



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

August 2008

Calendar of Events



August 3-4 and 8-11 (tentative)
Ends of C and D docks, Cap Sante Boat Haven (CSBH)
Tall ships Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington

August 6
Tour of DCI, Project Pier 1
U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen, 2nd Dist.

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

August 8
7 - 9 p.m.
Free summer concert, CSBH
Alice Stuart, blues

August 15
7 - 9 p.m.
Free summer concert, CSBH
Michael Powers, jazz

Thursday, August 21
7 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting/
Study Session
1st and Commercial Avenue

August 22
7 - 9 p.m.
Free summer concert, CSBH
Kim Archer Band, soul

August 29 - September 1
Anacortes Jazz Festival
Curtis Wharf (Tickets \$25 and up)
See www.anacortes.org

Port wins national environmental award

Anacortes is in the national spotlight with news that the Port has won a prestigious award from the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA).

Port representatives will travel to Anchorage, Alaska next month to receive the award, one of only four given nationally in the "Environmental Improvement Awards" category.

Cited by the AAPA was the Port's Fidalgo Bay Eelgrass Mitigation Project, constructed by Port staff in 2007 as mitigation for impacts resulting from dredging for Project Pier 1.

That project (see related article, page two) calls for dredging of ship basins used by Port tenant Dakota Creek Industries (DCI).

This mitigation design is unique because it is large enough to allow

advance compensation for impacts to eelgrass that could result from future Port dredging projects.

Presentation of the award will take place at the AAPA's annual meeting.



Anacortes High School students took part in a 2007 eelgrass mitigation planting by the Port of Anacortes.

Port sponsors free summer music series

Those who haven't already done so are urged to schedule a free Friday night at Cap Sante Boat Haven, where the Port of Anacortes is hosting a five-week series of music concerts.

See left, or "News" tab at www.portofanacortes.com for details about artists.



Musicians perform near the boat launch at the Port's Cap Sante Boat Haven.



First in a five-week series of free Friday night concerts was Becki Sue and the Big Rockin' Daddies, two of whom are pictured here.



Groundbreaking on Project Pier 1

Participants in the historic Port of Anacortes / Dakota Creek Industries Project Pier 1 Project included local and state officials, as well as area business people and project consultants. Among those wielding golden shovels were state CTED official Sally Harris, Economic Development Association of Skagit County Director Don Wick, Bill Gerken of PND Engineers, Port Commissioner Bill Short, Port Commissioner Pat Mooney, environmental consultant Ann Farr, Port Commissioner Steve Hopley, DCI executive Mike Nelson and Port Commissioner Keith Rubin. City council members Cynthia Richardson and Erica Pickett were also in attendance. Port Executive Director Bob Hyde presided over the ceremony on the shoreline of Guemes Channel.

Project marks end of more than 10 years of preparation

Among those at a July 16 groundbreaking on the Port of Anacortes / Dakota Creek Industries Project Pier 1 was Don Wick.

Wick, who serves as Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, noted that perseverance was critical to

the project's success.

"This project reflects strong leadership on the part of the Port of Anacortes and DCI," said Wick. "This ceremony celebrates a great public-private sector partnership, and underscores the importance of persistence."

The EDASC executive echoed remarks made by Port officials Bill Short, Bob Hyde and Bob Elsner, who stressed the importance of cooperation among local business people, elected officials and representatives of government agencies at all levels.



Atterberry's team serves salmon BBQ at marina

Robert Atterberry, whose meals are already a sought-after item at regional farmers' markets, now offers delicious food on the Anacortes waterfront. Bob's Chowder and BBQ Salmon food stand is located on the new esplanade at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Pictured here with Atterberry are booth operators Alexa Bowen (left) and Kelly Atterberry. See cateringbyavenue.com for more information.

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