



THE PORT REPORT

Port of Bremerton Newsletter • Spring 2023



Foreword From Port Commission President

Axel Strakeljahn

Spring has indeed arrived at the Port and we all welcome the opportunity to move forward on so many new and exciting projects. Amelia's Hangar Restaurant & Lounge is now open after holding an official ribbon cutting in April. We invite you and your families to come and dine at the new facility; the reviews have been excellent! Air traffic is becoming more active and with the good weather, many planes are dropping in for a visit to Amelia's as well.

We are pleased to once again host the American Cruise lines at the Bremerton Marina with over 46 visits this year. These visits have already begun and as you tour the waterfront you will see the large 267-foot 'American Constellation' and 205-foot 'American Spirit' ships tied to the breakwater, bringing tourists from all over the world to our county.

Our staff has worked to secure the Wings Over Washington Airshow which will be held on the 19th & 20th of August this year. This event will surely be a great addition here at Bremerton National Airport. There will be opportunities for plane rides, booths to tour, and many fun events for all. We are expecting acrobatic military demonstrations and thousands in attendance.

The legislative session for 2023 has wrapped up, and our Commission and staff have been working diligently with legislators to secure funding for the Port Orchard Marina breakwater replacement as well as funding for the Gorst interchange. The Port has taken a leadership role over the past several years to address the Gorst bottleneck and freight mobility challenges here in our community. Infrastructure improvements will benefit our region for years to come.

The CNW project is continuing to move forward. This new facility will be one of the largest improvements our community has seen in many years. It will provide a continued emergency training facility to support our first responders, as well as an outdoor amphitheater that will act as a concert area. It will also provide a home for our local C-stock theater group and many other organizations which will certainly be a draw from all over the Puget Sound region.

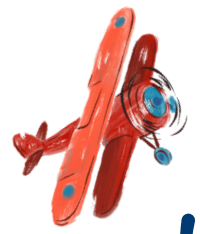
Lastly, I want to thank each of you on behalf of our Commission and staff for the opportunity to serve our community and provide quality service and quality facilities.

Sincerely,
Axel Strakeljahn
Port Commission President





Bremerton National Airport AIR SHOW AUG 19 & 20



We at the Port of Bremerton are excited to announce that our Bremerton National Airport will be hosting the first air show in Bremerton in 30 years! Partnering with Freedom Fair, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we will be showcasing aerial acrobatic displays with a military presence, a car show, armed forces displays, a variety of vendors, food options, a beer garden, and entertainment for the entire family. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our community airport for a fun, reactional activity.

Some may remember the fly-ins we've hosted in past years and while this event will be bigger, we are proud to say we will still have the car show component as well. At the Port of Bremerton, community is always our focus – whether it be generating economic development or promoting tourism, both of which will be accomplished by the air show. We hope that those in the community will join us in the excitement by visiting Wings Over Washington's website to learn of the ticket options and day-of information.



Local community members are being offered the opportunity to have a booth at the air show at a reduced cost and the production team is still actively looking for volunteers from the community! If you're interested in being involved with the event beyond just as a viewer, make sure you head to their website for details. Finally, we would like to ensure that our community understands that while we are excited to host this air show, it is Freedom Fair who are acting as the sole producers so questions should be directed to them.

Bremerton Marina Welcomes Cruise Ships



We have had the exciting opportunity to host American Cruise Lines' cruise ships once again at our Bremerton Marina this year. There will be a total of 46 docking dates spanning from April 07 to November 17. The two ships in use, 'American Constellation' and 'American Spirit,' measure 267 and 205 feet in length respectively, and will be docked at our Bremerton Marina for the duration of their stays. Each ship will have upwards of 100 individuals touring Kitsap.

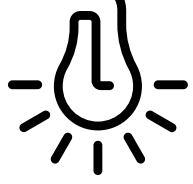
While in Bremerton, the cruise line will be offering those onboard tours of Kitsap activities via a coach company local to Bremerton. This will not only ensure less of an impact on local traffic but also an increased opportunity for local businesses, with some excursions including Puget Sound Navy Museum, Elandan Gardens, USS Turner Joy, Suquamish Museum, and Historic Poulsbo Exploration, among others. Furthermore, we will be offering walking maps of Bremerton to all exiting the ship. Our mission is to increase economic opportunity for all of Kitsap County, and our ability to facilitate cruise dockings is an excellent effort to this. We hope you join us in welcoming them!

MEET CAPTAIN MICHAEL HANTEN

While we celebrate tourists from around the globe visiting the Puget Sound, and specifically Kitsap County, we also want to take a moment to celebrate that one of the ships' captains is actually from and resides in Bremerton! Captain Michael Hanten proudly directs the 'American Spirit,' receiving the unique opportunity to share his hometown with hundreds of people. It turns out, it's a small world after all! If you're watching the cruise ship dock and see him, make sure to say hi.



Port Orchard Marina Breakwater



QUICK FACTS

25 year life-span



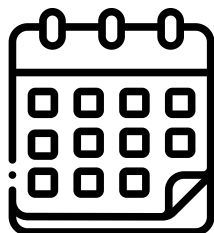
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3,000 feet long!



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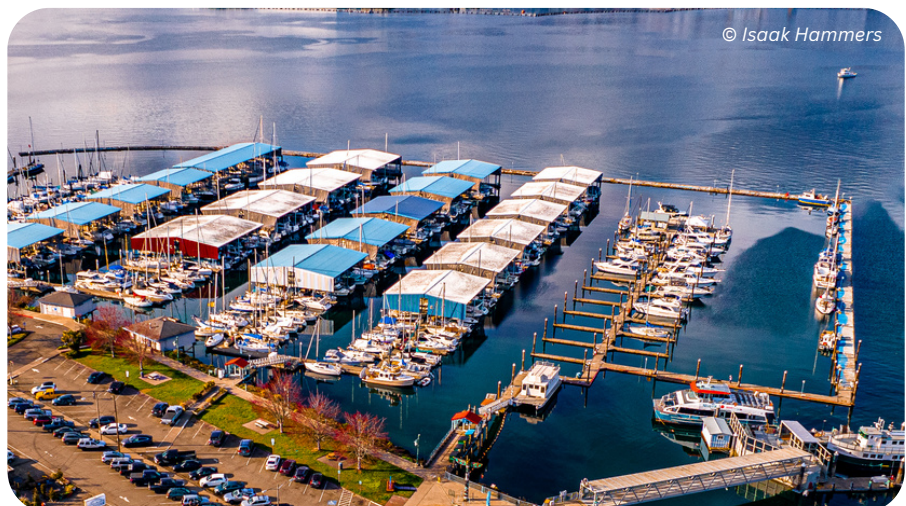
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early Fall of
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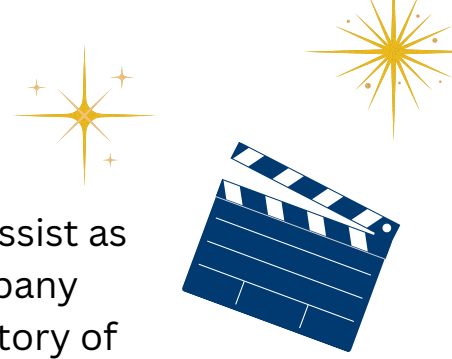
The Port Orchard Marina breakwater has served for the last 40 years as a public dock, the means of protecting boats in our marina from currents and waves, and one of the places for the Suquamish Tribe's fishing. Now the dock sits closed due to public safety concerns. This nearly \$16 million structure's replacement is dependent on receiving public funds.

Our Marina staff, namely Director of Marine Facilities James Weaver, have been working tirelessly on submitting applications and attending meetings to obtain the necessary funding. The Port has also partnered with the Desimone Consulting Group to bring such grant funding needs to fruition. We are seeing their commitment pay off, literally. The Port has recently been awarded with a total of \$3 million. \$1 million was awarded by the Washington State Legislature 2023-2025 capital budget, with the additional \$2 million being awarded by the Washington State Transportation 2023-2025 budget for our plans to place charging stations on the new breakwater.

Until the replacement comes, Port staff will continue to work diligently to reduce any negative impacts on our tenants, public, and environment. We appreciate everyone's ongoing patience and support.



Bremerton National Airport Stars In FILM PRODUCTION



Bremerton National Airport had the exciting opportunity to assist as one of the main site locations for an upcoming film! The company Potenza Productions were creating a film based on the true story of



writer Pam Mandel, whose book is named 'The Same River Twice.' This story follows a pair of friends on an adventure through Alaska as they search to find meaning. When producer Amy Guth approached us to host the culminating scenes of the film, we couldn't say no. The production team also made a point to hire local talent for their needs, which furthered our decision in our airport being a great fit.



Other Kitsap organizations that participated included Gold Mountain Golf Club and Belfair Laundry. Bremerton National Airport was used for our terminal building, back runway, and active runway. We were happy to assist in such a fun project and to help bring a new perspective to Kitsap. We hope all of you will look forward to hearing how the film fairs at Sundance Film Festival - we will be giving updates on our social media!

OLDE THYME AVIATION'S FEATURE

It was a team effort in assisting Potenza Productions, and luckily our business tenant Olde Thyme Aviation came to their aid when it came to the actual flight scene. Owner and pilot Ken Howitz used one of his own aircraft, coined '185 Skywagon II,' to taxi with the leading actress and take off. Filming lasted well into the night, with the film concluding around 11 PM. All involved believe the work will be worth it when Bremerton National Airport gets its film debut.



Bremerton Bridge Blast Upcoming



Join us Saturday, June 24 for the annual Bridge Blast on the Manette Bridge! Enjoy a beautiful display of fireworks over the Bremerton Marina and USS Turner Joy and support local vendors.



Bremerton National Airport Hot Rod Social

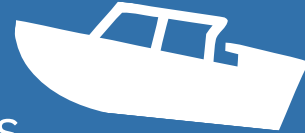
Every Wednesday evening from now until mid-September will have Bremerton National Airport packed with dozens of unique vehicles! Come by from 3-7 PM to join this lively crowd, enter raffle drawings, and get in on Amelia's Hangar's \$14 burger meal deal in honor of the event. We hope to see you there!

Fun Facts



Bremerton National Airport

has approximately **60,000 flights** a year!



Between both Marinas, we have upwards of **3000 guest boaters** a year!



Olympic View Industrial Park is the

largest manufacturing industrial center West of Seattle.



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The Port of Bremerton has partnered with SeeClickFix to announce a new platform that will allow marina tenants and boaters to report maintenance issues at the Port of Bremerton properties. With the free SeeClickFix mobile app and web tools, boaters will now be able to provide pictures, videos, specific descriptions, and valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. The service allows the ability to respond directly regarding the request and to provide status updates. Visit our website for more information, under the 'Marinas Spring 2023 Update' section of Port News.

Meet the Commissioners



Axel Strakeljahn

President

Term: Jan. 1, 2018 -
Dec. 31, 2023

District 3: Portions of South Kitsap,
Southwest Bremerton, Seabeck/Holly/Crosby



Gary Anderson

Vice President

Term: Jan. 1, 2020 -
Dec. 31, 2025

District 2: Downtown Port Orchard,
portions of Eastern South Kitsap



Cary Bozeman

Secretary

Term: Jan. 1, 2022 -
Dec. 31, 2027

District 1: West Bremerton, portions of
East Bremerton, Kitsap Lake, Chico

Did you know that you can attend commission meetings? Head to portofbremerton.org/commission-meetings for dates & meeting links!

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