

# Waves of Our Lives

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"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves."

~ Bill Vaughan

"January,

The first month of the year,

A perfect time to start all over again,

Changing energies and deserting old moods,

New beginnings, new attitudes."

~ Charmaine J Forde

"Brew me a cup for a winter's night. For the wind howls loud and the furies fight; Spice it with love and stir it with care, And I'll toast our bright eyes, my sweetheart fair."

~ Minna Thomas Antrim

## Photo Contest!



We're kicking off the new year with a photo contest! Every month Port Staff will pick a favorite from submissions of photos taken around the Port to feature in this newsletter, and at the end of the year all of the monthly winners will receive a free calendar featuring all of the monthly photos. One submission will be picked from those featured photos at random to receive a grand prize! Other notable entries

may be spotted on the Port website or social media. No limits to the number of entries so find more info and send in your submissions via our website! <http://portfridayharbor.org/photocontest>

## King tides

The Friends of the San Juans is collecting high tide pictures to help with documenting this year's King Tides. A "King Tide" is the highest predicted high



tide of the year at a given coastal location. These highest tides occur naturally when the sun and the moon align, increasing the gravitational pull on the Earth's

oceans. This is a rare event which typically only happens one to two times per year.

If you happened to take pictures of the high tides on the mornings of December 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, or January 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> please send them to [tina@sanjuans.org](mailto:tina@sanjuans.org) with information on when and where they were taken.

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## More F hangar progress...



The Maintenance Staff have been hard at work building forms, tying rebar, and dodging weather between concrete pours. The pads for the interior posts are now complete and this week the perimeter footing is being poured. It won't be long now before the structure starts going up! As you can see from the photos, rather than tearing



up all of the old pavement only to put new down, we're doing our best to preserve the existing asphalt in true Island spirit of making the most out of our existing resources. This reduces waste, saving both costs and the environment. Every little bit helps!

## Frosty docks and cold morning walks



It's been slick out there, and if you're around the waterfront often you've probably noticed the rock salt our Maintenance Staff puts out to help keep things from getting too treacherous. January brings more cold temps and icy conditions, which includes the threat of freezing pipes. If you live aboard keep those water tanks full and an eye out for the "no water" flag hoisted by the Marina office. In the event that it gets cold enough to require shutting off water to

the docks, don't forget there's a spigot by the maintenance office that will still be available for filling your portable jugs if the need arises. If you normally leave a hose attached to the spigot by your slip this is a great time to double-check that you've disconnected and stowed it away safely for the winter.

## Other happenings

### Friday Harbor Salmon Classic sold out!



Congratulations to those lucky anglers who got their tickets early as they're all gone now, the derby has sold out once again. The Friday Harbor Salmon Classic is a not-for-profit event with generous

proceeds going to salmon enhancement organizations and Salmon for Soldiers.

This derby, the eighth annual at the Port, will be held February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and is part of the Northwest Salmon Derby Series. Be sure to come watch as the fishermen return to weigh and measure their catch!



### Once in a blue moon

Can you believe it? A supermoon, a blue moon, and a lunar eclipse all in one night! Also known as a "Super Blue Blood Moon", this is a rare occurrence and with any luck the weather will cooperate so we can view the spectacle. A supermoon is when we have a full moon that coincides

with the moon at the closest point to Earth in its elliptical orbit, making it appear up to 14% larger than normal. According to NASA a blue moon, which is when we have two full moons in a calendar month, only occurs on average every 2.5 years. Sssh, don't tell March that, there'll be another blue moon coming that month. However, January's is extra special as on the 31st along with the super blue moon we're going to have a near total lunar eclipse around 5:30am, creating a "blood moon" due to the red hue that it will take on. And there you have it, a "super blue blood moon".



### A message from the Executive Director

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the community and the Port of Friday Harbor organization for what has been a personally and professionally rewarding year. Throughout 2017 the Port benefitted from the involvement of passionate citizens and community leaders. Community members volunteered their time and effort to assist in the selection of a new Executive Director, served on citizen advisory committees for the Airport Master Plan and the potential acquisition of Jensens Boatyard & Marina, and provided valuable insight and commentary during Port commissioner meetings on a myriad of topics.

As we look forward to the New Year there are exciting opportunities ahead of us. Some noteworthy examples are:

- Completion of the Airport Master Plan in a way that supports expanded economic development opportunities at the facility.
- Refurbishment and electrical upgrades on G and H docks, and main pier repairs at the Marina.
- Facility maintenance and improvements at Jackson Beach.
- Ongoing hanger reconstruction projects.
- Completion of the due diligence phase and public planning process for the potential acquisition of the Jensens Boatyard & Marina.

The Port's mission is to strive to maintain a healthy economy with family wage jobs, and to improve the social, economic and natural environments of San Juan Island. All of the port's efforts to achieve this mission require us to balance competing objectives and priorities. The best outcomes are realized with the active participation of the community we serve and we look forward to the continuing support.



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"The twelve months...  
Snowy, Flowy,  
Blowy, Showery,  
Flowery, Bowery,  
Hoppy, Croppy,  
Droppy, Breezy,  
Sneezy, Freezy."

~ George Ellis

## *King tides continued...*

By sharing your pictures you will help our community see the future. Visualizing sea level rise can help us understand how to reduce future impacts. Friends of the San Juans will compile and share these pictures as one part of their ongoing efforts to promote habitat friendly sea level rise adaptation projects throughout the islands.

## **Waitlists**

We can barely believe it ourselves, but we now have waitlists for all permanent moorage lengths as well as for liveaboard status. With the demand comes a new electronic waitlist form to make it easier to get signed up and pay the fee securely. Check it out at <https://portfridayharbor.org/marina-waitlist-application/>

## **Rates and Security Deposits**

The new rates for 2018 took effect on January 1st, and while not everything saw an increase many things went up a little bit. If you're

affected you'll likely note this change on your current statement, and if a security deposit is required you'll soon see an adjustment to bring that up to match the new required amount.

## **Everybody loves stickers**

Don't forget, marina parking lot stickers are available at the office. We're open 7 days a week so stop by today with your license plate number to pick yours up. On that same note if you store a dinghy, skiff, or other small craft on the docks those stickers are also available for pickup so come and grab them!

## **Obstruction removal Q&A**

The Port will be holding an informational Question and Answer session at the beginning of the next Port Commission meeting regarding the Friday Harbor Airport Obstruction Removal project, set to commence very soon. The meeting will be held on January 10th at 4pm in Suite #105 of the Spring Street Landing building, underneath Downriggers.

