



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

June 2009

## Calendar of Events June 2009

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 12

10 - 11:30 a.m.  
Special Commission Meeting  
and Executive Session  
Commission Meeting Room  
11:30 a.m.  
Groundbreaking and Signing  
Ceremony for Scott site  
environmental cleanup  
Seafarers' Memorial Park,  
followed by community barbecue

## Port partners to bring 'Pacific Challenge' to city



**COMPETITION:** This annual event encompasses rowing, sailing, seamanship and navigation among teen teams including a Sea Scouts crew from Anacortes (long boat Elizabeth Bonaventure, above right). Teams came from other Northwest communities including Port Townsend, Vashon Island, Tacoma, Kent and Olympia. Cap Sante Boat Haven, Seafarers' Memorial Park and Fidalgo Bay bustled with team activities on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29-31. Pay a visit to [www.pacificchallenge.com](http://www.pacificchallenge.com) for details.



Despite a couple of wet launches, all but one team completed the course in the crowd-pleasing "Quick and Dirty Boat-building" event at Cap Sante Boat Haven. See more Waterfront Festival scenes on back page.

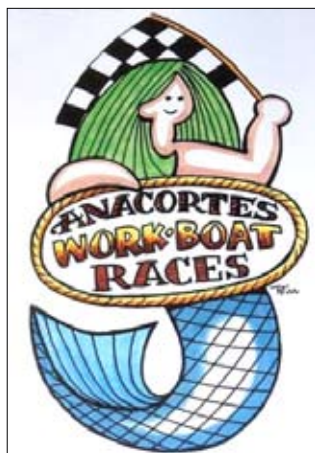
## Sun shines down on Waterfront Festival

Anacortes again celebrated its maritime heritage in style last month, drawing thousands to the community for the 2009 Anacortes Waterfront Festival.

This festival, sponsored by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, attracts local residents and out-of-town

guests alike with a full slate of weekend activities including free boat rides, compliments of the Anacortes Yacht Club. Congratulations to the Chamber, and to the dozens of sponsors and volunteers who contribute to making this event a perennial delight.

## Watch Workboat Races Saturday, July 18



Workboat Races art by Bill Mitchell

Anacortes will add another celebration of its maritime heritage at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 with the Anacortes Workboat Races on the Guemes Channel.

This event, with organizational support from groups including the Anacortes Community Maritime Center and the Sea Scouts, will take place on a summer weekend that also features 28th Annual Shipwreck Day (July 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Commercial Avenue, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce) and the What the Heck Fest (July 17-19).

The free Workboat Races are ex-

pected to draw crowds to Port Pier 1, just north of 4th Street adjacent to the water.

What the Heck Fest, an independent festival featuring music, art, food, and more, boasts various downtown venues including the Port warehouse, Friday and Saturday nights (see [whattheheckfest.com](http://whattheheckfest.com) for tickets).

Finish line for the Workboat Races will be at Pier 1. The event is free, and open to the public. Call 293-3134 for details or information regarding race participation.

## Port presents Partner Awards at EDASC Kickoff Dinner

The Port of Anacortes presented its annual Port Partner Awards at the Waterfront Festival Kickoff Dinner sponsored by the Economic Development Association of Skagit County.

The Port established the Partner Awards in 2008 to honor those entities, contractors, citizens, tenants, and organizations who have partnered in service with the Port to promote economic growth, environmental clean-up, and strategic planning. Honored were:

**Dakota Creek Industries (DCI):** "Economic Development Partner" in the reconfiguration of the shipyard leased from the Port. DCI continues to expand a skilled workforce in excess of 400 people.

**Department of Ecology:** "Strategic Partner" DOE has been a valued partner in facilitating and funding for environmental clean-ups on Port property. The Port is underway with the third of five clean-up projects in and around Fidalgo Bay under the

Port's heading of "Focus Fidalgo."

**Marc L. Estvold, AIA:** "Customer Service Partner" in creation of the Port's 2008 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Estvold brought his broad knowledge of planning and connection to the community in serving as project manager for the Plan. He facilitated extensive outreach within the Anacortes community to provide a well coordinated and successful outcome.

**MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design:** "Customer Service Partner" in the creation of the Port's 2008 Comprehensive Plan. MAKERS, and particularly partner Julie Bassuk, met with more than 150 community members over an 18-month period, producing a professional and workable Plan that other entities now use as an example.

The Port of Anacortes values these partners and their significant contributions to this community.



## CSBH Summer Concert Series

The Port of Anacortes will host a free five-week series of outdoor concerts at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Bands are scheduled July 24 (Cherry Cherry - A Tribute to Neil Diamond); July 31 (Bump Kitchen); Aug. 7 (The Paper Boys); Aug. 14 (Handful of Lovin'); Aug. 21-22 (Red Hot Blues Sisters/Kim

Archer Band (Fri.); Kim Archer Band and Bump Kitchen (Sat.).



In keeping with the festival's maritime theme, members of the Shifty Sailors offer songs from the sea.



Cotton candy treat for sisters.



Cap Sante Boat Haven Harbormaster Dale Fowler stays in touch with a busy marina staff.

## A wonderful Waterfront Fest



The U.S. Navy was well represented by this smiling crew.




A sure favorite among festival goers is the armada of remote control model boats.



Folks dock after a morning cruise, compliments of Anacortes Yacht Club.

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