



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

July 2007

Calendar of Events July 2007

Thursday, July 5

Regular Commission Meeting
7 p.m.
Commission Meeting Room
1st and Commercial Avenue

Tuesday, July 10

Port/City Liaison Meeting
8:30 a.m.
Marina Office

Thursday, July 19

Regular Commission Meeting
Walking Tour of Marina Terminals
and Boat Haven
4 p.m.

Monday, July 23

Port/City Review of Development
Agreement
5 p.m.

Maintenance work scheduled at airport in July

The Anacortes Airport will undergo maintenance work on many of its pavement surfaces during the month of July.

Work will include the application of a fog seal, which consists of a light application of emulsified asphalt which is used to rejuvenate the surface of bituminous pavement. For pavement areas adjacent to the fueling pad, a coal-tar seal will be used, providing protection of the pavement against fuel spill damage and the intrusion of water. Refreshed pavement surfaces will then receive a fresh coat of paint over the existing pavement markings.

The work will be completed over a two-week period, beginning on July 23

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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS. Port of Anacortes Environmental Administrator Connie Thoman (left) works with Anacortes High School student volunteers preparing eelgrass for planting at a south Fidalgo Bay mitigation site. Students from Victor Garcia's Marine Science class volunteered on two days, working with POA consultant Grette Associates, mitigation site designer. See article and more photos on page two.

Port Perspectives

Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in our Cap Sante Boat Haven Planning



Bob Hyde,
Executive Director

workshop held on Tuesday evening, June 27th. The group brainstormed new plans for the boat haven and its supporting uplands. Thanks to the following for

donating their time and their great ideas:

- Betty Mooney
- Jack & Carol Lee Clissold
- John & Michele Pope
- Kirk Kennedy
- Art Shotwell
- Shelagh Considine
- Spencer Swain
- Roger Curtis
- John Firlotte
- Fred Smith
- Lyndon Greene
- Graeme Wilson
- Erica Pickett
- Paul Groesbeck
- Gary Robinson

- Bill Mitchell
- Rita Ball
- Tony Bull
- Norm Havercroft
- Garrett Johns
- Paul Dinnel
- Bob Hall
- David Jackson

- Beth Bell
- Robert Atterberry
- Bob Nicholas
- Pam Allen
- Rudy Gahler
- Pat Barrett
- Don Wick

Bob Hyde



Cap Sante Boat Haven workshop participants

Port plants Fidalgo Bay eelgrass mitigation site

The Fidalgo Bay Eelgrass Mitigation Site was planted with 20,000 shoots (or turions) of eelgrass in mid-June. It took a full week for divers from Grette Associates, the Port's biological resources contractor, to harvest eelgrass turions from a Department of Natural Resources donor site, tie about six turions to a long staple, and then plant thousands of these staples in the Bay. The eelgrass was harvested from a very dense growth area that lies north of the mitigation site. The donor site will not be impacted by the harvesting because a maximum of only 5 turions per square meter were taken.

The substrate for the mitigation site was constructed in January with material dredged from the Swinomish Channel. According to the divers, eelgrass is already spontaneously growing on the site which is an excellent indicator that the project will be successful. Planting of the site is required mitigation for impacts to eelgrass that will result when the DCI ship basins are dredged for Project Pier 1.

On one weekday afternoon, Victor Garcia's AHS



Eelgrass mitigation project contractor Larry Lehman (right) illustrates how plants (above) are wired to a "staple" that is then planted in a six-acre site in south Fidalgo Bay.



marine science class helped the divers tie eelgrass turions to the staples. This effort helped the divers get more work done and the students had a valuable "hands-on" experience. Several students and a few community members also showed up on Saturday

morning to help out.

The eelgrass bed will be monitored several times over a 10-year period to ensure it is successful. If additional planting is necessary, eelgrass from the dredged ship basin area can be planted at the site.



Airport maintenance work on July schedule

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and completed by August 3, pending any weather delays. Work areas include the runway, taxiway, taxi lanes, and tiedown aprons.

A temporary shutdown of the runway will be required to ensure the safety of workers, tenants, and the aviation community. Within the two week work window, two runway closures are anticipated, each lasting two days and with a minimum of five days between. Intermittent closures of the taxiways, taxilanes, and aprons are also expected. Additionally, work within the north and south tiedown aprons will require aircraft to be temporarily relocated between the two areas to facilitate the work.

We appreciate the tenants' and users' flexibility during any short-term disruptions resulting from this project. The maintenance of Port facilities is of utmost importance, as we strive to provide safe, quality facilities to serve our tenants, customers, and the community.

Memorial service held for John Babarovich

The Port of Anacortes extends its condolences to the family of John Babarovich, who died May 27, 2007 following complications from pneumonia.



John, 62, worked at the Port of Anacortes, where he operated the new boat launch facility at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

The Anacortes native's career included a two-year tour in Vietnam in the Air Force. He served as an Anacortes Police Officer from 1969 through 1980, and then spent several years in the commercial

fishing industry.

"John had a servant's heart. He dedicated his life to serving his family, his community and his country. These are all noble purposes. He loved helping people on the waterfront. He was a true ambassador for the Port and the Anacortes community and is sorely missed."

A memorial service for John was held Thursday, June 7 at the Seafarers' Memorial Park. Donations in his memory may be made to further research for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome at ARDS Support Center, 7172 Regional Street # 278, Dublin CA 94568-2324 or to a favorite charity.



This is a great time of year to visit Cap Sante Boat Haven, the beautiful downtown marina owned and operated by the Port of Anacortes. Port officials take pride in the marina's "open door policy." The public is encouraged to enjoy this community asset. Please, take a stroll on a summer day.

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