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## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

- May 2/9: Port Commission Mtgs
- May 3: Marina Forum; EYC General Mtg
- May 6: MYC Opening Day of Boating; ESPS Crabbing Mini Seminar; Snohomish Women's Run 5K
- May 7: Bayside Marine Swap Meet
- May 10: MSA General Mtg
- May 13: MSA Mid-Distance Race; MYC Swap Meet; NYCE Opening Day of Boating
- May 20: MSA Swap Meet
- May 25: MYC General Mtg
- June (Fridays): MSA Log Dodge Race
- June 3: MSA Mid-Distance Race
- June (Saturdays): Lunch & Launch Food Trucks at Jetty Landing
- June 4: MSA Boater Outreach
- June 6/13: Port Commission Mtgs
- June 7: EYC General Mtg
- June 15: Equator Open House
- June 14: MSA General Mtg
- June 22: MYC General Mtg
- June 29: Waterfront Place Open House

## FUEL DOCK HOURS

Thru May 31, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday; starting June 1, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

Reminder: On TANKful Tuesdays, all boaters may fill up at 10 cents off per gallon at the Fuel Dock.

# **BOAT QUOTE**

"Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring... 'How to Build a Boat."

- Steven Wright, Rolling Stone's **15th Greatest Comedian** 





We are wishing Jim Weber a happy retirement after more than 43 years full time with the Port of Everett, making him the longest-working Port employee on record.

More impressively, Jim has worked at the Port for a total of 47 years. He started here when he was 16 years old as a summer seasonal worker during his high school and college years, coming on full time in 1980 with the Marina Maintenance staff. He was promoted to Maintenance Journeyman, and then to the Marina Maintenance Foreman. He is finishing his career as the Marina Operations Director, a position he has held for many years now.

Throughout his Port career, Weber has helped design, build, maintain and upgrade many of the Marina's facilities and projects. From the South, Central and North Marinas to the Jetty Landing Boat Launch, Jetty Island Docks and Boxcar Park, Weber has been involved with all of them. He also helped design the Craftsman District Boatyard and Office and has been part of the Waterfront Place project planning team.

## HISTORIC EQUATOR TO BE MEMORIALIZED, OPEN HOUSE SET FOR JUNE 15 Meet Texas A&M Students Visiting Everett to Document the 135-Year-Old Vessel

Join us this June to learn about efforts to document and memorialize the iconic Equator before she is finally laid to rest.

The Port of Everett is hosting an open house to celebrate the maritime legacy of the schooner-turned-tugboat on June 15 from 3-7 p.m. at her 10<sup>th</sup> Street shed,

Chat with students studying maritime archaeology and conservation at Texas A&M **Continued on Page 3** 

# WATERFRONT PLACE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

You're invited! Join us at the annual Waterfront Place Community Open House on June 29 between 4-7 p.m. at Pacific Rim Plaza next to Hotel Indigo (1028 13th St., Everett). Chat with project developers, explore recent construction milestones and hear about what's coming next to the Port of Everett's mixed-use development.

# MAY/JUNE 2023 HARBORSIDE **JIM WEBER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER OVER 43 YEARS**

Weber has always been involved with and enjoyed the many events at the Port throughout the years. He helped start Wheels on the Waterfront, Sail-In Cinema, Holiday on the Bay and the waterfront concerts. He's attended Opening Day of Boating and fishing derby events, among others.

Weber is very proud of the Marina Operations and Office staff. They have received many awards for running the largest public marina on the West Coast, including earning the national title in 2019 as Marina of the Year by Marina Dock Age — a huge honor for the Port.

When he thinks back to what the Marina was when he started to what it has become today, he is very proud of what our Port team has accomplished.

"When I started here, the Central Marina was the only basin." he said. "Look at us now!"

Weber says he will miss his Marina and Port family, including all of the marina slipholders, yacht clubs and professional contacts that he has considered family and great friends over four decades.

"The Port staff and boaters have always been like family to me," Weber said. "That is what has always made this a special place for me."

Thank you for your 43+ years of service, Jim! We'll miss you too! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!



# MARINA NEWS



#### 'Moor' Things To Do at Waterfront Place

Five new restaurants will be opening at the Port of Everett's Waterfront Place late May thru June: Fisherman Jack's and South Fork Baking Co. in Fisherman's Harbor. The Muse Whiskey & Coffee at Boxcar Park, and Sound 2 Summit Brewing Co. and Woods Coffee at Port Gardner Landing.

What's more, three marine service providers are opening their Everett-based offices at Waterfront Place. You'll soon find Freedom Boat Club, Bellingham Yacht Sales and Waterline Boats in the new building west of Hotel Indigo in Fisherman's Harbor.

The contractors for these eight Waterfront Place retailers/restaurants have turned keys over for tenant improvements. Watch for opening dates on the Port's website and social media



#### Lunch & Launch Moves to Saturdays

Calling all boaters! Add food trucks to your Saturday plans at the Port of Everett Marina.

Lunch & Launch with the Port of Everett and the Washington State Food Trucks Association again this summer. Food trucks will visit the waterfront at the Jetty Landing Boat Launch on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June thru August.

The food truck schedule is available @ www.portofeverett.com/lunchandlaunch

### **Opening Day Events May 6 & May 13**

Avast ye! Mukilteo Yacht Club's Opening Day of Boating is May 6. This year's theme is "Pirates & Parrots" so deck out your boat and crew as if you're sailing the Caribbean in search of treasure. All boaters welcome. More @ www.mukilteoyachtclub.com.

Ahoy! On May 13, the Navy Yacht Club Everett is hosting its Opening Day of Boating with the theme "Full Dress Ship." Members dress up their boat and crew as if it's the Fourth of July. Stop by to see the boats moored in Everett. More @ www.navyyachtclubeverett.com

Both events will be held at the Port's Central Guest Dock 5, near Hotel Indigo.



#### Soliciting Bids for Millwright Loop Project

The Port of Everett is soliciting construction bids for the next phase of its Millwright Loop Road project in the Millwright District, the second and largest phase of the Port's Waterfront Place mixed-use development.

This work includes removal of preload material from the roadway footprint; placement of clean fill for the next phase of Millwright Loop Road; installation of utilities throughout the district; paving of the roadway and temporary trails; expansion of the Central Marina esplanade, including build-out of two new vistas; construction of two gated Central Marina slipholder parking lots; as well as the addition of new sidewalks, lighting and landscape features.

For more information, including phasing plans, visit www.portofeverett.com/ millwrightconstruction.

#### Updated Access Controls Now Online @ North Docks, South & Central Docks Next

Port contractor Convergint continues to install the new access controls system throughout the Marina. So far, North Docks slipholders have crossed over to the new system.

The South Docks will transition next, followed by Central Docks. If your slip is at the South or Central Docks, your current key fob for your dock gatehouse, restrooms, showers and laundry will continue to work until then.

You will receive an alert when the cross over is complete and it's time to switch to your new key fobs. Don't get alerts?

Make sure the Marina Office has up-todate contact information on file.

#### New South Dock Gates Install this May

The Port expects to have upgraded South Dock gatehouses in place this May. Port contractor Burton Construction will be installing eight revamped gates, from South A-B Docks next to Anthony's to South P-Q Docks near Inn at Port Gardner.

The current chain-link and steel structures will be replaced with ones made by subcontractor Topper Industries from aluminum-framed plate glass that are similar to Central and North Marinas'.

Upgrades include light fixtures on both sides of the gates for added safety and ADA door openers for added convenience.

#### WDFW Moves Office to Marina Village

The North Puget Sound office of the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) is moving to the Port of Everett's Marina Village.

The WDFW office will be located in a 1,000-square-foot space in suites 227/228.

When the roof of the 1981 building housing the regional office in Mill Creek caved in, WDFW turned to the Port of Everett to find a new home. The Port Commission authorized the new three-year lease in April.



#### Shrimping OK May 25 and June 9

Grab your shrimp pots! Shrimping season for Marine Area 8-2, including Port Susan, Port Gardner and Everett, is open May 25 and June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only. Additional dates may be announced later.

Note that each harvester must have a separate container for their catch, either in their possession or identified with their name. There is a maximum of two shrimp pots per person; no more than four per boat.

Before harvesting, call the shellfish rule change hotline at 866-880-5431 or visit WDFW's page @ wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/ shellfishing-regulations/shrimp.

### **SPRING HOURS MARINA OFFICE**

### Monday-Friday: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed for lunch noon to 12:30 p.m. daily

#### **BOAT LAUNCH**

Open 4 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

#### **FUEL DOCK**

Thru May 31, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday; starting June 1, open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

#### **BOATYARD OFFICE**

Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed for lunch noon to 12:30 p.m. daily

RESTROOMS

North: FOB Access only

Central & South: Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 24/7 FOB access

**Boat Launch & Boxcar Park:** Open 4 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

#### **BOATING SAFETY** | A Message From: AMERICA'S BRATING CLUB For Boaters, By Boater

Opening Day of Boating is May 6! Which means more sunny days to enjoy the beauty of Puget Sound and onthe-water time like cruising, fishing and crabbing. #64034

But before then, make sure you prepare yourselves and your vessel for the new boating season. This includes refreshing your boating knowledge and having your boat in good working shape.

Go through your maintenance checklist, schedule a free Coast Guard-certified vessel safety check, update your first-aid kit, check your VHF radio to ensure it is working and have plenty of life jackets on board.

The captain and first mate also need to review how to use the electronics on board and how to plot a course on a chart in the event the electronics fail. Don't know how? Take our Marine Navigation class!

On May 6, Everett Sail and Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, is hosting a know-beforeyou-go crabbing seminar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fishermen's Tribute Plaza near the haulout. Ask experts all about crabbing and pick up a refurbished crab pot. For more information, visit www. boatclubsnoco.org. See you there!



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University as they document her remains. Hear about plans to salvage some of her materials so parts of the vessel can live on in local art. In addition, an interpretive exhibit featuring a model of the historic schooner will soon be on display in the Port's Waterfront Center.

The goal is to honor the Equator's rich history — as a testament to the esteemed builder's workmanship, a link to one of the most famous writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a nod to the vessel's contribution to the maritime industry, and as a reminder of the boat's many lives in her storied career from 1889 to 1956. #29734

#### **A Historical Snapshot**

The Equator was rescued from a breakwater along Jetty Island in 1956. The Everett-based Equator Foundation hoped to restore the boat to her former glory; sadly, it proved to be a challenging project and funding fell short. But she was the first historical asset in Snohomish County to be

#### LAZ Parking has moved.

LAZ's parking management office has relocated to Waterfront Center's Suite 102A/B for easy access. It has a new walk-up window for added convenience. #22697

#### Keep LAZ Parking informed. Do you need to update your vehicle information? Manage your digital parking permits at www.portofeverett.com/

Check for gull nests on **your boat.** If you find a

nest, contact USDA APHIS Wildlife Services at 425-478-7732. A specialist will

as a tug in Alaska circa 1941 (right).

listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

The vessel – constructed in 1888 by renowned boat builder Matthew Turner — is said to be the last of its kind in North America. Her colorful history includes a voyage through the South Pacific with author Robert Louis Stevenson, work as a tender to an Arctic whaling fleet and towing service as a Puget Sound tug.

When her champion, Eldon Schalka, died in a plane crash, the momentum to resurrect the Equator was lost. After some time located at the Port's Marina Village, the boat is now displayed at the Jetty Landing Boat Launch.

In 2017, the stern of the vessel collapsed. crushing any lingering hope of restoration. The elements have taken their toll. After searching for an organization to rehome the historic boat to no avail, the Port obtained custody of the Equator in 2022 to document, memorialize and repurpose materials from her.

### **MARINA REMINDERS & TIPS FOR BOATING SEASON**

marinaparking.com.

either remove the nest or addle the eggs to prevent seagull attacks.

- Meet guests at gates. Help keep docks secure by meeting your guests at your gatehouse instead of at your boat.
- Renew your vessel registration. Avoid a violation. Vessel registration renewals are due June 30. Your current registration certificate plus proof of insurance must be provided to the Marina Office annually.

Return dock carts when you're done. Help vour fellow boaters find carts by not storing them on docks

or inside boathouses. Stow them for ease of access at the top of the dock.

- **C** Lock up your valuables. If you can't lock them up or take them with you, keep valuables out of sight. Consider installing cameras on your vessel.
- If you see something, say something. Report suspicious or criminal activity immediately to the **Everett Police Department** non-emergency line at 425-407-3999. If an emergency, call 911. Follow up with a call to Port Security at 425-388-0672.