

MAC Minutes September 16,2022

Those present were:

Brad Johnson,Terry Nemeth,Brett Senff,John Richards,Mary LaFleur,Marcus Abbott,Skip Dassler,Dan Averill,Corey Joyce,Bud LeMieux,Dianna Chonka,Joe Verdoes,Dan Worra, John Petrich via zoom, Ryan Fox.

Not present: John Ronngren, John Dumas

Dan Averill welcomed new members Dianna Chonka and Brett Seneff. Thanking them for their service to the group. Wendy stepped up and commented that she was glad to help the port. There are over 500 boats in the marina under 40 feet. She has been in the marina since 1985 and is currently on F dock. She is a snowbird so January – March she will zoom into the meetings, the rest of the time she will be in person. There was a motion made to recommend to the commission that Wendy be on the MAC. All were in favor. Dan Worra said that he would present to the commission not tomorrow night but the next meeting (October 6,2022). Dan Averill commented that the yacht brokers position is still open and with all the noise going on, someone needs to step up. Corey stated that Devin Zwick is interested from Nordhavn.

The minutes from the June 16,2022 minutes were approved with some spelling errors for some of the names.

Brad Johnson presented the marina happenings. His report attached.

John Dumas was sick so Dan Worra stated that B Dock cameras are going to be upgraded with better resolution for security. Also between the hours of 2-6AM there will also be a service where if

someone is seen, they can talk to the person and ask how they can help.

T Dock update was that they are presenting for grants. T Dock unloads 10 million dollars in seafood per year and 4 million in cargo. Dan stated that 80% of the seafood landing in Anacortes are on T Dock. They have hired lobbyists to get as much grant money as possible. Expecting to get around 2 million from the state level, 500,000 from the county level and will also work the federal side to try and get more. These are the minimums Dan expected to get. The project is going to cost 7.3 million.

Dan felt that the ports have been left out of grant money due to Covid, they did not receive PPE money. Only cities and Counties received that money. T Dock is at 30% design and expect it to be at 90% by year end and they will apply for permits.

John Richards sent an email regarding the cranes on T Dock, he heard that they did not have outdoor components. Brad Johnson was asked and stated he had not heard that and had no information to pass on.

Corey Joyce sent an email proposing a T Dock user fee. Greg Mo (local fish buyer) asked Corey, why the Port of Anacortes does not charge a fish buyer fee for product going over our dock. Everyone else does. We are about to spend 7.3 million and are collecting nothing for repairs and maintenance. Mary asked if it would drive business away, Corey said no and if it did, that is ok. We are not making anything on this now. Dan Averill said that Reisner's has always had to pay per gallon for their fuel. It is not a good use of public facilities not to charge.

Brad Johnson is a member of PCC (Pacific Coast Commerce), They are ports from Alaska to San Francisco. He sent out an

email and asked if they charge this fee. Only a few wrote back, Newport charges by species, Olympia does not have much commerce, Port Townsend has a daily, monthly, and annual fee, Port of Seattle has not much commerce, Edmonds charges \$200 a day, LaConner charges \$150 a day. There was discussion about cargo having to pay or not pay.

A user group was formed to have discussions as to the viability of charging at the Port of Anacortes, those members are: Corey Joyce, John Richards, Greg Mo, Brett Seneff, Bud Lemieux, Dianna Chonka, Greg Dickensen. They will report back after conversations.

Mary LaFleur gave Marine Trades report which is attached.

John Richards felt that the report was an ambush on the Executive Director and hits to the commission. Mary, explained that there have been many meetings over the past year and this was the result. Mary stated that she is not the one that wrote the report. It was coming from Larry Graf, chairman of the Anacortes Marine Trades Association. They were the minutes of the meeting that went out to all the trades. We all agree that this is uncomfortable, a last resort and something that needs to be done. All involved are tired of hearing about it.

The meeting was adjourned.

MAC Meeting Marina Happenings 9/14/22

- At the June 15th MAC meeting, and mentioned in the approved minutes, it was said that PANNTOA (Nordic Tug Rendezvous) was not returning to Cap Sante due to their displeasure from their stay this season. We reached out to the organizers inquiring about the move in 2023 to Sydney. They confirmed that they were moving in 2023, but that has been planned and postponed for the last 2 years due to the pandemic. The rendezvous is supposed to rotate location every year with an Anacortes stop at least once in a three year cycle. Moving forward they intend to reach out well in advance for any SMP building needs.
- Fiber install starts Monday for internet on the docks. Crew will tap into the fiber already in the HMO building and feed C-F docks using existing conduit on the docks. The fiber will then feed the existing Wi-Fi poles. These docks will see greater connectivity and increased speeds.
- OP rehabilitation also starts on Monday. Contractor are here and staging materials and laydown space. Tenants are expected to move by Friday, most of the first sector have already moved. Utilizing all of C dock for this project to ensure contractor is not held up by tenant vessels. The first year's work went well, we do not foresee any hiccups with this second years' work.
- Walked the N end docks to identify other fingers that are listing. That will be a separate project as cost and permit constraints would not allow the additional work to the OP dock work.
- Adding second high speed fuel dispenser at the FD. The single high speed will be swapped out for a dual sided unit with an additional hose reel. Work will begin this winter, expected to take 3-4 weeks. Work will not impact the other dispensers.
- Those of you that frequent the marina and the web locker area probably noticed a big improvement from the tenants regarding outside storage.
- Seasonal staff – another great group this year, 16 in the marina, plus custodial and facilities. Only a few remaining, we are fortunate to have those as we are still busy.
- AFD has a small skiff on A dock to support their efforts on the water.
- Continue to perform monthly vessel reporting for vessels anchored out. We are seeing significantly fewer vessels out there this season. DNR did a site visit with me a month ago. We made contact with 2 vessels with DNR talking about the RCW's for area usage.
- Moved the Raceweek date moving forward to get away for existing rendezvous and to better accommodate RW's needs. Will be the 4th week of June.
- Working safety ladders for B dock and also the N end. Each location provides unique challenges, we have come up with slight tweaks to existing designs to meet those needs.
- Facilities relocated a junction box under the central pier, at extreme high tides it was underwater and creating electrical shorts.

- Crabgeddon went very well this year, the best in years. Signage helped. That is the opening of recreational crabbing and basically the first 4 weeks of it. Full marina, overflowing RV Park.
- Speaking of RV Park, that improvement is estimated to start this spring. We received funding for that project, and part of the requirement is that we cannot begin construction until we have check in hand.
- EV charging station is coming to the West Basin parking lot. Just south of the upland substation at the marina entrance. Land lease to PSE, they manage permits and construction. Provide service without any cost to the port. 4 regular and 2 fast chargers with the option to add 2 more fast chargers. Jan/Feb start, 45 to 60 days construction. Minimal impact to drive lanes.
- Provided a spot for a recycling dumpster for crab pot removal in McDonalds lot this summer. 295 pots recovered through the NW Straights Foundation. This was the second effort, the first was ~ 5 years ago with about 600 pots. Area included out in the bay to the refinery, to the slough to Wilson point.
- Pump out was down for a brief period in August. Staff and contractor were able to make quick repairs. Discharge line was hitting sea floor placing pressure on a 90 degree elbow. Failed over time.
- Installing a corded back up pendant at the trailer boat launch. Back up should a component fail in the radio control system. To ensure a vessel does not get stuck in a precarious situation.
- B dock water system was down a few weeks ago due to a vessel strike. Able to isolate the N and S sides of the dock.
- PQ hoist is down due to a gearbox failure. Were able to source one estimate 7-10 days out.
- PQ planned power outages last few days while facilities repairs conduit and replaced utility hangers.
- T dock study was sent out by John a few weeks ago to the MAC members.
- Marina KPI's as of yesterday. 17,361 guest nights, 852,535 gallons fuel. Expect to finish below 2021 due to spring weather, fuel pricing and PQ dock work.

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Anacortes Marine Trades Meeting Notes.

Attending: Shawn O. Freedom Boat Club, Brad J. Port, Devon Z. Nordhavn, Ryan F. Port, Kate H. Chamber, Corey J. San Juan Marine, Brent M. Seattle Yachts, Mary L. ALT Insurance, John G. Bounty Marine, Howard B. North Harbor Diesel, Jessica K. Chamber, Elisabeth K. Chamber, Larry G. Aspen

- **Team Updates Overview**, sounds like all the business are very busy, just an amazing summer. Boat sales have been strong as has service. Team also had a lot of FUN in the Sun. The cost of boats and parts continue to climb, and parts are hard to find. The marina had a slow start to slip rentals and fuel sales while we had our super wet spring. But once the sun was out, fuel sales and visitor nights came right up to norms.
- **We talked about our presentations at the June Port Commissioner** meeting and distributed copies for those at the meeting. Mary covered a good deal of the history behind the various issues, Larry covered the very weak process the port and commissioners have used in discussing the issue for a resolution, Russ Mixners covers a very clear personal snap shot of his experiences with the port over 10 years and how the policies have real one-to-one impact on his future and retirement. Patrick's was an in depth review of the "Little Guys" / new tenants the port is trying to protect and how actually while being owned by a small business person are partnered to multi-million dollar companies. We shared that the commissioners after the meeting seemed more interested in understanding the issues than at our prior presentations in commission meetings.
- **We recapped in our second meeting** on the issues with Dan W. and the port staff just prior to the commission meeting where we shared our perspective and needs and basically got not one thing done and Frank D's last comment was regarding how in the meeting Dan had said 5 times in various discussions that he "Just Doesn't Care." Dan said he did not really mean that, but it is what was said. This is where Larry recommended we end these port staff meetings as nothing was being accomplished.
- **The Next discussion item was the June Anacortes Americans story** regarding these issues and how it left out significant valid details and that they gathered no info from the Marine Trades side of the story. The paper has no intension of publishing our letter to the editor and we discussed putting an ad in the paper with our perspective. In prior meetings we had debated whether we'd even get a fair shake from the paper, as most have such a one side perspective these days. Larry asked for a show of hands of who takes the paper in the room, 4 of 14 see it. So, placing an ad seemed like a moot point.
- **Next began a discussion of what to do.** No one in the room felt dropping the issues was an option. One attendee noted that the Daily Olympian had a story recently where 22 of the port's employees had put a letter together to Olympia's port commissions with a vote of **no confidence** for its Executive Director. While a dismaying prospect, after a general discussion and 1 year of attempting get resolution to some pretty simple issues it seemed like a logical next step. Via a show of hands, all but one of the marine businesses present voted to pursue a survey vote with all 77 members of the Anacortes Marine Trades group, via e-mail in the next few days.

- It's been some time and many meetings (March 3rd) since our Marine Trades survey and summary was sent to the MAC and commissioners. So, I thought a recap of the 9 Issues we have asked for changes would be helpful.
 - Should we have a limit on how many slips one company can have: **Yes, Max 16**
 - Should there be a fee paid to the port to Re-assign slips at the time of a sale. **Yes, \$500**
 - Should there be a fee/deposit to be on the Brokerage slip wait list. **Yes, \$500 per slip requested to make it a valid list**
 - Office or Brokerage Slip Re Assignment at time of a business sale, should a portion of slips be assignable to a qualified tenant. **Yes, 80% of the slips, so new business on the wait list can gain opportunity over time and current business have a continuing business to sell**
 - Should Brokerage slips be exchangeable if identical in size with both Broker parties agreeing. **Yes**
 - Should Exchange of different length Brokerage slips with both parties agreeing be possible. **Continuing discussion, Most thought Yes**
 - Should mutually agreeing Brokers be able to share portions of their slip with adjacent brokers from time to time by written agreement. **Yes**
 - Should a broker or school be able to sub lease his slip or turn it back to the port to reduce or eliminate his slip fee if he knows he will be gone for a period of weeks. **Yes**
 - Insurance requirements required in the lease exceed what's possible to purchase needs adjustment. **All Agreed**

- **The next area of discussion was regarding meeting the candidates for state and federal office over the next 2 months prior to the Nov 1st election.** The group liked the idea and Jessica said the Chamber is putting two candidate forums together. **The first September 29** at the city's council meeting room that seats 150 from 5:00 to 8:00PM. The second is a luncheon October 15 from 11-1:00 PM at Sea Farers. More to come.
- **We talked about the derelict RV and folks living on the street on T avenue.** Seattle Yachts has had a number of thefts from their property and employees who have had very bad interactions with these folks. They have called the police several times and basically given up. The officers say there is not much they can do" It's Washington and the new/current laws favor the street people and drug addicts". Female employees are fearful getting to their cars. They are very frustrated.
- **Then we talked about the two port commissioner seats that will be coming up for re-election next year.** District 4 Bonny Bowers NE downtown and District 3 Joe Verdoes east of the golf course on Hwy 20 down to La Conner and up to Edison and Bayview. See attached map. Cory J. is running in district 4 but we need to find a smart balanced person who understands the marine trade in district 3 to run, Ideas? See Map
- **Our final discussion topic was a Fall Marine Trades Party** and Dave Kruse noted the service yards have one Huge END OF SUMMER party planned for this Saturday night September 10th, live music, barbeque, and Beer from 5 to 9 at the AMG Yard 3201 T Ave. Its best to RSVP to endofsummerparty3201@outlook.com

