



NOVEMBER

Port of Brownsville **Newsletter**

SUNSET

The Port has updated the moorage agreement which was made available on July 1, 2021. We request that the new agreement be signed no later than, Tuesday, November 30, 2021. You may download a copy from our web page or if you would like a copy emailed to you contact the office.

SECURITY

Vandalism and theft are always a concern at the Port. In September, a dual axle trailer was stolen. Fortunately, it was recovered a couple of weeks later with no physical damage although the license plate and spare had been removed.

Please remember to secure your vehicles and not to leave any valueables in them. If you see or suspect any unreasonable activity, you can report to the Port office, the Port Manager, or even the Kitsap County Sherriff. Our local patrol officers for the Sherriff's Department are aware of the issues and do try to visit us often as a deterrent.

AN OUNCE OF PREPARATION

With winter weather coming boaters like to have heaters to keep their cabins from freezing. Here are a few things you can do to prevent catastrophic issues over the winter!

- * Check your electrical cord and connections. Loose fitting plugs and corroded connectors make for extra amperage draw that can create overheating and arcing conditions. Make sure your shore power cord is in good repair and is a marine grade cord with weatherproof connections.
- * Check the back of the thru hull power inlet on your boat. These can (and do) work loose and a loose or arcing connection can start a fire in your boat!
- * Make sure the heater or other appliance you're using is a marine grade appliance that has a tip over feature & does not share a ground with your AC neutral. This will lead to dangerous stray current issues.
- * Check to see that the heater is in good working order and not drawing excessive amperage.
- * Check the function of your automatic bilge pumps and general condition of thru hulls

SEAWORTHINESS

Seaworthiness checks are still underway. The checks will include but are not limited to:

- Current registration sticker
- General condition of the vessel including appearance of regular maintenance
- Appearance of excessive bottom growth that would impair the vessel from reasonable control and power function
- The vessel's propulsion system (engine, outdrive or sail) in condition that lends to reasonable use
- Condition & compliance of the ship to shore power cable
- AC stray current check

DERELICT VESSELS

- We have verbal conformation that the contracted agent will be arriving to the Port 10/21 to begin removal of three vessels. Two on A dock and one on E dock. Progress is being made!

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME MEETINGS

- The comprehensive scheme meetings are on 'Pause' until January 2022. This is primarily due to conflicts of schedules and budget meetings that are in progress.

PLEASE READ YOUR STATEMENT

Overpayments and underpayments continue to be an issue. Please pay the exact amount due, no more, no less. Our office assistant has made great strides to provide statements earlier than in recent years past. Your statement should arrive by the first of the month which provides ample time to adjust your payment accordingly. However, if you're issuing your payment prior to receiving your statement please call the Port office to verify amount due.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be November 10, 2021* at 6:00pm**

The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 862 8578 9991 PW: 340497

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting.