



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

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## Commission Calendar

### Tuesday, February 1

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Special Commission Meeting  
Commission Retreat  
Padilla Bay Breazeale  
Interpretive Center

### Thursday, February 3

5 p.m.

Special Commission Meeting  
Commission Meeting Room  
Agenda includes discussion of  
a Port parking policy  
7 p.m. (also February 3)  
Regular Commission Meeting

### Thursday, February 17

Regular meeting cancelled

Economic Development  
Association of Skagit County  
Economic Forecast Dinner  
6 p.m.  
St. Joseph Center, Mount Vernon



This beauty, caught by Ralph Thomas in the 2010 Anacortes Salmon Derby, brought home the first prize of \$15,000. Thomas is pictured here with his daughter. Tickets go fast, so act now. Photo courtesy of Dean Hislop.

*All proceeds go to scholarship fund*

## 5th Annual Anacortes Salmon Derby will draw hundreds March 26 & 27

Tickets are going fast for the March 26 & 27 and the 2011 Anacortes Salmon Derby, a scholarship event established in 2007 by the Fidalgo Island Chapter of the Puget Sound Anglers.

The Port of Anacortes is one of the partners in this event, providing support including promotional rates for moorage and launching (only one thousand tickets sold; reserve early).

Derby Chairman Jay Field reports that \$25,000 in cash prizes will again be awarded this year,

plus thousands of dollars worth of merchandise. Top prize for the largest salmon is \$15,000. Second place will bring \$5,000; third place and secret weight, \$2,500 each. Tickets remain at the family-friendly price of \$50.

All proceeds go to a scholarship fund benefiting students pursuing education in the fisheries area.

More than \$110,000 has been provided for scholarships and grants: 2010, \$29,828; 2009,

\$27,000; 2008, \$29,200; 2007, \$24,000.

“In addition to providing scholarships from this event,” said Field, “we have created another recreational opportunity for families which allows us to showcase the public marina, its facilities, and our downtown area.”

This derby is part of the Northwest Salmon Derby Series. See [www.anacortessalmonderby.com](http://www.anacortessalmonderby.com) for details.



Commissioner Bill Short (above) and many others volunteered for service at the Port's booth at the Seattle Boat Show.

## Port waves Anacortes flag at big boat show

Once again this year, Port staff, commissioners and volunteers “waved the Anacortes flag” at the popular Seattle Boat Show at Qwest Field.

While their first priority is promoting Cap Sante Boat Haven, staffers at the colorful Port booth

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Harbormaster Dale Fowler (right) and Evelyn Nelson of the Cap Sante Boat Haven staff pause for a photo during the recent Seattle Boat Show.

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also distributed information about the community at large. Hundreds of “goodie bags” with contents including floating keychains and sunglasses lanyards were distributed to booth visitors.

“People were excited to see what’s going on in Anacortes,” said Assistant Harbormaster Wes George. “we got a lot of positive feedback about things, from Anthony’s restaurant to our summer concerts and improvements at Seafarers’ Memorial Park.”

“It went really well,” said George of the show. “we all enjoy interacting with people, and it’s always nice to hear compliments. A number of people said we had the friendliest booth at the show. I heard a number of people say: ‘Maybe we need to check Anacortes out’.”



Port Executive Director Bob Hyde

## Port offers speakers for your organization

If you are interested in learning more about the Port of Anacortes, please contact us regarding our Speaker’s Bureau.

Contact Julie at 293-3134 if you are interested in scheduling a speaker for your club, organization, church, etc. Presentations and speakers are available from March through May.

## Anthony’s opens doors at marina

Anthony’s at Cap Sante Marina opened with a community benefit dinner, followed by a more traditional grand opening complete with ribbon cutting. The restaurant, situated on the waterfront between the Harbormaster’s Office and the public boat launch, is open for dinner with a lunch schedule soon to be announced. Pictured here (l. to r.) are City Council members Brian Geer and Cynthia Richardson; Mayor Dean Maxwell; Port Executive Director Bob Hyde; Anthony’s founder Budd Gould; Port Commissioners Pat Mooney and Steve Hopley.



## Sailing adventure leads to new home

Sheila Maher, who first visited Anacortes 15 years ago on a family sailboat trip, is back again at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

This time, however, she’s on the “working side” of the counter at the Harbormaster’s office.

Maher started work in mid-January, serving as a customer service representative at the public marina. She looks forward to working with a friendly Port staff including Harbormaster Dale Fowler, who she and husband Chris met at the Seattle Boat Show one year ago.

Like many Anacortes residents, the Maher’s initial introduction to this community was during a family sailing trip through the San Juans, Gulf Islands and Desolation Sound. Their boys, who were toddlers at the time, are now college students.

Chris, who is an industry representative for Interlux/Awlgrrip, decided it would be a good plan to move from Walnut Creek, California, to the Northwest where the marine industry is healthier. The couple selected Anacortes to drop anchor. Sheila, whose resume includes serving as assistant har-

bormaster in California, jumped at the chance to apply for a job with the Port.

The Mahers look forward to leisure time on their power and sailboats. They are excited about improvements in this community, including the arrival of Anthony’s restaurant next door to the Harbormaster’s office.



Sheila Maher

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