

Waves of Our Lives



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Rock & Roll Regatta - June 29
Rock the Dock - July 4
Friday Harbor Fly-In - August 24
Jackson Beach Potluck - September 7



G & H dock rehabilitation update

Work on this project continues with Razz Construction getting closer to wrapping up G dock. The North side of the dock is complete, leaving only installation and wiring of the power pedestals on the South side of G. With the North side ready for use, a number of boats have already been moved from H dock to make room for work to begin over there. We expect the contractor will be completing the project around the middle of February. Those new power pedestals and whaler boards are making the old floats look pretty snazzy and new again!



Moorage reservations open

Speaking of G & H docks, we are now accepting reservations for May 15th through September 15th 2019. Due to technical shortfalls in Dockwa's system, we have had to discontinue our use of their reservation services until further notice. To make your reservation please call the marina office at 360-378-2688!

Permanent moorage waitlists now available to view online

We are now listing our active waitlists on the website, sorted by slip length with a guess-timate of wait duration. Individual applicants are listed by their initials and date they applied. They'll be updated periodically after each major shift, which typically occurs after the new year when existing applicants often decide not to re-up their annual waitlist fee, after boating season opens,

and in the fall after Labor Day. There's no exact science, theory, art, crystal ball, or even Wiccan magic that can accurately estimate the wait as it's largely driven by the economy and seasonal flux. When things are good, people tend to buy boats and bring them into the area driving up demand, which in turn causes those who already have a slip to hold onto it rather than face the chance they won't get it back for years. We hope that publishing the lists will help those interested in permanent moorage plan accordingly.

Never fear however, as we offer summer sublet and winter moorage options so you can likely get a spot for part of the year. We also have a large number of slips dedicated to overnight guest moorage with some available for reservation and the rest for first-come-first served use.



Winter boating tips

Whether you're happily avoiding the cold rainy weather or you're a brave soul ready to face every storm, we have collected some tips for you.

Properly winterizing your boat is paramount to the next boating season being an enjoyable one, saving time and money and getting you back on the water without delays. Boat US has created a [comprehensive guide](#) complete with checklist to help you protect your vessel. It also outlines many potential hazards that boaters may encounter including damage from freezing that may sink your boat, and fires from electric heaters and DIY shrink wrapping jobs gone wrong.

For the heartier amongst us, the Waggoner Cruising Guide folks have put together a [great page](#) with a focus on staying warm, dry, and safe. These tips are great for folks who liveaboard too!



Please make sure not to neglect your vessel no matter it's size. Check in on it's well-being periodically, and make sure Port Staff have current contact info if

you'll be out of town so that we can get in touch with you if an emergency comes up. Staff do their best to keep an eye out, and if needed will pump out boats for a fee. If things are dire we call in vessel assist and their bill will be passed through to the customer. We also have rack and dry storage space for dinghies, kayaks and similar available. Contact the marina office for more information and rates if interested.

at the Albert Jensen & Sons marina which differ from the existing marina rules and regulations.

Updated drafts of the Port's liveaboard, signage, Jackson Beach use, and personnel policies will be available at the January 16th meeting where they will be discussed, and the public are welcome to attend and comment. Drafts for the marina and airport rules and regulations will be brought to the January 30th meeting, and final drafts will be published on the Port's website prior to a public hearing currently planned for February 6th where they will be adopted.

Annual hangar inspections

We have never had a hangar fire, and we fully intend to preserve that perfect track record while protecting both Port and Customer owned assets.

In partnership with the San Juan County Fire Department, Port Staff will begin scheduling regular annual hangar inspections this coming spring. The purpose is to ensure safety and compliance with fire code, lease terms, and FAA and State regulations. Some examples of items of concern are improper fuel/oil storage, unattended extension cords and power strips, space heaters, and other potential sources of ignition. Staff will also be confirming that an airworthy and properly registered aircraft matching that on record with the

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A very busy summertime dinghy dock

Dinghy maintenance

Small boats and dinghies may seem like they don't require as much maintenance as larger craft, but it doesn't take very much to create an issue. Rain water from a few days of wet weather can be enough to swamp most any dinghy, putting that expensive outboard motor in the water and that portable gas tank floating away on the tides. Inflatables tend to leak down, making an otherwise "unsinkable" boat start looking like a miniature version of the Titanic.

Rules, regulations, and policies, oh my!

There's been some changes at the Port with the addition of a new property, and it's been a while since some other items have been updated. Staff will be presenting draft materials to the Commission, largely clarifying the existing language and reorganizing as needed so that the existing documents make more sense. There will also be some new language covering any details



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Port, or an active project aircraft with intent to obtain airworthiness is being stored in the hangar.

FAA grants place requirements on use, ensuring that hangars are being primarily used for aviation purposes. Through RCW 47.68.250, the Washington State Department of Revenue's Aviation Division requires the Port to collect and report registration information when requested for aircraft based at Friday Harbor Airport.

2019 CPI adjustments

Another year, another adjustment. 2019 moorage and hangar/tiedown rates are adjusted per the August Consumer Price Index and have been posted on the website. Most lease rates are adjusted using the December numbers which are published in January, therefore those will be reflected on an upcoming statement.

Where security deposits are required, those will also be adjusted to match.

December photo contest winner!

Congratulations to Thomas Ashcraft, our December winner of the 2018 photo contest! He sent in the below stunning photo of a sunset over Jackson Beach taken from a vantage point off Pear Point Road. Thomas will receive a 2019 Port calendar and an entry into the grand prize drawing.



Photo: Thomas Ashcraft

2018 photo contest grand prize drawing results!

Our Executive Director Todd Nicholson took a moment out of his busy day today to draw a name from a bowl with 12 pieces of paper in it, one for each month's respective winner. We would like to congratulate Scott Powell, our 2018 photo contest grand prize winner! Scott was our February winner with his staff-favorite submission (in banner) of an incoming summer storm illuminated by the low summer evening sun and shot from his boat in the marina. For the grand prize he'll be receiving a Port shirt, hat, and a tote bag or blanket.

2018 was a successful trial run and many folks expressed enjoyment in participating and seeing their photos in print, so we will be continuing the contest with a new round for 2019. We encourage everyone to participate!

OPALCO rates

OPALCO is raising rates as a necessary part of providing power to our 20-island archipelago. This increase is driven by the loan expense (capitalization) for the submarine cable replacement (George), inflation and power cost increases. These utility costs are metered and billed through to our customers. Please expect to see this reflected on future statements.

Stickers and thanks!

Don't forget, the new 2019 parking and dinghy stickers are available at the marina office. Please stop by and pick yours up today!

The Staff would like to thank our amazing customers, especially those who brought or sent us cards and treats for the holidays.

"There are good ships and woods ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!"
~ Irish Proverb