Cap Sante Marina

Marina Advisory Committee Minutes

December 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: John Richards, Chairperson, 5:06 pm.

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

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion and second to approve minutes as written. Motion approved.

MARINA HAPPENINGS: BRAD JOHNSON

- As of the last meeting, the Port said goodbye to Amanda in the marina office. Ora Navarro has been hired, a quick learner and filling in nicely. Eric, from outside ops, has left so Grady was recently hired to fill the roll. He is very familiar with the marina and its diverse user groups, having worked for Global Diving. Both Amanda and Eric left their respective areas better than they found them due to continuous improvement.
- Brad performed a comprehensive walk of the N end. Boat registrations, vessel conditions, and shore power cords. He has received excellent results from the tenants.
- North Basin RR and laundry remodel started Oct 6. They are making good progress. As with most remodels, the team is dealing with obstacles as they come. Biweekly meetings are held with the staff and contractors.
- Several staff attended the NWMTA Marina and Boat Yard Conference in La Conner in October.
- All of the access cards for APD have been updated. There is now a better tracking system in place on their end, cards are now issued as part of their equipment.
- Passed the annual Ecology inspection at the FD with ease. Thanks to the staff’s impeccable record keeping.
- Walk Talk with the HS NCTA maritime class.
- Continued monthly reporting to DNR for vessels anchored out.
- Staff from each Dept. attended the State Of The Port last month. It’s always informative and a great way to share the Port story with others at the same table.

- A 90% designer T Dock group was held in Oct. The group continues to ask good questions and offer insight.
- The pump out station was replaced at the Central Pier. This matches the Keco carts currently in use. A spare cart has been ordered as part of our critical asset inventory. The Port recently submitted to WA Parks for reimbursement for O&M costs associated with the pump out purchases. $39k (75% of 52k), which does not include equipment purchases that are covered at 100%.
- Sign at Q and Seafarers Way is being updated with new business name plates and general sign repair.
- Burgee emails have gone out to milestone tenants. Burgees are available for pick up in the Harbor Office.
- Garbage service has been reduced to 1x weekly during the winter months at the slower locations. This follows past practice.
- Commercial crabbers have been on and off the water a few times.
- Lighted boat parade is this Saturday. So far, 17 slips in use.
- We are seeing the new N end dock light modules failing due to water, even though they are outdoor rated. Staff are working with the distributor for short and long term fixes.
- Contractor is using the gravel lot east of PQ parking for laydown for the Large Woody Debris install on the beach due to the T dock permitting.

Back in October, the fuel dock surpassed 1M gallons fuel. Sitting with 16,670 boater nights. RV Park has exceeded expectations with 5000 nights booked in 2025 with a goal of 4000.

Committee questions regarding woody debris that is being placed on the beach east of Q dock and not other locations. John Dumas advised the reason for the project and location of debris, which is connected to environmental mitigation step necessary for T Dock permit.

MARINA/FACILITY UPDATES: John Dumas

- T dock Environmental Mitigation Woody Debris on Rotary Beach.
- North Basin parking strips - working multi phased project to remove overgrowth, make irrigation operational, and provide better line of site for security.
- Did you know that in 1984, they allowed contractors to put gypsum on the exterior of a building and plywood on the interior?
- Transpac has designed a plug and plug replacement for cracked end cap boards throughout central pier.
- West Basin Planning continues - beginning design process for road, WB parking lot, building sites, and central pier parking lot.

Diana asked about the problem of derelict vessels that anchor outside the breakwater. Brad said the port has no jurisdiction outside of the breakwater. Due to eel grass, mooring buoys aren’t an option. The vessels anchored out are required to move after 30 days but that is not enforced. Brad provides

number of vessels each month to DNR. It was suggested to request that they change it from 30 to 10 days. Because there are 75 ports in Wa, Mary wants to find a way to educate the legislature and communities on these issues

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRPERSON: John Richard

A. Congratulate Mary - John and the committee congratulated Mary La Fleur on being elected to the office of Port Commissioner.

B. Member comments - Greg Dickinson (Commercial Fishing Industry Rep) hasn't been able to make very many meetings. An email was sent to MAC members for a vote to approve Corey Joyce as replacement for Gregg as the Commercial Fishing Industry Rep. It was approved by MAC members. This leaves the Recreational Fishing position unfilled.

Karen stated that due to her changing circumstances, she won't be qualified to serve as the Liveaboard Rep. There are only a small number of liveaboards in the marina, so limited volunteer pool. She will write something for Brad so he can notify the other liveaboards for a replacement. She thanked the members for her time on the MAC and to keep her in mind if the Non-Motorized position became vacant. MAC members thanked her for valuable service. She will stay on until March.

C. Introduce Prospective Members -John Richards will be leaving the MAC next year so Kurt Goodell was introduced to potentially take his position as Commercial Marine Industry Rep. Kurt is a senior captain at Arrow and has worked in Anacortes for 9 yrs. Kurt added that he lives in Burlington and has been in the area for awhile.

John also introduced Scott Propst as the potential rep for Recreational Fishing Industry (previously Corey's position). Scott stated he has the Anglers Unlimited charter, is a captain at Salish Seas School, and has many connections to Cap Sante.

Mary introduced Martin Snyder as a potential rep for the Yacht Brokers. Mark said he's been in that business for 43 yrs, is semi retired, and has the time to volunteer on the MAC and happy to help.

- Motion and second to elect Kurt Goodell to the position of Commercial Marine Industry Representative. Motion passed.
- Motion and second to elect Scott Propst to the position of Recreational Fishing Industry Representative. Motion passed.
- Motion and second to elect Martin Snyder to the position of Yacht Broker Representative. Motion passed.

D. Representative from Marine Trades - By next meeting there should be a nominee to take Mary's place as Marine Trades rep.

E. Meeting Day comments

F. January Elections - New officers will be elected at the January meeting. John Richards made the recommendation to have Dianna Chonka be elected as new Chairperson for the MAC.

MARINE TRADES UPDATES: Mary La Fleur

The Marine Trades gave out $40,000 to Anacortes Trades. A few recipients were:
Seafarer's Worldwide - $5,000
Skagit College - $8,000
Salish Seas - $12,000
AWA - $5000
For a complete list please see Mary.

The MAC thanked Jon Ronngren for his time serving as Port Commissioner Representative on the MAC. He didn't seek reelection so he'll be stepping down.

The MAC also thanked John Richards for serving as the Chairperson and acknowledging will be a big footprint to fill.

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion passed.

Next Meeting - January 6, 2026

Respectfully,
Wendy Britt, Secretary