

# PORT OF BROWNSVILLE

November 2022



## **WPPA Small Ports Conference**

Executive Director Williams and the Port's three Commissioners recently attended the WPPA Small Ports Seminar. There were two days of back-to-back sessions where many speakers covered an array of topics. Ports from all over the state attended. There was a great amount of information shared from Legal representatives, HR spokespersons, State Auditor's Office, Port Directors, and even the Department of Transportation. Just to name a few.

## **Kitsap All Ports Meeting**

The Port hosted the quarterly Kitsap All Ports Meeting on Monday 10/24. Port Commissioners and Executive Directors from our local Kitsap Ports all discussed the various projects and issues that are currently happening in their Ports. It's a great opportunity to share common interests and goals as well as learn from other's experiences. The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2023

## **Insurance**

Port Staff has reached out to every boat owner who is non-compliant with the Port's requirements for insurance and registration. It is paramount that action be taken.

**YOU MUST HAVE PROPER INSURANCE & REGISTRATION FOR YOUR VESSEL TO CONTINUE MOORAGE WITH THE PORT!**

## **Winter Weather Preparations**

With winter weather coming boaters often use heaters to keep their cabins from freezing. Please check electrical cords and connections. Loose fitting plugs and corroded connectors can lead to overheating and arcing. Check your thru hull power inlet to make sure it is not loose. Make sure any heaters or appliances are marine grade, have a tip-over feature, and do not share a ground with your AC neutral. Check that your heater is in good working order and not drawing excessive amperage. Check the function of your automatic bilge pumps

## **Security**

Crime and vandalism are on the rise in Kitsap County. Other area Ports as well as businesses and residents are reporting more and more issues in our community. While we can't prevent every incident, we can try to be aware of the times and take what measures we can.

The Port has a security contractor who is present every evening walking about the parking areas and marina. While we do have some security cameras now, we have been building a fund to upgrade the camera system which will include more cameras and more coverage in the parking lot and waterfront areas.

## **Electronic Payment Kiosk**

The Port is installing 2 new electronic pay stations for guest moorage and boat ramp usage. We feel this will provide a more efficient system and increased convenience for all our visitors! We hope to have these units up and working by early November.

## **Haunted Harbor**

Friday October 28 the Port will be supporting the annual Haunted Harbor event sponsored and operated by the Brownsville Yacht Club. Last year's event was a huge success, and we expect this year's event to be even more so!

There will be several participating boats decorated and participating in entertaining the little goblins and ghosts as well as collecting canned goods for the local food bank.

Please contact the Brownsville Yacht Club for further information.

## **Budget**

The Port Commission has passed the annual budget and we are currently working on the tariff. It is our goal to have the final tariff completed and passed in November. Moorage rates are expected to increase next year, but the tariff is still a work in progress and changes have not been finalized.

## **Upcoming Meeting & Events**

- **November 2, 2022 4:00 PM**  
**Tariff Workshop**  
**Location: Port Annex Building at 9756 Ogle Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98311**  
Zoom Info – 856 9084 7663      Meeting ID: 724180
- **November 16, 2022 6:00 PM**  
**Monthly Commission Meeting**  
**Location: Port Annex Building at 9756 Ogle Rd NE, Bremerton, WA 98311**  
Zoom Info – 880 1339 2375      Meeting ID: 102543