



January

Port of Brownsville Newsletter

Welcome 2022 !

2022 is upon us and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year!

Many changes have taken place this past year, new staff, new customers, new boats, and even a new Commissioner elect!

Covid restrictions have slowed us down a bit but we are determined to carry on with positive attitudes and hopeful endeavors.

More than a dozen yacht clubs visited the Port this year and by all accounts, much fun was had. 2022 should see even more visitors and more activities.

Haunted Harbor brought hundreds of young folks and their chaparones down to the breakwater for a terrific seasonal experience and hundreds of generous donations were provided for the Kitsap Food Bank. Thank you to all who participated!

In early December volunteers of the marina decorated around the Ports office, Yacht club, and boat ramp roundabout to bring Christmas cheer. Well done!

Port Improvements

Many improvements have happened this year. From power pedestals to pressure washing, from radio towers to trees....the Port staff has been hard at work to make our marina a better place to be!

Documents: [2021 Moorage agreement, Registration & Insurance](#)

We have seen many renewals coming in...Keep em' Coming!

January is a great time to do a quick review of your boats registration and insurance policy. Make sure that you have an up to date policy that truly covers your needs. Remember, Insurance declarations should reflect the Port of Brownsville as "additional insured"

Please send any updates and renewals to the Port office so we can put them in the file. If you have not provided us with the new moorage agreement released in July, please do so. Most have but we still have few stragglers.

Monthly Moorage and Payment Schedules

It seems that there is some common confusion about our billing cycle. Here's the easy version.

All payments are **always** due on the 1st of the month. Payment is considered delinquent after the 15th. Late fees are added to the account(s) on the 16th.

As we enter the new year rates are changing. We ask that you PLEASE make an effort to pay exactly what is due on your bill. Our bookkeeping system is ran on a cash basis therefore it creates a lot of extra paperwork for Port staff to process under payment **OR** over payment. If you are unclear about your balance, please give us a call and we will be glad to provide you with your current balance due.

There are some new items on your January invoice we would like to explain. All funds raised through the **Technology Fee** will be earmarked exclusively for the purchase and installation of new technology at the Port such as improved Wi-Fi. All funds from the **Revenue Bond Fee** are dedicated to the repayment of the Port's 2017 Revenue Bond. The **Camera System Fee** is for the purchase of a new security camera system at the Port that we estimate will be installed beginning in March or April depending on contractors.

Beginning in January there will be a 2.4% fee assessed for Credit card payments. The Port can no longer absorb this cost for customers. To avoid this additional fee, please pay by check. The Port is also looking into allowing ACH payments in the near future to provide an additional alternative for payment.

SECURITY

Theft & Vandalism is always a concern. Please remember to secure your vehicles and do not leave any valueables in them.

3 vehicles were broken into in December in the parking lot. Windows were smashed and interiors were rifled through. IPM Williams filed a report with the Kitsap County Sheriff.

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 Sheriff's Department are aware of the issues and do try to visit us often as a deterrent.

Communication: State of the Port

IPM Williams will be meeting with members of the Brownsville Yacht Club on Wednesday January 5th from 5pm – 6pm for Q&A and general discussion about the State of the Port.

Next Monthly Port meeting info

The next Commission Meeting will be held on January 12, 2022, at 6:00 PM Via ZOOM.

Meeting ID: 876 1535 8903 Passcode: 038801