

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Members present		Members excused	Port staff	Guests	
Elizabeth Kilanowski	Ian Puchlik	Peter Border	Andy Peterson	Bert Rubash	Bobbie Briscoe
Jerry Writer	Gene Knutson		Dan Stahl	Daryl Hill	Paul Barlock
Jim Young	Bill Douglas		Kyle Randolph	Dan Robbins	Marilyn Rockwell
Byron Richards	Brian Pemberton			Jeff Brown	Ed Lee
Paul Burrill	Jim Kyle			Roger Larson	Doug Ramano
				Mike Patterson	Loren Kapp
				Doug Karlberg	Darrell Hill

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

Jim Kyle asked to amend the February 9th minutes to reflect that he did join the meeting after roll call. A motion to approve the February 9th minutes as amended was made by Jerry Writer and seconded by Elizabeth Kilanowski. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Marilyn Rockwell, a liveaboard customer at Blaine, commented that Blaine Harbor has a strong liveaboard community that is supportive and respectful of one another. Ed Lee, another liveaboard customer at Blaine, followed up to say that he agreed with Marilyn's assessment. He added that liveaboards provide a great value to the Port by assisting staff and boaters with security and emergency concerns and felt there should be no liveaboard fee in the future due to this assistance.

Doug Karlberg commented that he would be interested in any MAC conversation relating to the Blaine fuel dock. He stated he has experience in marine fuel systems and believes there is a way to install a fuel dock at minimal cost to the Port.

Darrell Hill, a liveaboard customer at Blaine, stated he is concerned there will be limited supply of boater parking in Blaine this summer due to increased usage from nearby upland tenants that share the space.

Dockside Feedback

Jim Young expressed his concerns regarding the impact to the Squalicum boat launch caused by the proposed All American Marine project. He felt that moving the launch float to the west will make docking at the Gate 10 pumpout facilities difficult. Elizabeth Kilanowski agreed with Jim and added her concern that eliminating one launch lane will increase launch traffic wait times during peak demand. Dan Stahl responded by saying that Port engineers were looking at all options and appreciated their comments.

Ian Puchlik asked for an update on the WIFI in Blaine. Andy responded by stating he was working with the WIFI provider and hoped to have an agreement with them within a month. Ian then asked if Blaine would be willing to host an information session for Canadian customers in Blaine to explain the new requirements for clearing customs. Andy said he would be happy to make the room available for this meeting.

Jeff Brown, a liveaboard at Squalicum, expressed his concerns over using Seattle-area harbors as comparables for liveaboard rates. He felt an in-depth assessment should be done to determine the true cost of services relating to liveaboards.

Harbor Rules and Regulations Merge with Tariff No. 1

Dan spoke about the Harbor Rules and Regulations merge with Moorage Tariff No. 1. Historically this information has been separated into two documents to comply with Washington State filing requirements, however this is no longer required. To reduce confusion, these two documents will be merged into one document. Dan welcomed MAC input on a new title for this document.

Update on Blaine Sawtooth and Fueling

Andy gave an update on the Blaine sawtooth pier, explaining there had been extensive dialog on short and long-term repairs for this pier and he hoped to get it opened back up to vehicle traffic as soon as possible. Some conversation ensued relating to the cost of repairs and how much they would contribute to the life expectancy of the pier.

Dan gave an update on fueling operations in Blaine. He gave a brief synopsis of the efforts made by Port staff to determine the viability of a fuel dock in Blaine and hoped to provide the Port Commission with costs and suggestions for the fueling operations in Blaine sometime in the next few weeks. A lively discussion ensued between the MAC members about the benefits of having a fuel dock in Blaine, who should pay for it, and how the liability aspect of fueling operations had been addressed. Brian Pemberton suggested that at least one MAC meeting be held in Blaine this year so that MAC members could better familiarize themselves with the facility.

Update on Liveaboard Surveys

Kyle presented a document created by Port staff which compared responses from three different harbors based on the liveaboard survey questions developed by the MAC in the previous meeting. Afterwards, much discussion occurred regarding potential liveaboard rates, minimum lengths of vessels, and how to best move forward with new liveaboard regulations. Port staff agreed to reach out to current Port liveaboard customers and make them aware of the next two MAC meetings relating to liveaboard moorage.

With no further business the MAC adjourned their meeting at 8:45 PM.