great successes, greater stories, fantastic friendships and some disappointments. And I STILL love it..... !

When I came to FLCC, the club continued to fulfill all of what I value. With encouragement from the dragon boat team I was with in 2016, we explored together the world of outrigger, as a paddler of an OC1 and then as both a paddler and a steersperson for OC6 and V12.

I have a strong management background, with a love of being the conduit between departments and helping things to develop and thrive. I've enjoyed helping the club with Cranberry Festivalest, inventory, cleaning and moving boats, but up until now, working has cut into my “fun and playtime” and my ability to contribute.

Currently I am working on becoming “semi-retired” and hoping to give some of that time to FLCC and to repay.

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## Vice Commodore

### Denise Crook

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I have been in the dragon boat community since 1997. I started out as a paddler with the Canadian Construction Women DB Team in False Creek and then moved into coaching in 2007 with CCW and FLCC in 2008. During my time with FLCC I have had the privilege of coaching several DB teams; Fort Fury, Flash Dragons and Vengeance (youth team) and I am currently coaching Fort Fusion. I have also been fortunate to enjoy paddling outrigger with several groups and participating in the moonlight paddles with the voyageur groups. The opportunity to be out on the water with great people is one of the great joys of my life.

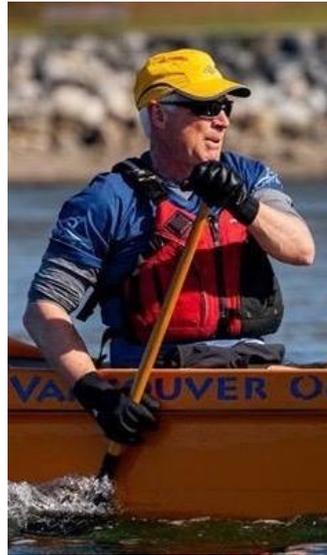
I have served on the Board of Directors as the Dragon Boat Representative, worked with a wonderful group of people on the first dock expansion and have enjoyed volunteering in a number of club events over the years such as Cranberry Festival and River Run (as your favorite Dock Marshall).

I wish I was retired but I still work full time as the AR Manager for the Redstone Group.

## Treasurer

### Dave Longman

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I have been a member of the Fort Langley Canoe Club; starting in March 2016 when I became part of the FORTified dragon boat team. In October 2016, I also started OC6 paddling with the Golden Masters. I really enjoy paddling on the Fraser River and in the regattas. I especially enjoy meeting and getting to know a lot of new and interesting people.

I retired in October 2013 and am a Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified Management Accountant (CPA, CMA). I worked 32 years for the Ministry of Finance, Province of British Columbia.

I have held the position of FLCC Treasurer for four years.

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## Secretary

### Jen VanderBeek

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It started as an invitation from a friend to try dragon boating with her and Spirit Dragons. In 2010 I had no idea what that meant, but I showed up and paddled, terribly at first, and then I stayed. I'm so glad that I did – I've been OCing with Catalina since 2013.

It's the hidden benefits of being part of FLCC that I treasure: regular physical exercise, a deeper appreciation for nature/ecology in and around 'our' small piece of the Fraser River, a front row seat to the wonder of all four seasons, and the opportunity to spend time with the amazing, generous, courageous, adventurous, encouraging kinds of people that make up this club.

At FLCC I have been happy to help out on the Board of Directors as secretary (since February, 2019) and with a wide variety of volunteer jobs.

My day-job, which I haven't quit just yet, finds me working with students as an Elementary School Librarian.

## Member at Large

### Betty Stockli

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I have been a member of the Fort Langley Canoe Club since 2007 and during that time I've had the opportunity to serve on the Board in several rolls; as Member-at-Large, Voyageur Coordinator and Treasurer. In 2019 I rejoined the Board as Member-at-Large with the objective of overseeing the Paddlesport Dock extension. This has allowed me to liaise and form important relationships with Township staff as well as Blue Water Systems (dock supplier). The past couple years has also awarded me the opportunity to assist with several major maintenance projects on our dragon boats and the two OC6 Calmars. I also had the opportunity to locate and secure yard storage for our boats and trailers.

I currently enjoy paddling outrigger with my OC6 team, Night Riders, but also have paddled on and managed a women's DB team, Fort Fury. During my time as Voyageur coordinator I was able to plan, organize and participate in a number of outings with the Voyageurs.

I've also volunteered and helped coordinate numerous club events over the years such as River Run, Cranberry Festival and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Retired since 2017, my professional work experience included mainly property management but for many years also included overseeing commercial marine insurance.

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## **Member at Large**

### **Gralin Doubleday**

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## **HISTORY & QUALIFICATIONS**

Club Member since 2007

Member At Large 2008, 2020

OC Rep 2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016

DB Rep 2010

Served on Dock Committee

Organized and paddled 2010 FLCC DB TRIP TO San Francisco

Organizer and committee member of our annual OC race, "The River Run"

Competed in many OC races over the last few years including The Length of the Lake 100km Relay Race and The Howe Sound Challenge.

FLCC CORA (Canadian Outrigger Racing Association) club representative, 2013-2015

CORA Board Member

2014 – Recording Secretary

2015 - 2017 – President

## **CLUB VISION**

Belief in a strong united club where all division and members share in its combined success.

## **DISCIPLINE GOALS**

Facilitate and assist in the maintenance and upgrade of Club equipment and facilities.

**Voyageur Coordinator****Debbie Scott**

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I was Voyageur Rep in 2014 -2015. I've been with the club since about 2003 when I started dragon boating. Cheryl MacIntosh was our coach. I did dragon boating for about 5 years and also started OC 6. I joined the voyageurs in the early days because of the fantastic trips the voyageurs did. We went on many very adventurous camping/paddling trips and monthly day trips locally. I would love to get this group expanded again so we can organize some fun paddling events. Hopefully the pandemic will end so we can get out paddling together soon.

## **Outrigger Coordinator**

**Joanne Bolam**

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Club member since 2007

Dragon boater 2007-2011

OC6 2011-Present

OC1 2016-Present

Volunteer – I have always been on the fringe helping out with Cranberry Festival, River Run, boat cleaning, boat repair.

I have been manager of a dragon boat team and an outrigger team.

During my time as OC Rep all the boats have been repaired along with the iakos and wood paddles. The outrigger safety manual is also online now.

Six new OC1 Hurricanes have also been purchased to add to our fleet.

I think it's very important that we have an outrigger committee going forward. It's a fast-growing sport both within our club and worldwide, with many opportunities for our paddlers.

## Dragon Boat Coordinator

### Pam Sutherland

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Like others, I came to “Try It” day and was hooked on dragon boating. I was lucky enough to join Team Phoenix and that is still my team. Dragon boating is a team sport and as such, I have paddled on several other teams to help them in regattas and other things. I even managed to experience having a dragon boat flip over!

For the past two years, I have served on the Board of BCS (Bedford Channel Society). With this organization, I learned all the work that is required to operate boathouses and storage for the use of the local, non-motorized watersports organizations and their members and the importance of the role of the Township of Langley. This includes FLCC.

A few years ago, I ventured into an Outrigger canoe and paddle in an OC6, OC1 and the V12. I even took up the challenge of learning to steer! The same goes with the voyageurs. Their trips and excursions are fun and I meet many new folks. Participating in all aspects of FLCC has made me aware of how much fun and WORK there is to keeping the club the excellent one it is.

I have also volunteered at many events and helped out in any way I could. I hope to continue to do so as the Dragon Boat Rep. for FLCC.