



Get to know your Port of Anacortes...

Meet Mike Wray!



Mike had his first day at the Port back on June 17, 2002 as a part time Summer Maintenance worker. He started full time on November 17, 2008 and has had several positions with Operations and Facilities teams since.

From Ed Jones, Facilities Lead, “Mike is a key player on the Facilities team. His institutional knowledge of our operational areas help guide the team in the right direction when identifying areas of concern and how to best solve the issue. Mike is easy going and his personality makes him a pleasure to work with each day. He brings along a great sense of humor that keeps things light and interesting, even during the most demanding tasks. He is highly respected by the people around him and an integral part of our team structure that continues to raise the bar and strive to meet the Port’s goal of ‘World Class’ facilities and customer satisfaction”.

John Dumas, Director of Operations, also adds “Mike’s 18 years of service at the Port provides invaluable insight on many of our maintenance and improvement projects, which many times makes us faster and smarter in our decision making”.

Q & A with Mike:

Why did you decide to join the Port of Anacortes team? If I’m being honest I never planned on being here as long as I have. I started here right out of high school working a summer maintenance job, and continued to do that while I was going to college. I graduated in 2008 and was working here when the economy went south and they offered me a full time job. At the time they did, I was only planning on being here for a couple years while I found a job that was more related to my degree. I stayed because the Port is a great place to work and a great team to work for.

What is the most exciting part of your job or your career here at the Port of Anacortes? I’d say the most exciting thing about my job is that it is never the same thing every day. You’re always doing something different and there’s always new challenges with the job

What is the most important thing you have learned since working at the Port of Anacortes? Everything. Almost all my job knowledge about my job I’ve learned since working here. The two guys that hired me really pushed me to do the best job possible, even though they no longer work here the work ethic of the crew remains.

What is the furthest you have traveled? I’ve flown to England to visit my brother and his wife when they were living there. I’d like to go back someday and visit more of Europe. The farthest I’ve driven is to Pima Arizona on a month long trip I took.

What is your favorite vacation spot, and why? Hawaii is always a good choice for one. Todos Santos Mexico is a wonderful place to visit as well. Anywhere that has good military history museums, or historical sites is always something I enjoy going to as well.

What motivates you to work hard? I think the biggest motivation for me is to not slow the team down while I’m at work. At home it’s to be the best father I can be to my daughter.