



STOLEN BOATS CANADA

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On September 4th at 4 pm, Ken Ashley noticed his 1958 Grenfell 52 footer, the Rosella III was missing from her berth at Granville Island. VPD Marine was advised and immediately enlisted the assistance of Vancouver Coast Guard Radio. A broadcast was made on VHF 16. Moments later crews of the Alison Nicole I and the Sea Span Commander located a debris field of the Rosella III's life raft, life rings and other items off Sturgeon Banks. A full SAR was entered into by JRCC in case the debris field was more than a "Smoke Screen". At approximately 7 pm, BC Ferries vessel Bowen Queen reported that she was following the Rosella III through Active Pass. The Spirit of BC also assisted in tailing the Rosella III. A Canadian Forces Cormorant held over head while members of the Ganges RCMP, with the assistance of the CCG Life Boat Cape Kuper boarded the Rosella III and took the suspect into custody. Police will be recommending numerous charges in relation to the incident. VPD Marine would like to thank everyone for their vigilance.

