

Three easy and interesting ways to get to know the Port of Edmonds

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Today let's explore ways that you can keep informed about what's going on at the Port of Edmonds.

The first and easiest way is to do what you are doing right now: reading this column. Every two weeks I write about the most important things happening at the Port. Some will affect you, others may not, but in any case, we think that you will find them all interesting and informative.

If you don't want to wait for the columns to appear, or if you simply want to be the first to know, you can be present for every major Port decision as it is being made. All you need to do is come down to the marina for the twice-monthly meetings of the five elected Port Commissioners.

All the Commission meetings are open to the public and time is made available on the agenda for the public to address the Commissioners. The meetings are at 7:00 PM on the second and last Mondays of each month on the second floor of the Port administration building, 336 Admiral Way in Edmonds. The meeting room is fully ADA accessible.

Here is a topic that I have written about before, but it is still perhaps the most comprehensive way to keep up with what is happening at the Port. It is our web site. If you care about the Port—or local maritime matters in general—you may want to bookmark it among your favorites: www.portofedmonds.org.

The site has anything you might want to know about the Port of Edmonds listed in an easy to read format. You can read a full history of the Port, from how we began to how we got to where we are today. The minutes of every Commission meeting are on the web site, as are copies of all our newspaper columns, rate schedules, rules and regulations, information on our

plantings and landscaping, complete information about our facilities, the unique Port weather center, and how to make guest moorage reservations.

You can also learn about Harbor Square, which is the Port's comprehensive business complex, you can meet each of the Commissioners, find addresses, phone numbers and email contacts, plus a wealth of other information. Additionally, you can find quick links to just about everything a local boater—or citizen—could want to know.

In 2005 the Port adopted a mission statement that directs us to “communicate openly, frequently and consistently” with the public and—at the same time—to provide frequent opportunities for you to communicate directly with us.

These columns, our twice monthly open Commission meetings and our web site comprise three of the ways we are living up to that directive. I urge you to continue to learn about the Port of Edmonds and to participate in its affairs. You will be surprised how interesting and satisfying it can be.

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