Marine Advisory Committee Minutes
June 6, 2023

In attendance: Corey Joyce, John Sanford, John Richards, Marcus Abbott, Mary Lafleur, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt, Brent Senff, Dianna Chonka, Dan Averill.

Port Staff, Commissioners, City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), Dan Worra (POD), Jon Ronngren (virtual), Terry Nemeth, city.

Absent: Bud LeMieux (excused), Greg Dickison (excused), Devin Zwick (excused), John Dumas (excused).

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm.

John Richards expressed surprise at the good turnout and thanked everyone for coming. John Dumas could not attend but will have a big list for the next meeting. Any questions or comments can be directed to Brad or Dan Worra during this meeting. Please comment or ask questions to John Dumas when he sends out information emails to the MAC. This is very important information.

Motion and second to accept the minutes as written. Motion approved.

John Richards went on a visit to the north end of marina, with Brad at night, and viewed the RV spots and new LED lighting in parking lots. The lights are very bright. He encouraged members to visit other areas, that they don't normally go, and ask questions to be more informed about other areas of the marina.

Marine Happenings: Brad Johnson

- Contract awarded for RV park development. Mary asked the name of company awarded the contract but it wasn't immediately available. Area is closed and logs are being removed and lot cleared out. Work to start early July but after the 4th. Crabbing season will be impacted because campers will have to go elsewhere. Boats might be launched somewhere else also. Dan Worra added that the remodel of the north end bathrooms might move ahead faster than thought, starting this fall. Someone bought the pump out boat and could finalize after survey.
- 3 gazebos removed. Rotten to point of failure.
- RVs on 6th St. Port staff have addressed this with the city and APD every chance they get. Reports of RV's dumping black water into storm drains. If observed, call APD then Anacortes Spill Line: 360 293-1921.
- South gravel lot is reconfigured.
- PSE charging station will be installed after Labor Day due to busy summer parking.
- Marina flowers are in place with 100 hanging and potted plants. Water wagon was upgraded last year for speedier watering.
- Freeman vessel- may come to an end quickly, port took custody, owner protested, and may end in Port's favor.
- There are 2 porta potties brought in for the west basin. Located towards the point of paved lot along G dock.
- Port hosted Boat Show and Waterfront Festival, which put pressure on tenants, but benefit to the town.
- Race Week is June 26-30. Notified them that RV lot is not available.
- Bikes, corn hole, chess, and checkers are out for the season.
- Garbage service has increased.

- Northwest Career Technical Academy- Port participated in mock interviews to strengthen student skills.
- Continue to email DNR with vessels anchored out.
- Derelict gear removal for crab pots happening again this year. John Richards saw this on Notice to Mariners. He only recognized 1 of 3 boats, out of Cap Sante, that were participating. This will continue until September 1 around Hat Island. John empathized to please give these boats a wide berth and no wake. Question was asked if this is a state deal. Answer not available at this time.
- PDF loaner station installed by Freedom Boat Club.
- Facilities built a 50 amp 220 tester for the pedestals.
- Issues at fuel dock appear to have subsided. Brad thanked John Richards and Arrow Launch for all of their help and support.
- PQ hoist has been repaired. Brad looked at video and couldn't determine person responsible for damages. It was determined, during discussion, that the damage could have been a lot worse.
- Installed test lights on J and Q docks, to convert to LED and provide better lighting. N end docks final piece.
    - Restroom codes are being shared within the local community. It was stated a certain person on Facebook didn't get the code. Mary was asked for the code by a person she knows who works in the marina. She declined to give it to him. Brad stated these people can use the porta potties. When the Port gives out cards to businesses they must first provide insurance, license, and photo ID. John Richards has 2 cards for Arrow and asked if businesses are responsible for distribution to employees. Brad responded that businesses are issued 2 cards and extras are $10.00 each. Businesses are responsible for distribution of cards. Dan Worra reported that when bathrooms were open for Boat Show that they were fine but during Waterfront Festival they were trashed. A suspected man, who is trespassed from the Port, plugged up the women's toilets with toilet paper. Brad doesn't like to inconvenience tenants, guest tenants, and business owners and is taking suggestions. He asked Mary to tell the individual on the dock to go to the Port office and fill out the proper form. These bathroom issues are everywhere in Anacortes.
- B dock security- Security light too bright and speaker is too loud. IT is on leave so upon return will be finalized. The struggle is only one way communication as the person on the dock can't communicate with the security company. Not a two way conversation, Talk of possible fob to use at the top of the dock so it will not energize interrogation process. Concerns brought up about how long the delay in fob connection so other people can't get thru initial use.
- John Richards added to Brad's earlier report that Wes has a good program at the Marine Tech Academy and he has gone there to speak. Please consider going to speak, if asked, as the students are really interested and have a a great question and answer period. Give Wes and students your support. Mary stated she went and asked the students "What will make or break your career?". She answered with "An unwanted child." She explained to them that is what happened to her and it affects your dreams. The students were very appreciative as they said no one has said that before. It was agreed that these students are very focused.

Public Comment: John Sanford explained he was taking his AYC hat off for this time. He runs a marine training company that is CG approved for marine certification and it operates everyday but doesn't get recognized. He deals with 18 yr olds at the beginning of their careers. So please pass the word to the Academy. He also provides training for MMD, 100 ton Masters, has a working davit for survival craft training, NOAH officers, and WA state ferry workers needing BCS. Students or workers don't have to go

out of town for training but can do it here. He was thanked by everyone for providing this service and information and it will get forwarded. He presented a card which states:
Seafarer Worldwide- International Maritime Safety Training
John Sanford- Director of ships services. Survival craft- Curtis Wharf

New Business- Marine Trades- Mary Lafleur
She provided copies of minutes to members.

- Galen Tyler, longtime yacht broker, passed away. But many in business couldn't attend service as it was same day as Anacortes Boat Show.
- Larry stated high interest rates have slowed some business but not all and he's still building boats. A fad lately is to purchase 3 identical boats, outfit all the same, and keep one on west coast, one on east coast, and one in Mediterranean.
- Port is in the process of disposing of a boat.
- Port and Freedom Boat Club have completed the hiring of summer positions.
- The Chamber has a new Events Coordinator- Emma M.
- Corey Joyce is running for Port Commissioner and shared about his candidacy.
- Brad shared bids for RV park will be going out May 11 due back May 23.
- Larry recapped the prior day's Brokers Meeting with John Dumas. They are still trying to figure it out and seem to have come to a great solution of 75% of slips transferring over if seniority is over 10 yrs. Mary added that it solves the immediate problem with sellers. But doesn't help Seattle Yachts. They brought this to the table, having lost the most, so looking for a solution. Brad stated that the solution is there, just looking for effort and support from existing Brokers. Mary replied that Brokers shouldn't have to give slips back and the Port made a mistake by giving away the slips. Brad stated the Port isn't going to be cancelling anyone's moorage for Seattle Yachts. Mary feels the rest looks good so moving forward.
- Two events happened for the Marine Trades. A great catered trip on the Island Adventurers. Other event at Frida's, for all the vendors at the boat show, and having great discussions on how to help each other and become more familiar with other's products and services. Also the surprise announcement that Kadey Kroger bought American Tug. Mary feels the Boat Show went as good or if not better than last year. And explained there's a quagmire between the Northwest Yacht Brokers and the Northwest Marine Trade Association. The brokers broke away from the NWTA 30 yrs ago and formed their own organization. The Brokers group is aging out so it was determined, by many people, that it would be beneficial for both groups to combine. As of now, there are 5 boat shows a year which is too much. Suggested to have 3 shows annually. January in Seattle, May in Anacortes, and Sept in Everett. The show in April in Seattle was not well attended as people don't want to go to Seattle. It's expensive and time consuming for vendors. Then they have to decide between Seattle or Anacortes. John Richards asked Mary what makes a great boat show. She answered having lots of vendors and high attendance and not necessarily lots of boat sales.

Gates, Security- Mary La Fleur
She expressed that the marina needs gates and tenants she talks with have asked for gates and expressed concerns addressing the security at night. Everyone agreed with John Richards statement that it's a different world and it's a shame.

Boat Show update- Mary LaFleur- Already addressed.

Race Week reminder- John Sanford
John informed everyone that Race Week is June 26-30 with racing happening around Jack and Vendovi Islands. June 25, Sunday, is pack in day and they will be using the dock tents for parties and trophy awards thru the whole week. Due to this, the ramps will have a lot of foot traffic on C & D docks. Boat traffic will be affected around 8-9. am and the hour after the race. Weather conditions determine the end of the races but should be around 4-5 pm. If race participants receive 5 short blasts from a commercial vessel they are out of the race. This is a huge community footprint for the Port, city, and restaurants. Safety boats will be available with a working channel for emergencies, and we don't want to have an incident like in the first year. So far 72 boats have registered, and this will be the third year in Anacortes.

John Richards thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next scheduled meeting would be July 11 because the 1st Tuesday is the 4th. But we've never had a meeting in July and a lot of people will be gone. If nothing comes up we will bypass.

Dianna told the members that if anyone is looking for office space that North Harbor Diesel has a building across from Banana Belt, the old Passages building.

Meeting adjourned 5:56 pm.
Submitted by Wendy Britt