



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

June 2011

## Commission Calendar

Thursday, June 2

Special Commission Meeting  
Parking Policy Discussion  
Commission Meeting Room  
100 Commercial Avenue  
4 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting  
7 p.m.

Thursday, June 16

Regular Commission Meeting  
Commission Meeting Room  
7 p.m.



Port Commission President Keith Rubin (right) presents a "Strategic Partner" plaque to Anthony's Restaurant representative Jeff Arnot.

## Port honors partners at Waterfront Festival Kickoff Dinner

Between hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing, the Port of Anacortes extended thanks to several partners at the 2011 EDASC/Anacortes Waterfront Festival Kickoff Dinner.

Port Commission President Keith Rubin presented "Strategic Partner" plaques to Anthony's Restaurant, the state Department of Commerce and Kimberly-Clark Corp. Shell Puget Sound Refinery received acknowledgement as "Economic Development Partner;" Schwetz Construction as a "Customer Service Partner."

## Community celebrates 'new' Seafarers' Memorial Park

Your Port District boasts a proud history of public/private partnerships that provide jobs and stimulate the local economy.

A recent spring weekend in Anacortes provided opportunity to celebrate that mission -- first as we re-opened our Seafarers' Memorial Park, and then as we worked once again with the Chamber of Commerce to throw a family-friendly party called the Anacortes Waterfront Festival.

What a great start to that weekend when several hundred local residents and "Focus Fidalgo" partners gathered on the shoreline of Fidalgo Bay to mark an environmental milestone.

Team members on this journey to an incredible new waterfront park are too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say we are grateful to our funding partners -- the Washington State Department of Ecology and Kimberly-Clark. Their contributions have resulted in creation of a public park that will serve this Northwest region for generations to come.

With this lively park rededication in our rear view mirror,



Hundreds gathered on Friday, May 20 for the official re-opening of Seafarers' Memorial Park on Fidalgo Bay. Outgoing Port Commissioner Steve Hopley (right) extended accolades in a review of the five-year process.



we gathered Friday night on a neighboring shoreline to celebrate with the Economic Development Association of Skagit County and the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

As always, the annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival Kickoff Dinner served as a great opportunity for regional businesses and public servants to review accomplishments in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thousands of guests then spent the weekend enjoying the free Waterfront Festival, hosted by our Chamber of Commerce.

Please review exciting summer entertainment options listed in this newsletter, and join the Port of Anacortes as we continue to pursue ways to celebrate this community's rich maritime heritage.

**Bob Hyde, Executive Director**  
Port of Anacortes

## Summer Concert Series at Seafarers' Park

July 22: The Red Hot Blues Sisters ([www.bigsismedia.com/RHBS.html](http://www.bigsismedia.com/RHBS.html))

July 29: The Tallboys ([www.thetallboys.com](http://www.thetallboys.com))

August 5: Leroy Thomas & the Zydeco Road Runners ([www.zydecoroadrunners.com](http://www.zydecoroadrunners.com))

August 12: Cherry Cherry: A Tribute to Neil Diamond ([www.cherrycherryband.com](http://www.cherrycherryband.com))

August 19: Bump Kitchen ([www.bumpkitchen.com](http://www.bumpkitchen.com))



## Trawler Fest a huge draw

Once again this year, the PassageMaker Trawler Fest event drew hundreds of guests to Anacortes. PassageMaker University participants attended weekday classes, with a weekend schedule more focused on exhibits and festivities. More than 140 exhibitors and 30 presenters showed attendees a vast selection of ideas and products to augment their boating lifestyle and experience.



## Schedule of Events Summer 2011

- July 2 - 3: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- July 9 - 10: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- July 15 - 16: What The Heck Fest, Transit Shed
- July 16 - 17: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante
- July 22: Summer Concert Series, Seafarers' Memorial Park\*\*
- July 23 - 24: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante
- July 29: Summer Concert Series, Seafarers' Memorial Park\*\*
- July 30 - 31: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- August 5: Summer Concert Series, Seafarers' Memorial Park\*\*
- July 22 - August 8: Arts Festival, Transit Shed
- August 6: Concert In The Park, Seafarers' Memorial Park
- August 6 - 7: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- August 12: Summer Concert Series, Seafarers' Memorial Park\*\*
- August 13 - 14: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- August 19: Summer Concert Series, Seafarers' Memorial Park\*\*
- August 20 - 21: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- August 27: Work Boat Races, Pier 1, Cap Sante Boat Haven
- August 27 - 28: Central Pier Performances, Cap Sante Boat Haven



Once again this year, Opening Day of Boating Season festivities included a blessing of the fleet by Father Vu Tran of St. Mary Catholic Church (above). The Port of Anacortes hosted the event at Cap Sante Boat Haven (CSBH), with numerous local skippers volunteering to participate in a colorful parade of boats (right). Long-time CSBH tenants were honored with commemorative burgees, and the crowd was entertained with several sea shanties.



## Wanted: Workboats

August sunshine and the increasingly popular Work Boat Races at Pier 1 will come around soon. Local work boat captains: please consider participation in our August 27 race, which features vessels in several classes. To sign up or inquire about details, call Julie at 293-3134.



## Singer Jessie Colin Young on August 6

A limited number of reserved seats are still available for an outdoor concert by Jessie Colin Young, a solo performer who started his career with The Youngbloods in the Sixties.

This concert will be held Saturday, August 6 at Seafarers' Memorial Park on Fidalgo Bay (next to Cap Sante Boat Haven).

Tickets are priced at \$20 (festival seating) and \$35 (reserved seating). Tickets available only through brownpapertickets.com.

## Town Crier Greetings

Starting on June 4, Town Crier Richard Riddell will extend greetings each Saturday on behalf of the Anacortes community. Riddell will issue his "informational" greeting at 5 p.m. at the Central Pier of Cap Sante Boat Haven. His greeting will be preceded by a cannon blast, compliments of Lee Dawes.

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