



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

July 2009

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, July 2

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

### Thursday, July 16

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## Workboat Races Saturday, July 18

Anacortes adds another celebration of its maritime heritage 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 the 28th Annual Shipwreck Day and the What the Heck Fest.

The free Workboat Races are expected to draw crowds to Port Pier 1, at the foot of Commercial Avenue on the water. Races run from 4 p.m., with an estimated 10 vessels and crews expected.

Race route is from Pier 1 to Buoy 4 and back. The event is open to the public. An awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled at Randy's Pier 61 Restaurant.

Call 293-3134 for details or information regarding race participation.



Bill Mitchell art



**GROUNDBREAKING:** A two-plus-year environmental cleanup at the Fidalgo Bay shoreline site once occupied by a Scott Paper mill is now underway, thanks to an agreement including former mill owner Kimberly-Clark.

## Port breaks ground on environmental cleanup project at former Scott mill site

Dozens of people from the greater Anacortes region and various branches of government gathered Friday, June 12 for a ribbon-cutting / groundbreaking ceremony on a site formerly occupied by Scott Paper mill.

"The work we're doing to clean up the Scott site is a model for restoring and protecting Puget Sound," said Tim Nord of the state Department of Ecology's (DOE) Toxics Cleanup Program.

"The Anacortes community will enjoy better beaches and shorelines, more and improved recreational opportunities, a healthier environment, and improved marine habitat," he continued.

Bob Elsner, Port director of

engineering, calls the project "a prime example of how the Port can work together with regulatory agencies and local governments to benefit Anacortes."

"The work illustrates our commitment to environmental stewardship and to our core mission of economic development," said Elsner. "Not only will cleanup provide jobs and economic activity, it will open up the site to future development."

This project is the result of a public/private partnership including the Port of Anacortes, Kimberly-Clark and DOE.

Primary funding for the cleanup is provided by Kimberly-Clark, with added state cleanup money

from Governor Chris Gregoire's Puget Sound Initiative.



Port representative Bob Elsner extends thanks to Focus Fidalgo partners and supporters.



**FUNDRAISER.** This year's Relay for Life event took place at Cap Sante Boat Haven. At right, Executive Director Bob Hyde accepts sponsor recognition on behalf of the Port.



## Music to fill the air at Boat Haven on five summer weekends



**Steve Kelly of Cherry Cherry Band, A Tribute to Neil Diamond.** The group will perform at a free summer concert at Cap Sante Boat Haven on July 24.

The Port of Anacortes will host a free four-week series of outdoor concerts at Cap Sante Boat Haven on the Downtown Anacortes waterfront. Free concerts are scheduled:

- July 24, Cherry Cherry
- July 31, Bump Kitchen
- August 7, The Paper Boys
- August 14, Handful of Lovin'

*Paid Concert: Blues, Brews & BBQ, \$15 / day August 21-22, Red Hot Blues Sisters / Kim Archer Band (Friday); Kim Archer Band and Bump Kitchen (Saturday)*

## Utilities relocated, new pier entry

Acting in conjunction with a major re-development at Dakota Creek Industries (DCI), the Port of Anacortes recently completed a \$1.6 million project including relocation of underground public utilities and a new 4th Street entrance to Pier 2.

Funding for this project was part of a \$5.6 million Washington State job development and retention grant associated with ongoing DCI shipyard improvements. Primary features are dredging for a new deepwater harbor, construction of a central pier and a bulkhead that provided more shipyard working area.

Project Manager Marc Estvold said, "This project includes important improvements for our

community and for the Port in terms of maintaining our working waterfront. It has a strong focus on job creation and retention, as well as a substantial environmental cleanup component. DCI is making an unprecedented investment in publically owned property, the protection of family-wage jobs and a healthy local economy."

Project work included replacement and re-routing of stormwater and sanitary sewer lines that previously ran under shipyard property, as well as treating City stormwater before entering the Guemes Channel.



### Marina staff grows to meet seasonal demands

Each summer the ranks of marina staff are reinforced to meet seasonal demands. Pictured above (back, l. to r.) Brynn Lewis, Office Assistant; LaRen Rossie, Office Assistant; Richard Brown, Launch Operations; Braxton Cox, Dock Attendant; Brandon Oliver, Dock Attendant. (front, r. to l.) Melissa Bradley, Fuel Operations; Amanda Myers, Dock Attendant; Shanel Kelly, Dock Attendant; Peter Schlegel, Dock Attendant. Not pictured: Amanda Krebs, Office Assistant.

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