



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

March 2011

Commission Calendar

Thursday, March 3, 5 p.m.
 Special Commission Meeting
 Parking Policy discussion
 Commission Meeting Room
 7 p.m. (also March 3)
 Regular Commission Meeting

Friday, March 11, 11 a.m.
 Ribbon cutting ceremonies,
 "T" Avenue and Wyman's Ramp
 Public welcome

Thursday, March 17, 7 p.m.
 Regular Commission Meeting
 Commission Meeting Room

Fishermen prepare for sold-out derby



Last year's Anacortes Salmon Derby featured some whoppers including the four fish pictured here.

Tickets sold fast for the 5th Annual Anacortes Salmon Derby, a scholarship event that quickly claimed notoriety for top prizes and overall quality of operations. Cap Sante Boat Haven will be bustling with activity again on March 26 and 27 as derby participants seek prizes including \$15,000 for top fish.



From now on, the level of annual activities at Cap Sante Boat Haven will rise, starting with the March 18-20 Anacortes Boat Show and the Anacortes Salmon Derby on March 26 and 27. See partial events schedule, page two.

Anacortes Marine Trades Group hosts Boat Show at Cap Sante Boat Haven

Guests from throughout the region will gather March 18-20 for the Anacortes Boat Show, a free event featuring great opportunities to prepare for the 2011 cruising season.

The annual show, hosted by the Anacortes Marine Trades Group, will take place once again

this year at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Boat show guests will find at least 75 new and pre-owned power and sailing yachts ranging up to 65 feet. In addition to boats in the water, there will be exhibit tents filled with electronics, rigging, marine services and more.

"There's no better place to

come kick some fenders than the Anacortes Boat Show," reads a promotional flyer.

The show is also described as "close to Old Town – with great restaurants, accommodations and boutique shopping, a convenient walk away."

Cleanup enters final phase

Among signs that cleanup of the former Scott Paper Mill site is drawing to a close is the return of the Port building to the shoreline at Seafarers' Memorial

Park. The cleanup has now entered its third and final phase, with a re-opening of beach and dock facilities tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 20.



Public Seafarers' Park building back in place.

Coming Events...



Waterfront Festival, May 21-22

- Anacortes Spring Boat Show: March 18-20**
- Anacortes Salmon Derby: March 26-27**
- Anacortes Wine Festival: April 9**
- Gala of Hope: April 27-May 1**
- Trawlerfest: May 9-14**
- Seafarers' Park Re-dedication: May 20**
- Waterfront Festival Kickoff Dinner: May 20**
- Waterfront Festival: May 21-22**
- Cancer Society Relay for Life: June 17-18**
- Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven: July 2-3; July 9-10; July 16-17; July 30-31**
- Summer Concert Series, Session 1: July 22, Red Hot Blues Sisters**



Port Executive Director Bob Hyde

Port offers speakers for your organization

If you are interested in learning more about the Port of Anacortes, please contact us regarding our Speaker's Bureau.

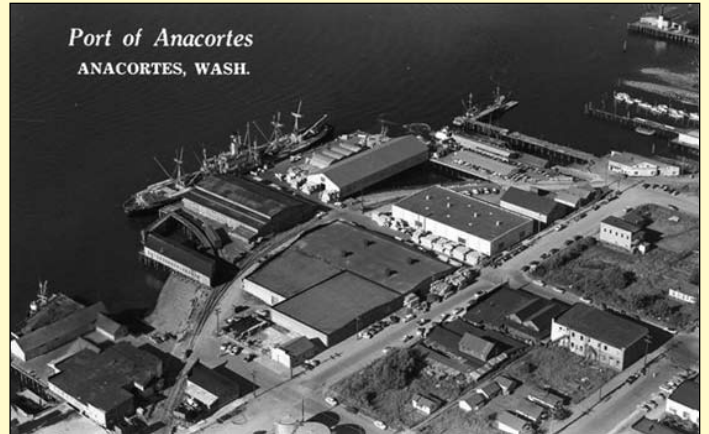
Contact Julie at 293-3134 if you are interested in scheduling a speaker for your club, organization, church, etc. Presentations and speakers are available from March through May.

State Ports celebrate Centennial



Representatives of Port Districts from all over the state will gather March 14 in Olympia to celebrate the 100th year since establishment of the first public port district.

Several Anacortes Port Commissioners and staff representatives will attend the



event, which will include a Governor's Reception. Pictured above

is a Port of Anacortes postcard from the 1940s or 1950s. A one-

time mill site is now occupied by Dakota Creek Industries.

Dave Bost joins Port operations team

While he was still in junior high school, Dave Bost joined adults in a small engine class at Skagit Valley College. The boy had declared his desire to own a mini-bike, and his father told him he had to learn basic mechanics first.

Decades later, he is still taking things apart and putting them back together. But now he is contributing his skills as a staff member at the Port of Anacortes.

It was in late 2010 that Dave saw a "help wanted" ad that seemed to match his career resume "to the T." He applied for the job, and in late November started work in the Operations Maintenance department at the Port.

"I had been self-employed since 1984," said Dave. "I own 'The Shop' at March's Point, where I did mechanical work, welding and fabrication on everything from cars and truck to tractors and other equipment."

About 12 years ago, Dave opened a second business, operating Anacortes Towing until selling the business in 2007.

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He went from a "24-7" type of business to a part-time schedule, and he and his wife even contemplated a move to Eastern Washington.

Then he saw the Port ad.

Dave, who has two daughters and four grandchildren, is settled once again into a regular work routine, drawing on a variety of skills to tackle jobs at the Port airport, marina and operations facilities.

"I enjoy the job, and the people I work with," said Dave. "One day I might be doing fleet maintenance, the next sweeping the pier or plowing snow at the airport. There's always something new and different."

Transit Shed Event Center

The Port's Transit Shed Event Center is a popular venue for private and public events alike. Call Lindsey at 293-3134 to make inquiries or to book a date.

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