



# Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

October 2010

## Commission Calendar

Thursday, October 7

7 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting

Commission Meeting Room

Thursday, October 21

7 p.m.

Regular Commission Meeting

Commission Meeting Room

Friday, October 22

9 a.m.

Special Commission Meeting

Commission Meeting Room

Monday, November 15

5 p.m.

Meet Your Port Commission Night

Anacortes Public Library



This is an architect's drawing of a new office space proposed for Cortland Puget Sound Rope, one of the Port's largest tenants. Plans call for the Port to build the expanded space on "O" Avenue, west of the existing production facility.

## Expansion proposed for Puget Sound Rope

Under consideration by the Anacortes Port District Board of Commissioners is a proposal to build a 5,000 square foot administrative office space for Cortland Puget Sound Rope (PSR).

Under terms of the proposal, the Port of Anacortes would construct the expanded administrative office

space and lease it back to PSR.

This project is motivated by Puget Sound Rope's desire to convert office space in the existing building into additional space for the manufacture of industrial rope and yacht braid. The new construction project would create additional space for in-house sales and marketing staff.

If approved by the commissioners, plans call for the Port to finalize design plans and go out for bid in January 2011.

The new office space would be attached to the existing manufacturing facility, with a front entry on "O" Avenue. PSR currently employs 54 people.



## Oktoberfest at Transit Shed Saturday, October 9

Poised to make a strong start is a new "shoulder season" event hosted by the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

The 2010 Anacortes Oktoberfest, proposed as an annual event, is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 9.

The Chamber has worked closely with Anacortes Brewery to gather 30 Northwest brewers at this event. Already, the Anacortes Oktoberfest will be the largest such event in the state, with hopes of drawing people from the greater Puget Sound region.

Tickets are \$20 online, \$25 at the door. See [www.anacortes.org](http://www.anacortes.org) for details about the "Beer on the Pier" event to take place in the Transit Shed Event Center.

## Port Perspectives

### Positive news in otherwise gloomy economy

There seems to be no end to the bad news on the economy. Many are out of work, many who are working are under-employed, and people's 401k's have been turned into "201k's." There is no amount of good news that will overcome the despair felt by someone who is unemployed. However, with that mind, here is some



Bob Hyde, Executive Director

good news about the Port District and our local community that may help lift spirits just a little:

**Anacortes Marine Skills Center.** It's up and running and already classes are full. Watch for events to be held in the center's beautiful meeting rooms. **Anthony's Restaurant.** The



Instructor Mike Sweitzer (center) and students.

Anthony's folks are investing \$3 million in Anacortes with their new  
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## BOAT SHOW - MARINA 10/1-3

### Visit In-Water Boat Show



Cap Sante Boat Haven will once again be the site of the Fall Anacortes Floating Boat Show, scheduled this year from October 1-3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a free event established by a collaboration of Anacortes yacht brokers and dealers.

### Croatian ship drops anchor



Pictured above is the vessel "MOSOR." The ship is from the city of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Split is an economic, administrative, educational, sport and tourist center. Croatia is the native land to many immigrants who played important roles in the development of this community. The vessel and its all-Croatian crew were here recently at Pier 2, taking on a load of petroleum coke from Shell Puget Sound Refinery.

### Ramp project out for bid



Currently out for bid is a plan to rebuild the Port's ramp at the former Wyman's haulout and repair facility on the Guemes Channel.

## Positive news for Anacortes economy

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waterfront restaurant. Anthony's supports all the communities they are in. They are especially looking forward to opening this unique restaurant at the Cap Sante Boat Haven in January.

**Cortland Puget Sound Rope.** Here for the long run. The port will be building a 5,000 square-foot office addition for their management and sales team (see article and graphic on front page). Local architect Mike Underwood has designed a gorgeous facility to be located at the north end of "O" Avenue. Opening in the fall of 2011.



**Seafarers' Park.** The Scott Paper mill site environmental cleanup is nearing completion and the park will be put back together soon. Watch for the addition of a new pier and float system for small boat and kayaks. Opening in spring 2011.

**E&F Docks.** These old and rickety docks are going away, to be replaced with wide, stable, concrete floats. Watch for the con-



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struction to start in fall 2011 and be done spring 2012. Special thanks to all our great customers on E&F dock who have been so patient. Complete in March 2012.



**Transit Shed Event Center (Port Warehouse).** Once used for limited events, this historic structure will have been used for 80+ days in 2010, and advance bookings for 2011 are brisk.

This unique event venue is keeping events local and providing opportunities for local caterers, florists, event planners, and bands/DJ's.

**Summer Concert Series.** To be expanded to five concerts in 2011 at a new location at Seafarers' Park. Neil Diamond tribute group and crowd favorite "Cherry Cherry" will be



back!

There you go. Feel any better? I'll try to drum up some good news again for next month.

*Regards, Bob Hyde*

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