Cap Sante Marina
Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

September 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: John Richards, Chairperson, at 5:07pm.

Members in attendance: Bud Le Mieux, Dan Averill, Dianna Chonka, John Richards, John Sanford, Mary La Fleur, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt, Brent Senff.
Virtual: Karen Meyer
Port Staff, Commissioners, and City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (ED), Jon Ronngren (PC), and Terry Nemeth (City Official).
Absent: Excused - Corey Joyce, Marcus Abbott
Unexcused - Greg Dickinson.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The submitted minutes needs to be amended with this change:
Under Marina Happenings: Brad Johnson
Under bullet point beginning with “The leaky water valve”, in the 2nd sentence, change the word value to valve.
Motion and second to accept minutes as amended. Motion approved.
Wendy thanked Brad, John Dumas, and especially Karen for suppling the information needed to complete the minutes as the video from the meeting wasn’t available.

MARINA HAPPENINGS: Brad Johnson

- Fall is here, summer flew by. All in all a great season. Brad said that he knows he says this every year, but this year was the best group of seasonal staff yet. 75% return rate. They come everyday with a smile on their faces. And many emails from customers singing their praises. As always, Brad replies to the sender and forwards the email to the staff member, their supervisor, John, and HR.
- ABAY attendance was slightly down, Waterfront Festival was well attended.
- DNR reporting continues for vessels anchored out.
- Web Locker asphalt and striping earlier this summer was ahead of schedule. The closure was only 1 week.
- Thanks to John for sharing some user feedback on the PSE charging stations by the marina

entrance. They have cycled through a few site operators. They are now functioning.

- N end safety ladders, waiting for the last 6 to arrive from manufacturer.
- N end dock light refit is 95% complete. Wider, brighter light focusing on path lighting, and not spotlighting the boats. Several styles were tested to ensure the best fixture for the application.
- N end facilities completed the electric meter replacement project. This has been a multi-year project, 50-75 meters per year, as time and budget allow. This improves the accuracy of the meter and allows staff to be more efficient in reading and data entry.
- The office moves to the winter schedule on Sunday, 8 to 4:30 daily. Outside ops moves to their winter schedule this Sunday, the 14th, 7 to 5 daily. To support the commercial fishermen with an early fuel dock opening.
- Pump Out Anacortes has been active this summer. I have spoken to Katie a few times. She is currently working on her fall/winter program details.
- Facilities stripped the fuel truck access route by SMP. Park users were impacting fuel truck deliveries.
- And they also painted the West Basin building this summer, along with the fuel dock and boat launch buildings. They have also performed some painting off site.
- Thank you Corey, for the reminder. Marine Trades meetings resume monthly, starting next week.
- Umbrellas were added to the picnic tables this summer. A few different models are being tested for durability.
- Crab gauges were handed out this summer in the office and outside. They are made at Western with recycled aguaculture rope. POA branded as well.
- The Port had a free San Juan ferry in the marina from the middle of April until the end of June. 1554 passengers out of Anacortes.
- Marina seasonal staff assisted during the free Summer Concert at SMP.
- Quarterly WL inspections continue. For maintenance and compliance.
- Back in July, a squirrel took out all the power to the N end and RV park. PSE quickly responded and power was restored by 12:30 that afternoon.
- Friday Crabageddon, there were 133 trailers in Port lots and immediate areas.
- A few mishaps this summer. Boat turned turtle on B dock, fuel overfill on C dock. A few bumper boats. All part of the summer excitement in the marina.
- A couple of the marina staff will be attending the PCC Conference in Seaside later this month. This semi-annual meeting is for marina operators and managers along the west coast to attend, network, and listen to presenters.
- Last, but certainly not least, this is Amanda's last week at the Port. She has been with the Port for just under 10 years. She and her family are moving to New York to see what it's like to have water on the right side of them.
- 13,000 nights, 841,000 gallons fuel, 1,100 credit back nights.

Brad added that the credit back and fuel sales were down due to absence of Canadian visitors. This also applied to city attendance.

Mary was able to reach out to CG about the channel marker. It will be left as is until a later date.

MARINA/FACILITY UPDATES - John Dumas

West and North basin Update:
Best to combine both projects together. The north basin will have new skin and roof, upgrades to equipment, and trash areas reorganized. West Basin will have more laundry capacity and update interior of bathrooms.
Should start in October with shower trailers available for use during remodel. Hopeful to use RV park facilities for north end tenants but will need an exception due to the type of funds used for remodel of RV park. Done by April 1.
John is talking to Commission about managing the ways of charging for laundry and shower. Possibility of providing services with no charge. Old card was easy but new technology not so easy. One customer was charged 68 times in one day.

T Dock:
Last permit needed is about 6-8 months out.
90% design finished.
Getting bid package ready.

It was announced that Skip Dassler was voted Volunteer Of The Year by Anacortes Community Boating.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Comments - John Richards

A. New Executive Director - John introduced John Dumas as new Executive Director with congratulations from everyone. Marissa Jagnow is new Executive Assistant. There are over 200 qualified candidates who have applied for Director Of Operations.

B. Yacht Broker Representative - Position still needs to be filled.

John stated that Greg Dickison hasn't been to a meeting since MAC started meeting in the new building. His tenure might need to be over.

Parking Update - Mary La Fleur

Members have talked about solutions but what is being discussed to move forward? The city and Port signed to move forward on the Events Center. The city will fund the building and Port will fund realignment and parking project - 9th St to parking lot west of Anthony's (4 million in organized parking). John Sanford expressed frustration with the limited parking in the north end with the

Farmers Market every Saturday and city festivals and other events. John Dumas stated that the gravel lot will have far more parking spots after redesign and paving. The Port will be using tax money which doesn't allow limiting public parking. It was suggested to start small with signage. Another suggestion to get dated permit stickers or hang tags for tenants. Whatever process is implemented needs to be fast and easy to hand out and manage. The cost of enforcement and limited staff also needs to be considered.

Security Gates Update: Mary Le Fleur

John Richards would like to get the city to fund the gates or share the costs with the Chamber of Commerce. The Port will get the revenue from the Event Center and city will get revenue from taxes on lodging and restaurants. Historically, the MAC has made 3 recommendations to the Commission for gates. The Port did invest in a test of a virtual gate on B dock. This may be an opportunity to revisit the gate issue with the Event Center being built.
Mary made a motion for a recommendation to the commission for the installation of gates on every pier and open during the day but closed at night. Motion seconded and passed. John Richards will use the example from the last recommendation addressing gates for writing the recommendation language. He will then send to MAC members and John Dumas. Then John D will inform the MAC if Commission chooses to discuss this recommendation or not.

Marine Trades Update: Mary La Fleur - No update.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 7.