

12th ANNUAL PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST - SEPTEMBER 9,10,11

This annual 3-day festival celebrates birds and nature with speakers, guided walks and field trips, Puget Sound boat tours, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults.

Friday evening: keynote address by Julia K. Parrish, an award-winning scientist and a NOAA Year of the Oceans Environmental Hero.

Saturday and Sunday: Guided nature walks, a morning & afternoon bird cruise, Saturday morning guided walks, many of which are appropriate for beginning birders.

Saturday: Exhibits, workshops, and presentations, live raptor presentation by Sarvey Wildlife Center. Bud Anderson will talk about raptor research both locally and abroad. Woody Wheeler, author of Look Up!: Birds and Other Natural Wonders Just Outside Your Window, will discuss how vital common species are to the ecology of the planet.

For complete schedule information and details, please visit our festival website: www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Leach at 425-771-0227 or jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov. Most Bird Fest events and activities are free; however some activities require a fee and advanced registration through the City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Department. Registration can take place in person at the Frances Anderson Center, by phone (425-771-0230), or via RecZone.org starting August 3.

**SEA JAZZ**

Award winning musicians from the Edmonds School District performing in the Port of Edmonds Public Plaza, Wednesdays 5-7pm, Sundays 1-3pm.

PORT CALENDAR

August 29: Commission Meeting, 7pm
September 12: Commission Meeting, 7pm

US COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP CLASS

12 week course starting September 20 at Chuck Olsen Chevrolet 17037 Aurora Ave. N. Shoreline, Wa 98133. This class covers all aspects of boating, and is good for both novice and experienced boaters. In addition, it meets the educational requirements for the Washington State Boaters Card. Class fee is \$55 or \$75 for two sharing book. Class meets Tuesday nights: 7:00 - 9:00pm

To register or for questions: Please contact Dan Watson - Coast Guard Auxiliary at boatclasses@hotmail.com or 425-530-9003



For eight hour seminar version of this class taught first Saturday of each month at Rose Hill Community Center in Mukilteo contact Angela Riffner (Flotilla 18) at rifangela@msn.com or (425) 359-5971. Class Fee is \$25. Washington state boaters age 12 through 50 are now required to have the Washington State Boater Education Card to operate a boat with an engine of 15 hp or larger. To find a full list of auxiliary boating classes in other locations and times check: <http://www.d13cgaux.com/sites/BoatingClasses/SearchforBoatingSafetyClasses.aspx> or do a search for coast guard auxiliary boating classes.

AIRBNB AND BOAT SHARING PROGRAMS BEWARE

Have you seen all the information these days about ways to defray the cost of owning a boat? It just takes one click on the internet to find boat sharing, timeshare, and Airbnb advertising. Certainly the prospect of generating income from your personally owned boat sounds attractive. All of these programs offer a way to earn some money to offset maintenance and slip fees, but they are not without their risks. If you've contemplated renting your boat through an organized boat share program or advertising it on Airbnb as a sort of floating hotel room; the Port encourages you to make sure you understand all the consequences before deciding to list your boat.

1. Nearly all recreational marine insurance policies do not cover the boat during a rental period; that is considered to be commercial use that falls outside of a recreational boat policy. Some companies will not cover you and your boat at all if you participate in these programs, while others may just suspend the coverage during the rental period. Make sure you have that conversation with your insurance company before signing up.
2. There are certain requirements for business and charter moorages that will change your individual moorage agreement with the Port. The Port of Edmonds does not allow individual moorage holders to operate Airbnb programs or boat sharing programs. These types of programs require careful management and oversight due to logistics of dock access, parking, and navigation of the boat from the slip to outside the breakwater.

The success stories for these types of boat share programs usually come from organized companies that have more than one boat owner's boat in a club type membership or timeshare arrangement. In a case like this, the Port's relationship would be with the business owner and not an individual boat owner. So if you're joining a club or obtaining a membership with a company that will rent your boat out for you – beware; you will not be able to retain moorage under your current moorage agreement and there is no guarantee that the Port will approve moorage for the business that wants to rent your boat.

In order to secure business moorage at the Port of Edmonds, a business owner must submit a proposal to the Port of Edmonds. The proposal must include a viable business plan, stated purpose and intent, appropriate business licenses and permits, insurance showing general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence with the Port of Edmonds listed as additional insured by endorsement. The business proposal would need to be discussed with the Deputy Director and/or Executive Director prior to presenting it in public session at a regular commission meeting.

If business moorage is approved by the Port of Edmonds Commission, the moorage is provided to support the business/organization activities and is not for non-business programs. Business moorage may not be used for moorage of business owner's or employees' personal boat(s). Proof of activity may be required from the Port such as annual income statements. And, additional fees such as passenger fees above and beyond moorage rates may be assessed for increased impact on Port facilities.

Boat sharing programs tout hassle free boating and reduced expenses associated with full ownership making them obviously attractive to any boat owner. But be sure to look at the whole picture before you make a move toward this.

PORT COMMISSION MEETINGS

July 11 - canceled;

July 25 Accounts Payable approvals, Commissioner Compensation Resolution 16-05

Contact Us

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Security: 425-508-7490

Hours

New Marina Operations hours began on July 15th.
Visit portofedmonds.org for detailed hours.