



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

January 2012

Commission Calendar

Thursday, January 5

Regular Commission Meeting,
Public Hearing, Proposed
Addendum to 2008
Comprehensive Plan
Commission Meeting Room
100 Commercial Avenue
7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Special Commission Meeting
Annual Joint Meeting with Port
of Skagit County Commissioners
Port of Skagit County
9 a.m.

Thursday, January 19

Regular Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room
7 p.m.



Port of Anacortes achievements cited by Chamber of Commerce Immediate Past President Mark Bunzel included the Trawlerfest (above) and opening of Anthony's Restaurant at Cap Sante Boat Haven.



Port to wave the flag at Seattle Boat Show

Port of Anacortes staff, in addition to marina staff and elected commissioners, will share "shifts" to represent Cap Sante Boat Haven (CSBH) daily at the annual Seattle Boat Show, January 27-February 5.

This show, with indoor and outdoor elements, is the West Coast's largest. Free shuttles run daily between CenturyLink Field and South Lake Union (every 30 minutes).

The Port will actively promote new E&F docks at CSBH.

Chamber of Commerce acknowledges Port Executive Director Bob Hyde

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Port Executive Director Bob Hyde with the 2011 President's Award granted each year for outstanding service to the community.

"When we looked across the community," said 2011 Chamber President Mark Bunzel, "one person stood out for his efforts in economic development and working above and beyond the call of duty: Bob Hyde."

In comments at the Chamber Cheers annual dinner in November, Bunzel highlighted some of the Port's 2011 accomplishments under Hyde's direction. These included the opening of Anthony's Restaurant, a new venue for summer concerts at the Cap Sante Boat Haven, completion of clean-up and construction of the new esplanade and renovation to the building at Seafarers' Park.

Bunzel added: "The port provided a direct benefit to our economy and benefited local businesses by being involved and promoting events at the Transit Shed Events Center, and other events on port property such as the Salmon Derby, Trawlerfest, the Waterfront Festival, the Workboat Races and the Celtic Christmas Festival, to name just a few."

He also noted that Cap Sante Boat Haven hosted more than 13,000 marina guest nights, bringing additional business to Anacortes as one of the top five most visited marinas in the state.

"This was the year of the Port and Bob Hyde," said Bunzel. "The Port has provided a tremendous benefit to the Anacortes business community and we are very grateful for their extra effort and hard work to bring more people here to

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Bob Hyde

Port participates in community parade



A number of Port of Anacortes employees and family members participated in the annual Christmas parade in downtown Anacortes. A central element of the Port presence was promotion of the Geoffrey Castle Celtic music event held at the Event Center to raise money for local organizations including Toys for Tots, Anacortes Youth Arts and food banks. An estimated \$22,000 was raised, with Shell Puget Sound Refinery stepping up as principal sponsor. Pictured here on the Port "float" are Commissioner Bill Short, Executive Director Bob Hyde, Executive Assistant Julie Johnson Lindsey, Accounting Manager Carly Behan and son Carson. Driver was Ole Knudson.

Chamber president honors Port director

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visit Anacortes."

Chamber Executive Director Stephanie Hamilton stated: "The Chamber is blessed by its partnership in economic development with the Port of Anacortes, and Bob Hyde continues to champion innovative ideas in bringing in visitors, working with its vendors and providing excellent customer service. Mark could not have chosen a more deserving Chamber member to receive this award."

Port District Board President Keith Rubin said, "The commission is pleased to congratulate Bob for receiving this award."

His leadership has been essential in fulfilling the Port's mission of stimulating jobs and commerce while protecting quality of life. You would be hard pressed to find a better role model."



Mark Bunzel

New Port Commissioner Bob Eberle terms waterfront 'an incredible asset'

Just back from his first Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA) conference, new Port of Anacortes Commissioner Bob Eberle is more eager than ever to play an active role in the Port District's future.

Eberle, who was elected to represent Port District 3, is retired from a career that includes the private sector, state and federal governments – and three terms in Olympia as an elected representative.

The commissioner believes that his government experience, coupled with more than 20 years at Boeing, will serve him well as he strives with staff and other commissioners "to enhance business and create jobs."

"It's difficult to speculate about the American economy right now," said the commissioner, "but once the economy does start to grow, I think we'll find the pleasure boat industry is going to pick up, big time. I'm talking about the whole waterfront, an incredible asset."



Bob Eberle

Eberle expressed his appreciation for past Port investments including the new E&F docks going in at Cap Sante Boat Haven. He said he will join in collaborative efforts to dredge the Swinomish Channel, starting perhaps this year with a focus on "high spots."

"It's going to happen," he said of the dredging. "It's just a matter of working with other interests to determine how costs will be distributed."

In reference to the current "state of the

Port," Eberle commended Executive Director Bob Hyde and staff.

"Bob is a quality leader," he said. "He's a good engineer and manager, a great combination for the Port."

He also cited Port developments ranging from the arrival of Anthony's Restaurant to a new building and lease with Cortland Puget Sound Rope. He hailed news that Dakota Creek Industries has been selected for a U.S. Navy vessel construction project that might lead to yet another contract.

Eberle also suggested it is a good idea for the Port to be in pursuit of new properties.

"One part of the Port's charter is to provide a place for businesses to locate," he said. "Starting a business is one thing, but transitioning to the purchase of property can be a big hurdle. The Port can help get past that hurdle."

In addition to working with local staff and fellow commissioners, Eberle said he was impressed with the quality of other commissioners and WPPA staff he met at the recent conference.

"I was surprised to find out there are 72 ports in Washington," he said, "and that we are the only state that has independent, elected Port Commissions (rather than ports operating under the umbrella of city or other municipal governments)."

He also emphasized the importance of continued cooperation among regional businesses and agencies.

"The Port has a great relationship with the city and surrounding communities," he said, citing recent cooperation between Port and City on infrastructure associated with a new Pier 2 stormwater retention system. "That is as it ought to be."

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