

Waves

from the Port of Friday Harbor

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Edition 6



Jensen's Marina took a big hit this week with the collapse of a line of boathouses. The collapse was caused by a combination of heavy snow and rain in a winter storm that arrived in the Puget Sound area the evening of February 12, 2021.

The collapse started at one end of the multi-slip boat house and as each covered section took on the weight of its neighbor, it created a domino effect bringing the entire structure down. There are eight boats pinned under the collapsed roof and they're now supporting the entire roof structure.

Additionally, the southern (landward) system of boathouses is distressed and appear to be in a state of imminent failure. The Port has restricted all access to the marina and has hired Vessel Assist to move boats from Jensen's to safety at either Shipyard Cove or the Main Marina.

The path forward has been well established by decades of these types of incidents in the United States. The Port is moving quickly to obtain emergency permits from the Army Corps of Engineers, assessing damage, watching for fuel spills and other environmental concerns raised by such an event.

The Ports' primary concern is for customer and worker safety. The Port has contracted with a local contractor who is actively working on an approved scope of work for debris removal. The Port anticipates this work to begin on or about the week of February 22-26, 2021.

The Port is working with its insurance carrier and hiring a structural engineer to assess the facility and work with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Port Commissioners next meeting will be on Wednesday February 24, 2021 and will specifically address the collapse of the Jensen's boathouse and answer questions from the public. The Meeting will be held at 12 noon via Zoom. The direct link is provided below.

The public is prohibited from attending in person due to COVID-19 restrictions but may dial into the meeting via the link listed below. Comments can be e-mailed to the Port or addressed to the commission during the public comment section.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/3796847063?pwd=d3NoTW05aXNqaWUzL1g0UVhsN1RoQT09>

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