

*Port of Brownsville*  
*Newsletter September 2020*

SEPTEMBER



The Port takes security very seriously and we were angry and disappointed with the recent outbreak in theft and damage to several vehicles in our parking lot. Upon arrival at the Port the morning of August 19, 2020, Office Administrator Joe DaBell was alerted by several tenants of the events. Joe immediately messaged Interim Director Smith and President Nye. Safe Security logs were checked and indicated there were no issues. Interim Director Smith called Safe Security and the Operations Supervisor headed to the site. Even with a security company, expanded and existing cameras we still have no clues or leads to who did this. We are continuing to enhance security as we speak and our IT consultant is working as quickly as possible to make these cameras live to avoid any further mishaps. If anyone heard or saw anything related to this issue please stop by the office and let us know.

**REMINDER**

If you are operating a commercial or business activity at the Port this must be registered and approved by the Port Commission per our rules and regulations. If there are any unregistered businesses at this time, please stop into the Port office to get the process started. The Port is supportive of business and commercial operations we just need to know ahead so we can make sure the business fits our environment.

On June 30 of each year the annual boat registrations expire. We sent reminders out to all tenants in both July and August on everyone's statement but there are still a number of tenants yet to comply. As a public marina RCW 53.08.480 has specific insurance requirements that as a condition of moorage, all vessels provide proof of marine insurance to the moorage facility. This is required even if the boat never leaves the marina. Please if you haven't already done so purchase your new vessel registration and display it on your vessel. Letters will be going out soon if you have not yet complied.



Garbage and misuse of garbage at the marina has been an on-going and costly issues. Soon the port will be fencing around the garbage and only port tenants will have access to the facility. Misuse and garbage coming from outside of the marina has started this conversation and it has become important to control the source of the garbage. Please keep our eyes out for the abusers and report them to the Port office or anonymously to the suggestion box with time and date information. If we all keep a watch and our attention sharp on this we can eliminate the overstuffing and abuse leaving our marina looking like a junkyard.

Another reminder is that liveaboards are only liveaboards through approval by the Port. There are rules on the percentage of liveaboards allowed by various agencies in the state and the Port is at our approved maximum. It has come to our attention that there may be unauthorized liveaboards. This drives up the cost of the utilities that are being charged to the approved liveaboards and all tenants. Please remind your neighbors if they are perhaps in between housing that unless approved by the Port they are not allowed to "liveboard". Living aboard your boat without approval of the Port may result in the termination of your moorage agreement.



**Commissioners' Meeting:**

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be September 16 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be hosted using Zoom.

Meeting ID: 944 6487 5538 PW: 908986

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting. Please keep your device muted as repeated interruptions may result in your removal from the meeting.

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