



# BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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## Queen of Cumberland Rescue Boat Incident

Brothers, Sisters, Friends,

Yesterday, 18 April, 2018, there was a significant incident where the Queen of Cumberland rescue boat, carrying two members, fell from significant height while being retrieved. Both members were taken to hospital with injuries, some of which are serious. We will continue to monitor the progress of these members and others affected, and our thoughts will be with them, their families, and the crews, with hopes for speedy recoveries.

Our Union recognizes the swift and courageous action taken in response by the crews of the Skeena Queen and Swartz Bay Terminal in rescuing the two members from the water. Our Union also recognizes the strong response of our Local 1 membership and Executive in the face of difficult circumstances.

As a result of this incident, by directive of Darren Johnston, "the Harding (Palfinger) NPDS 1300H and 3500H davit [are] now quarantined for emergency use only" until further notice. The Queen of Cumberland will remain out of service until at least tomorrow.

Further, the Union and Company have agreed to convene a Divisional Inquiry into this incident. This is the highest level of internal investigation. Our Union has selected Local 17 Executive and subject matter expert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer Leanne Vaughan as co-chair, and we will offer Leanne and the Inquiry panel whatever support is required.

Members participating in any investigative process (internal or external) are encouraged to first speak to a Union Representative, so we can provide any necessary assistance.

If you have been affected by this incident please contact our Employee Assistance Provider, Lifeworks: 1.888.307.0590

If affected members have questions, are experiencing any difficulties or require time off, as a result of this incident, please contact:

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