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A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

January 2010

Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 19

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Special Commission Meeting
Commission Retreat, Padilla Bay

Wednesday, January 20

5:15 p.m.
Special Commission Meeting
"Meet Your Port Commissioners"
Anacortes Public Library

Thursday, January 21

7 p.m.
Regular Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room

January 29 - February 6
Seattle Boat Show

2010 Calendar of Community Events at the Port

Anacortes Salmon Derby

March 26-28

Anacortes Floating Boat Show

March 18-21

Anacortes Waterfront Festival

May 14-16

PassageMaker Trawler Fest

May 18-22

Nordic Tug Rendezvous

June 10-13

**American Cancer Society
Relay for Life**

June 18-19

Anacortes Workboat Races

July 17

CSBH Summer Concert Series

July and August, dates TBD

Anacortes Arts Festival

August 6-8

Attitudes and Latitudes

August 13-15

Note: Due to pending schedule decisions, this list is not necessarily complete, and a few dates are subject to change.

Burns named Employee of the Year

Dan Burns, a familiar face to all who frequent Cap Sante Boat Haven (CSBH), has been named Port of Anacortes Employee of the Year for 2009.

Burns was honored by his fellow employees, receiving the most nominations for the annual award.

Burns, who joined the Port team as a part-time security staffer in October 2006, moved quickly to full-time status. Following a June 2009 promotion, he serves as boat launch and fuel dock supervisor.

"Dan is the 'Cool Hand Dan' of the marina," said Harbormaster Dale Fowler. "He is not easily flustered, even in a peak season environment when it is not uncommon to interact with 100 people a day."

Burns, a native of Billings, Montana, was introduced to the Pacific Northwest during a 20-year career with the U.S. Navy. Sixteen of those years were spent at NAS Whidbey as an aviation electronics technician.

In the wake of his Navy career, Burns attended five months of training at the Washington State Reserve Law Enforcement Academy. He was then employed as a reserve deputy in the Island County Sheriff's Department. He moved to the LaConner Police Department from 1998, returning to the Island County Sheriff's



Dan Burns, 2009 Port of Anacortes Employee of the Year, pictured on the dock at Cap Sante Boat Haven. Burns supervises the boat launch and fuel dock, which grossed more than \$1.4 million this year.

Department in 2001. He continues to serve part-time there as a reserve sergeant.

Burns has worked in numerous capacities at the marina, taking over lead responsibilities at the new fuel dock when it opened in March 2008. He now supervises a staff including boat launch, fuel dock, dock attendants and seasonal summer staff.

In terms of responsibilities at an often hectic, potentially stress-charged marina, Burns said his law enforcement training serves him well.

"This is a fun job for service to the community," he said. "We're working hands-on with our customers all day. It can be stressful, but I always say: 'One customer at a time'."

Burns said he encourages fellow marina staff to "treat each boat like

it was your own. That way we're most likely to keep the customer satisfied."

The Employee of the Year said he was "completely surprised" to hear news of his selection.

"I don't know how much customer input had to do with this recognition, but it's gratifying," he said. "It's nice to be recognized for your work."

The Employee of the Year announcement was made in late December at the Port's annual staff holiday party. At an upcoming Port Commission meeting the selection will be acknowledged with receipt of a commemorative plaque.

His name will be added to a plaque on display in the Port District's Main Office. Last year's Employee of the Year was Teri Switalski.

Big event? Consider Port Transit Shed Event Center

Port celebrates lease with Washington State Ferries

The Port of Anacortes recently reached a new milestone in its long-time partnership with Washington State Ferries (WSF), signing a 20-year lease on the Ship Harbor parcel that serves as home to the San Juan Islands/Sidney, British Columbia terminal.

The Port and WSF boast a working relationship that dates back to February 25, 1959, when the state agency was known as the Washington Toll Bridge Authority.

The new lease, which was signed December 16, 2009, is retroactive to July 1, 2008. A prior lease expired in 2006, and then rolled over into a month-to-month tenancy until this lease was successfully negotiated.

"It is exciting to confirm the continued partnership between the Port and Washington State

Ferries," said Executive Director Bob Hyde. "This community is proud of its long-standing contribution to the state's renowned scenic waterways system. We look forward to greeting thousands of special guests as they choose our international ferry system to transport them to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver."

Hyde extends thanks to a team of "partners" too numerous to name.



"This lease comes as a result of hard work by a number of principals, including WSF officials David Moseley and Tim McGuigan," said Hyde. "On the local front, contributors include Mayor Dean Maxwell, city staff and the business community represented by the Chamber of Commerce. I also want to acknowledge the contributions of Port staff including Kathy Pittis."

Base rent of the 35-acre Ship Harbor parcel is \$375,700 per year. The new lease contains provision for two additional, consecutive 10-year terms, which would run to the end of June 2048.

WSF employs an average of 173 people for the Anacortes/San Juan/Sidney runs, with an average of more than 200 employees during the peak summer months.

Port Perspectives

Port will continue to make an impact as new decade unfolds

Happy New Year! 2010 will be a year of important construction milestones for the Port. Our 2010 budget provides resources for the Port to accomplish a number of significant initiatives with both private and public sector partners.

Port tenant Dakota Creek Industries (DCI), the State of Washington Department of Ecology (DOE), the State of Washington Community,



Bob Hyde,
Executive Director

Trade and Economic Development Office (CTED), and the Port are partnering on a \$26.9 million cleanup, expansion and improvement of the shipyard waterfront and uplands. This project, commenced in July 2008 and scheduled to be completed in 2011, is jointly funded with Port, DCI, Skagit County, and state grant funds. It will expand the shipyard's capability to build and repair larger vessels as well as the ability to work on numerous vessels at the same time.

This project will also improve public access and shipyard employee parking in and around the Port's marine terminals, and will result in a new entrance to Pier 2 and Wyman's Ramp.

The 2010 budget also includes funds to clean up the remaining Port owned portion of the former Scott Paper mill site, located to the south of the Cap Sante Boat Haven along Seafarers' Memorial Park. This \$28 million project is a major partnership with DOE, which, along with insurers of the former owners of the site, is providing funding for the cleanup. This project will be the third of five major cleanups on Fidalgo Bay championed by the Port in the past three years. It is expected that more than \$10 million will be invested on this project in 2010.

Anthony's Restaurant will become a long-term tenant at our Cap Sante Boat Haven with the addition of a 5,600 square foot restaurant next to our Harbormaster Office. This facility will open its doors for business in July 2010.

Another significant partnership project in 2010 will be in a Marine Skills Center on Port property to the south of the Cap Sante Boat Haven. A joint partnership between the Port, local marine trades, and under the auspices of a consortium of six local school districts and Skagit Valley College, the Marine Skills Center will become a new major tenant at a location ideally situated in proximity to marine related businesses and professionals. Students will learn skills that are needed within our community. Doors will open in September 2010.

The 2010 budget also provides resources for the expansion of marketing efforts. 2010 will see the Port having a continued presence at the Seattle Boat Show and local festivals. The Port will again host the Passagemaker Magazine Trawlerfest, the Cap Sante Marina Summer Concert Series, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and the Puget Sound Anglers Salmon Derby at

the Cap Sante Boat Haven, as well as a relatively new event, the Anacortes Workboat Races, in July. The Port will increase marketing of the waterfront and available properties in addition to the increased marketing emphasis for the Cap Sante Boat Haven.

Furthering our partnerships, 2010 will be a year in which the Port will continue to work collaboratively with the City, Chamber of Commerce, the Marine Trades Association, School District, Port tenants, and the community to create living wage jobs while enhancing the quality of life in the local community.

2010 looks to be yet another exciting year for the Port of Anacortes. If you have any questions or would like a tour of the Port, please call me at 360-293-3134.

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