



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

April 2009

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 16

7 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Work/Study Session
Commission Meeting Room

Mark your calendar for 2009 Anacortes Waterfront Festival

Momentum is building for the 2009 Anacortes Waterfront Festival, a free family-friendly event held at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

This May 16-17 event is sponsored by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

A Saturday, May 15 Festival Kick-off Dinner, hosted by the Port of Anacortes and presented by the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) and the Chamber of Commerce, will launch the festival with a community gathering.

Tickets, \$50/person or \$400 for a table of eight, are available by calling EDASC at 336-6114.



Port Board President Keith Rubin and Chamber of Commerce President Zee Hogan at Anacortes Waterfront Festival poster unveiling event.



Anacortes resident Brian Darling was top dog among almost 1,000 participants in the 2009 Anacortes Salmon Derby. His fish weighed in at 18.62 pounds, yielding a plaque and a \$12,000 prize. Pictured with Darling is his wife, Sharon.

Anacortes Salmon Derby a big hit

Cap Sante Boat Haven was alive with activity March 27-30 as hundreds of fishermen gathered for the 2009 Anacortes Salmon Derby.

The derby, established to fund college and technical school scholarships, is sponsored by the Fidalgo Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers. Derby Chairman Jay Field told his "big tent" audience on Sunday, March 30 that he and his organization appreciate Port of Anacortes support.

"It starts at the top with the commissioners, who bless this event and approve promotional rates, and goes on with the Executive Director, operations direc-

tor, Harbormaster and staff," he said. "Nothing's a problem for the Port staff – they always meet you with a smile and a can-do attitude. That culture of service speaks well of the organization as a whole."

Field notes that derby activities call for special commitment from security and maintenance, Harbormaster's office, launch crew, and more.

"Cap Sante Boat Haven is a gem of a facility," he said, "but the real community asset is the Port of Anacortes staff. I never cease to be amazed how they deliver enthusiastically day in, day out. It's no wonder they won Port of the Year (2008)."

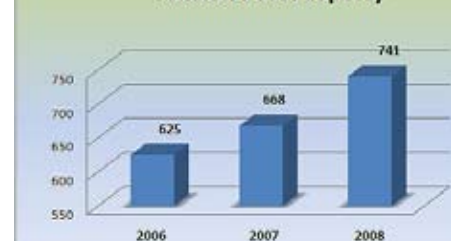
Port Perspectives

A big thanks goes out to Jay Field and the Puget Sound Anglers for putting on such an amazing Salmon Derby. The community sure enjoyed the "invasion" of 1,000 fishermen over the past weekend to take some of the edge off of this recession.

Speaking of the recession, the Port has been blessed with tenants who just say no to the down turn. The graph to the right shows that jobs on Port property continue to expand. Each and every job is important to the health of our community.

Bob Hyde

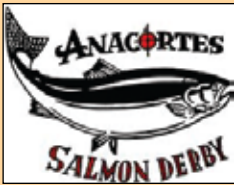
Jobs on Port Property



Anacortes Salmon Derby 2009



Derby Chairman Jay Field opens Sunday afternoon awards ceremony.



Port Director Bob Hyde addresses "Big Tent" audience.



Women's Division winner Tammy Morris.



Port launch crews handled hundreds of boats.



Envious fishermen file past display of top derby catches.



Past scholarship winners express thanks.

Topcat Engineering becomes Port tenant

Topcat Engineering and Cap Sante Yacht Sales recently became a Port of Anacortes tenant at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

Owner and CEO Tom Gilbert of Anacortes is an accomplished sailor who turned his love of sailing into a business in 1993. Almost 16 years later, integrity, in-depth knowledge of the maritime industry, and personalized service has built the business into one that crafts communications and computing solutions specific to the needs of clients.



Topcat Engineering handles the buying and selling of boats and premier marine electronics. The company's suite of services includes high-end communications, computing and navigation solutions, installed. "We offer a comprehensive choice of marine electronics including autopilots, radars, communications and navigation software," said Gilbert. "We specialize in outfitting superyachts such as Nordhavn, Northern Marine and Pacific Mariner. We understand that boating is more than a pastime. It's a passion. Our mission is to make your yachting experiences pleasurable."

Topcat is located at 1019 "Q" Avenue, Suite G; telephone: 360-299-4371.

Marina web site survey

Cap Sante Boat Haven (CSBH) clients will soon receive a questionnaire designed to help Port of Anacortes staff better understand their Internet needs and desires. Included in the survey will be questions regarding use of the Port web site for marina information. Look for the survey in your April statements. We would appreciate the investment of your time to use the survey to "talk" to our staff.

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