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PORT PROGRESS REPORT - Newsletter from the Port of Friday Harbor SPRING/SUMMER 2022

From the Commission President



Check Out Our New Website and Newsletter!

Hello Islanders. One of the Port of Friday Harbor Commission goals for 2022 is to keep islanders well-informed about their Port. To that end, we'd like to welcome you to this semi-annual newsletter and invite you to check out our new website www.portfridayharbor.org. Both are important ways to update you on news, financials, major projects, and environmental initiatives at the Port.

The Port's mission includes island-appropriate economic development. To that end, the Port has taken over the management of the Albert Jensen & Sons Boatyard to foster year-round marine trades employment (more following). Year-round jobs help balance seasonal employment, making our economy more resilient in the face of factors beyond our control, such as pandemics, high gas prices and economic downturns.

As the chair of the Friday Harbor Port Commission, I promise I will keep these goals top of mind. We are always looking to improve and welcome your suggestions on how your Port can better serve the island-wide community. And, we also encourage you to attend port meetings in person or via ZOOM. Details are on page 3.

Kind regards,

Barbara Marrett

Strategic Plan Update: Thank you for your input!

This document serves as a high-level roadmap for Port facilities over the next 5 years. This strategic plan was developed over several months during a series of public meetings and workshops that culminated in a public hearing on June 8th at noon at the Friday Harbor Yacht Club. This strategic plan will be augmented by specific area master plan throughout the remainder of this year and the Port will be soliciting public comment and participation during each of these follow-on planning exercises. Annually the Port reviews and updates elements of the collective plans as part of our budgeting process. Please see the Draft Strategic Plan here: www.portfridayharbor.org/strategic-plan-draft/

New Operations Model for Albert Jensen & Sons Boatyard – Check it Out!

The Port acquired this historic property in 2018 from the Jensen/Ahrenius family with the goal of redeveloping the facility to retain existing marine-related services and jobs and to expand maritime-related business opportunities.

In January of this year the Port took over the management of the Jensen Shipyard which had been leased to a third-party operator that no longer allowed self-work at the yard. Port management of the boatyard has restored the opportunity for boat owners to work on their own vessels. It also allows port-approved licensed marine maintenance businesses to work on clients' boats. The Port owns, maintains and operates the 35-ton travel lift, pressure washes boat bottoms and blocks boats. All other boatyard work is intentionally left to the private sector as an economic development tool. The Port also leases space to a chandlery, marine second-hand and canvas repair shop, and an upholstery repair business at Jensen Boatyard.

From the Executive Director



Putting Our Team's Skills to Work!

July will mark my five-year anniversary as the Port's executive director. My background as a civil engineer, project manager and surveyor have come in handy moving projects forward using our own staff's considerable construction skills. We've been busy! Below you'll find a list of on-going projects and further along in the newsletter you'll read about a few of our recently completed projects.

Airport Hangar Rebuild – The Port has taken over the construction of the new hangar bank which will replace the ancient A & B hangers which were demolished in 2021. Although scheduled to be rebuilt by a contractor this spring, the company's sudden bankruptcy threw a monkey wrench into the project. The Port has taken over construction management and has contracted for the foundation. Upon the contractor's completion of the foundation, Port crew will construct the hangar building consisting of ten 42' T-hangers.

Shower Remodel – The dated showers in the Port's main building have been re-designed and are awaiting a permit. Six bright new showers with toilets, sinks and separate entrances will be completed later this year.

Jackson Beach Parking and Restroom – The pothole-ridden Jackson Beach road and paving of the parking pull-out areas was completed by the County. Now, the Port plans to pave the remaining boat trailer parking and turn-around areas. A corrosion resistant solar powered replacement for the toilets is also planned.

Travel Lift and Barge Landing – Design and permitting is underway for replacing the travel lift pier at Jensen Boatyard. The new pier will be located at the western edge of the Shipyard Cove property and will allow lifting operations at an additional eight feet of tidal variations. The barge landing and access road at Shipyard Cove will be reconstructed in their existing location and configuration. The Port is pursuing grant funding that we expect to cover the majority of the barge landing and access road reconstruction cost. Regardless of the final grant funding outcome, the Port is committed to maintaining this essential infrastructure serving San Juan Island. Design and permitting for this project are funded, underway, and on schedule.

Expansion of Working Waterfront – At the Jensen property the Port plans to expand the footprint of the boatyard water dependent work areas. The purpose of the expansion, together with the increased travel lift pier capacity, is to support of our growing marine trades job sector.

All New (Almost) Jensen Marina

Phase one of the 70-slip Jensen Marina reconstruction is nearing

completion. All new piling has been installed, new floats have been manufactured and installed by the Port's talented maintenance team, and the team is nearing completion of a state-of-the-art new electrical system. The main access pier still needs to be replaced as does the breakwater and covered moorage that was damaged by heavy snow and removed in the winter of 2021. The Port is awaiting electrical components for the new marina power posts (on backorder due to supply-chain issues), however, by the time you receive this newsletter most boats displaced during marina reconstruction will be back in their slips for summer.

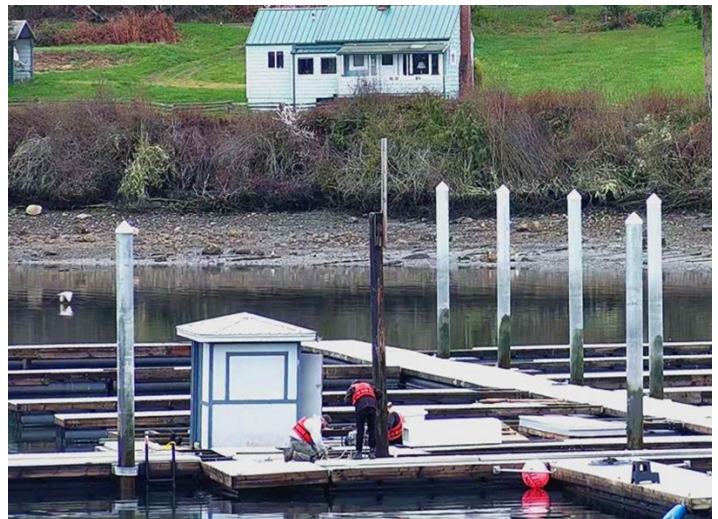
Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability

The Port is committed to acting as an environmental leader in San Juan County. We will continue current work on environmental remediation and initiatives to meet the need to address climate change and sea level rise. One of the goals in the Port's new Strategic Plan is to strive for net zero carbon emissions by 2040. Please consult the draft strategic plan for more specifics www.portfriday-harbor.org/strategic-plan-draft/.

Jensen Cleanup – The Port is working with the Washington State Department of Ecology on a cleanup plan to address legacy pollution from the century-long operation of the shipyard. We have an approved Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study work plan in place and will begin execution of that plan this Summer. We are currently finalizing 90% grant funding for the cleanup project up to a total project cost of \$5,000,000.

Stormwater – The Port maintenance team has designed and installed innovative and low-cost stormwater systems for the airport and Jensen Boatyard. These systems use biochar filter cells to permanently capture dissolved metals (zinc, copper, & lead) and have resulted in the best stormwater quality testing results in the history of the Port. Our current stormwater quality dramatically exceeds the very stringent requirements of the Department of Ecology.

Solar – The Port is working with OPALCO on the feasibility of installing solar panels on port property to attain energy independence, starting at the airport.



Electric Vehicles – The Port owned one of the first electric vehicles on the island and it is still in service. Wherever feasible, the Port is replacing gas and diesel-fueled vehicles with new electric vehicles. Some heavy and off-road equipment does not currently have viable electric alternatives, but the Port is looking to solar projects to offset these assets.

Reducing Waste – The Port will work towards solutions for single stream recycling on Port property and work with the County on other recycling and composting initiatives as part of being good environmental stewards. The Port commission will be diving heavily into this initiative as part of our upcoming Port lands master planning exercise. We will be actively seeking community organization and citizen partners to meaningfully address island wide sustainability issues.

Port Financials

Despite COVID, a busy 2021 and the acquisition of several million dollars' worth of grant funding have helped keep the Port in good financial shape for 2022. A detailed Citizen's Budget Report can found here: <https://www.portfridayharbor.org/your-port/financial-information/>

Harbor Master's Report & Summer Events

We're very excited about the 2022 season, we kicked off the season with our resurrected **Rock & Roll Regatta in partnership with KISM Radio**. This was an absolute blast with broadcasting by Brad & John, cardboard boat races, air-drops from San Juan Airlines, live music and much more. We brought back our **4th of July Rock the Dock** music and dance party with host band Steve Cutting and Duke & Mojo Nation D.A.M.N! which lead up to the fireworks show. **Our Music in the Park is melodically playing on Saturdays from 2-4 pm starting July 2 through September 3** in our wonderful waterfront park.

Need to get somewhere? Regional passenger ferries include: Puget Sound Express between Port Townsend and Friday Harbor and Pacific Cruises Northwest operating between Bellingham and Friday Harbor. This year San Juan Clipper will not be operating to Friday Harbor. Best ways to get to or from Seattle are Kenmore Air, Northwest Seaplanes, or by bus or shuttle.

This will be my 35th summer season with the Port of Friday Harbor, our Marina Operations team is fortunate to serve our community and we hope you all will celebrate and enjoy this summer season with us!

– Tami Hayes, Harbormaster



Meet Your Port Commissioners and Executive Director

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Doing Business with the Port

How do I:

Pay a bill? Call the Marina Office: (360) 378-2688, pay online or through autopay, or contactus@portfridayharbor.org

Get a vessel hauled out? Call Jensen Shipyard: 360-378-4072

Sign up for permanent boat moorage? Call the Marina Office: (360) 378-2688, sign up online, or contactus@portfridayharbor.org

Sign up for transient boat moorage? Call the Marina Office: (360) 378-2688

Become a business tenant? Call Todd Nicholson: (360) 378-2688 toddn@portfridayharbor.org

Attend a meeting in person? Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of most months from noon to 2 p.m. at the San Juan Island Yacht Club, 273 Front Street. Check the website for agendas and supporting materials. Each agenda includes links and information on how to attend live meetings via ZOOM. Meeting recordings are available by request.

Comment on or participate in a discussion of the Port Commission remotely? Email questions or comments 48 hours in advance of Port Commission meeting to Todd Nicholson: toddn@portfridayharbor.org You may listen but not comment in on ZOOM. ZOOM links are included with agendas posted on the Port website www.portfridayharbor.org



- ① Friday Harbor Marina and Waterfront
Encompassing the Port offices, marina and waterfront properties in downtown Friday Harbor.

- ② Shipyard Cove Marina, Jensens Marina, and Jensen Boatyard
Two marinas for year-around moorage, close to town and Jackson Beach. Jensen Boatyard offers haul outs as well as full repair services.

- ③ Jackson Beach
A 10 acre public waterfront beach with picnic shelters, picnic tables and firepits. A public boat launch with trailer parking is available.

- ④ Friday Harbor Airport
Serving general aviation and commercial airlines with charter or scheduled services. Air evacuation ambulance service via helicopter or fixed-wing plane, freight services, and a restaurant.



- ① Friday Harbor Marina
The region's largest marina with 690 slips (120 reserved guest moorage), fuel, restrooms, showers, self pumpout on shore, and staffed pumpout vessel.

- ② Port Administration
Port staff can help with billing questions, marina, boatyard, reservation, slip assignments, parking permits, and land leases. (360)378-2688 - contactus@portfridayharbor.org

- ③ Fairweather Park
Waterfront park adjacent to the marina offices with picnic tables, benches, and grassy areas to enjoy stunning views of the harbor. In the summer you can catch live music.

- ④ Spring Street Landing
Waterfront restaurants and pub, whale and wildlife tour operators, public plaza and picnic areas. Just steps away from both the marina and the Washington State Ferry terminal.

- ⑤ Spring Street Terminal
Includes commercial docks for tour operators. The terminal building for passenger ferry service features a 400 gallon marine aquarium showcasing the marine life below the docks.

