



Who can resist the site of a classic old tug, fish boat or workboat steaming down the waters of Puget Sound on the way to its next job or port of call? Put several of them together, at the same time, in the same waters and you have a full throttle, big wake race!

On July 18th from 4-7 pm, the workboats and tugs from around the area will gather for the rebirth of the Anacortes Workboat Races. Run many years ago as the Mariners Pageant, the race is now back on and will be held with some 12-18 boats racing in multiple classes and races. Each race will start at the Port Building on Commercial Avenue with the roar of cannon and the boats will charge down the Guemes Channel - 1.5 miles to the turn. With water flying the boats will round the buoy in front of Lovric's Marina (the #4 Buoy mid-channel) and race back to the finish line, with the finish announced by other cannon. After the races there will be an awards banquet at Randy's Pier 1 restaurant.

Between races there will be musical entertainment and pirate activities for the kids and adult pirates alike. Dress in pirate garb is encouraged.

The Anacortes Workboat Races coincides with Anacortes Shipwreck Day, a community maritime flea market set for several blocks along Commercial Avenue in downtown Anacortes. Shipwreck Day starts at 8am with local sailors from the area emptying out their basements and garages to sell their old nautical gear.

For more information about the 2009 Anacortes Workboat Race, please contact Port Staff at 360-293-3134.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your company to feature an available tug in the final unlimited class.

