



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

April 2010

## Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 15

7 p.m.  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Commission Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 20

9 a.m.  
Special Commission Meeting  
Strategic Planning Discussion  
Commission Meeting Room



## New hoist at marina

Chuck Tidrington, owner of the 27-foot sailboat "Cookie Monster," was gracious enough to volunteer his boat for test launching of a new hoist facility recently.

The Port's new hoist facility at Cap Sante Boat Haven P/Q docks performed flawlessly in launching and stepping the mast of the deep draft sailboat. This boat, and others in the same range will use the hoist regularly when the racing season begins.

In addition to the hoist performing as designed, the electric "mule" (trailer mover) performed very well on pavement and on the gravel of the parking lot. Thank you to Phil Krause, Port Operations staff, for installing safety controls on it.



## Anacortes Salmon Derby

One thousand Anacortes Salmon Derby ticket holders took part in the 2010 event on March 27-28, bringing business to the community and raising money for college scholarships. The event is sponsored by the Fidalgo Island Chapter of Puget Sound Anglers, with weekend "headquarters" at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Top fish was caught by Ralph Thomas (inset).

## Port staff contributes to derby success

Derby Chairman Jay Field told those gathered at a Sunday afternoon awards ceremony the event "would not be possible" without the support of the Port of Anacortes."

He extended thanks to Port commissioners and staff, including Harbormaster Dale Fowler, Assistant Harbormaster Wes George; and all who handled the flood of slip reservations, vessel launches and retrievals.

"Any success we enjoy is due in large part to the support we get from the Port of Anacortes," said Field. "We get a lot of comments from Derby participants about how welcome they feel upon arriving to the Boat Haven. The Port staff has developed a culture of commitment to providing the highest level of service possible – and their actions prove that commitment."

More than 1,000 tickets were

sold this year, guaranteeing a healthy fund for college scholarships. Over the two-day period there were 132 fish caught, nine over the 20-pound mark.

"A fish of 20 pounds or more is a dandy in this area, no matter what time of year," said Field.

The Anacortes Salmon Derby, now four years old, is hosted by the Fidalgo Chapter of the Puget

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Port of Anacortes Executive Director Bob Hyde congratulated winners and Derby volunteers for another successful event.



Derby organizer Jay Field, pictured here with Bob Joy of Anacortes, said the event "would not be possible" without the support of the Port of Anacortes.



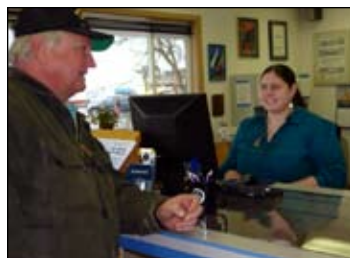
Anacortes Port Commission President Keith Rubin (right) poses for a photo with U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks, who fished in the Derby.



Port of Anacortes staff members deftly moved boats into and out of the harbor over the weekend, drawing the praise of Derby participants.



Speaking to a Derby audience were four college students who have received scholarships as a result of the Anacortes Salmon Derby.



Several hundred Derby competitors came through Cap Sante Boat Haven, with the cooperation of staff including Amanda Krebs (above).



Among a team of Port staff members putting in long hours at the Cap Sante Boat Haven boat launch were Phil Krause and Ole Knudson.

## Employees committed to making derby memorable

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Sound Anglers. Field thanked sponsors and club members who volunteer hundreds of hours to the annual spring event.

Succeeding Field as Derby Chairman next year will be Terry Nemeth, a superintendent for the city public works division. Field will continue to serve in a supporting role, including a position on the Derby executive committee.

“Not only is this a fun family event,” said

Field, “but it provides important scholarship funds, and it gives a much needed boost to the local economy in a dark time of the year.”

The Field family owns and operates Village Pizza and the Wheelhouse Bar in downtown Anacortes. Field is also the owner/operator of Dash One Charters, a salmon charter boat fishing the San Juans.

Participants appreciate both Port and Derby hosts.

“Hats off to the great staff at Cap Sante Marina,” said Captain Jim Keith of Fox Island Salmon Charters. “They had my boat off the trailer and in the water in no time, and we were greeted at our slip by very freindly staff offering assistance.

“The Anacortes Salmon Derby is by far the best run, most fun derby I have ever fished. Derby Chairman Jay Field and his crew know how to run a salmon derby.”

## Willa Smith marks 15 years of service on Port staff

Among three Port of Anacortes employees with 15 years of tenure on staff is Willa Smith.

Smith, who moved to Anacortes with her husband, the late Paul McGowan in 1985, started work part-time in the Port’s property management department in 1995. Today she serves as marina operations coordinator.

“I work with great people, and really good customers,” said Smith. “They’re like family.”

Smith notes she has seen dramatic changes at

the public marina since moving from the Port’s main office staff in 2003.

“I’ve seen upland improvements and C and D docks replaced,” she said. “We now have summer concerts, we have events like the Waterfront Festival, TrawlerFest and the Salmon Derby – and Anthony’s restaurant is coming next fall. An improved marina makes happier customers.”

Smith was honored as Port of Anacortes Employee of the Year in 1998.



Willa Smith at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

## Christine Timmerman joins Port team

When the opportunity presented itself, Christine Timmerman jumped at the chance to become part of the Port of Anacortes team on a full-time basis.

Timmerman, who had worked as a project assistant on a temporary basis for nine months, was named to a permanent position last month as an office assistant.

“I love it here at the port,” said Timmerman. “The people I work with are great, and there’s great variety in the work I do.”

Timmerman, whose husband Matt is a naval aviation mechanic, transitioned from one corner of the U.S. to the other when Matt was transferred to NAS Whidbey 18 months ago.

She grew up in Maine, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in New Media from the University of Maine in 2005. She

subsequently worked for Merrill Lynch and after moving here, for Western Washington University at the Shannon Point research facility in Anacortes. Her hobbies include running, and digital photography.

“I love the Northwest,” she said. “It’s a lot warmer here than in Maine, and I enjoy its beautiful landscape.”



Christine Timmerman joins the Port staff.

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