# PORT OF BROWNSVILLE

February 2023



#### **Audit Completion**

The Washington State Auditor's office has completed their Audit of 2020-2021 with no findings or deficiencies found. Previous Audit findings were noted as fully corrected. The Port of Brownsville Audit Report will be, or may already be, available on <u>https://sao.wa.gov/reports-data/audit-reports/</u>. The Port will also publish the report on our website when it is available.

#### **Boathouse Owners**

The Port staff is ensuring that we have a key and/or keycode for every boathouse, per the Port's Rules and Regulations. If you have changed the locks or have not provided a key to the office staff, please do so, as soon as possible. This is for safety and the security of your property, and in case of an emergency. There are many that we do not have currently; please check with staff.

IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT YOUR BOATHOUSE BE ACCESSIBLE TO STAFF.

## Winter Weather Preparations

With winter weather here, 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.

PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT YOUR BOAT AND CHECK ON THINGS.

### Get Involved: The Future of the Port!

The Commission is accepting ideas for the Port's Comprehensive Scheme. Please send any submissions to Joe DaBell at <u>ioe@portofbrownsville.org</u> or submit ideas in writing to the office.

We are looking for improvements that may become a reality in the Port's future. You can help shape the marina into the facility you would like it to become!

#### Security

#### Do not keep valuables in your car and be sure to lock up!

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 has installed 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 soon.

#### Moorage Due Date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month

The due date for moorage is on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month. Your payment will become late after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the month starting in April. Please be sure to make note of this change to avoid being charged late fees and please check your invoices!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Commissioner's Meeting – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM 9756 Ogle Rd. NE Bremerton, WA 98311 Via ZOOM – Meeting ID: 854 2898 7856, Passcode: 419612

