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**News Release**  
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ANACORTES – The Port of Anacortes recently played host once again to a growing event, the Anacortes Workboat Races and Pirate Faire. Now in its third year, this fun family event celebrating our community’s working waterfront continues to grow. This year, organizers added a kick-off dinner on Friday evening, August 26<sup>th</sup>, with proceeds benefitting a newly formed Seafarers Memorial Fund, honoring those in our community that have lost their lives while making their living on the water. Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> was expanded to include a full day of activities, including a classic car show, steam engine demonstrations, model boat displays, historic presentations, food vendors, merchants and other artisans, community non-profit organizations information booths, live musical entertainment, the Lands End bar with a signature beer from Anacortes Brewery “Rip Tide Ale”, the Anacortes Town Crier, Richard Riddell, a chowder head challenge for local restaurants, pirate contests with prizes galore, and of course, the races themselves!

Vessels competed in four classes determined by horsepower and speed on a one mile course in the Guemes Channel beginning and ending in front of the Port’s Historic Pier 1.

This year’s 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers were:

Class D 1<sup>st</sup> place Capt. Dan Boydstrom – Vessel: Black Butte – Private Ownership  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Capt. J.R. Allen - Vessel: Vessel Assist “Patrol” – Vessel Assist

Class C 1<sup>st</sup> place Capt. Marvin Donovan – Vessel: Bruceki – American Gold Seafoods  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Capt. Chuck Gonzales - Vessel: Brave Arrow – Arrow Launch

Class B 1<sup>st</sup> place Capt. Dan Crookes – Vessel: San Juan Enterprise – San Juan Marine Freight Co.  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Capt. Andy Culbertson – Vessel: Skagit – Culbertson Construction

Class A 1<sup>st</sup> place Capt. Monty Hughes – Vessel: Mystic Sea – Mystic Sea Charters  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Capt. King Graver – Vessel: Nor’Wester – Private Ownership

An estimated 1,300 people cheered on the racers from their vista on Pier 1 and Curtis Wharf. While waiting for the captains to moor their vessels and return, attendees were entertained with musical performances and pirate contests. This year’s winning Pirate King, hailing from the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Buccaneers, was Andy Barker, who “sailed in” complete with pirate ship! The Pirate Queen was Tara Tomasko of Anacortes, and the Youth Pirate AARRRR-Off winners were two very young ladies in pirate bandanas who charmed the crowd with their best “AARRR!” Successfully defending their chowder championship title, the Anacortes Elks Club narrowly edged its competition to repeat as Chowder Head Champion. The weekend concluded with a memorial service on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Seafarers’ Memorial Park, marking the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Seafarers’ Memorial.



About the Port of Anacortes

*The Port of Anacortes was formed in 1926 to promote economic development for Anacortes and the surrounding area. The Port district is led by a board of five elected commissioners: Keith Rubin, Pat D. Mooney, Ray Niver, Steve Hopley, and Bill Short. Public meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse, 1<sup>st</sup> & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, WA. For more information, visit [www.portofanacortes.com](http://www.portofanacortes.com) or contact Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant, [jjulie@portofanacortes.com](mailto:jjulie@portofanacortes.com)*