

SALE OF VESSEL AND MOORAGE

There have been a lot of questions from permanent customers selling their boats and waitlist customers looking to move into a Port marina about how it works with the sale of a vessel. This is the policy:

A person purchasing a vessel in a Port of Friday Harbor Marina does not acquire any rights to the slip.

1. If the customer selling their vessel is keeping their moorage and putting a new vessel in the slip, they may sublet their slip to the purchaser for up to 6 months.
2. If the customer selling their vessel sublets the slip to the purchaser, the seller's security deposit will be held until the sublet ends.
3. If the customer selling their vessel is closing their account, the purchaser may sublet for a max of 30 days.

STATE OF JENSENS PHASE 2 REBUILD

The Port has finally received the permits to start the Phase II portion of the Jensen marina rebuild. We can now start building the covered structures for on top of the moorages that previously collapsed in February 2021.

The polycarbonate roofing is being ordered and the crew will soon start building the structures that hold the roofs up. These structures will be built on shore and installed late next summer/early fall.

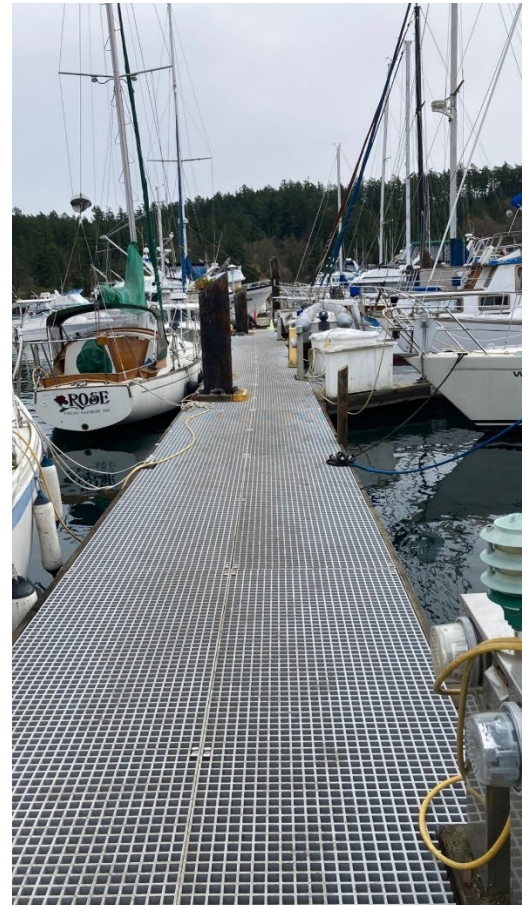
The second portion of the project is to remove the old walkways that lead to the breakwater and install new 45' fingers on the new walkway. The new slips will not be covered but will need to be electrified. This will require pile driving, removal of old pile, and new electrical installation.



SHIPYARD COVE RE-DECKING PROJECT

Port crews are hard at work re-decking the Shipyard Cove marina with grated decking. While pulling up planks for replacement there are many repairs to be made to the supporting structure underneath. This is down and dirty work, but it should lengthen the life span of the marina by another 20 years.

Our crews will be working on this project over the winter and hope to have the whole marina finished by Spring.



NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT THE AIRPORT

Earlier this Fall many people were curious about construction lights at the airport late in evening and the large pile of gravel near the South end of the runway. These are associated with a project to replace the drainage system that runs along the airport runway. The construction is scheduled at night allowing the airport to remain open during daylight hours. The large pile of gravel is drain rock for the project and will be gone once the project is completed in the Spring of 2024.



ISLAND AIR HANGAR

You may have also noticed a large new hangar under construction just across from the hospital. Island Air is building this structure on land leased from the Port to serve their air ambulance and charter flight business.

NEW PORT SOFTWARE

The Port is in the process of switching over to new operational software that will elevate the quality of life for both customers and employees. Our previous software was fantastic but has unfortunately fallen behind the times. Our new software will allow for much more streamlined interaction with our customers, expedited billing, and ease of use through the new customer portal.

This new software will also streamline our reservation and seasonal transient operations. Customers will be able to spend less time checking in and more time enjoying their stay here in our fabulous marina.

We are aiming at having the new system up and running in February, so if your invoice looks different (and hopefully easier to understand) you have MOLO to thank for that! We are looking forward to many years of smooth operations with this new system.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND VESSEL CHARGING

The Port already has a few electric car chargers in paid parking areas at the airport and marina. We have recently acquired a WSDOT grant to install general public access chargers at the Pilot Welcome Center parking area adjacent to San Juan Bakery. The three new charging stations are scheduled to be in service in 2024.

With 70+ manufacturers worldwide creating electric marine vessels, it's only a matter of time before they begin showing up in our marinas. We have already started to see a few seasonal transient requests for MEV (Marine Electric Vehicle) charging as well as some of our current customers converting their vessels over to electric propulsion. The Port is planning to add dedicated MEV overnight slips capable of delivering the increased charging needs of this green technology in a scaled manner to meet the demand overtime as it grows. We hope that by providing a reliable stop for boaters who have chosen to make the switch to MEV we will become a prime destination for this growing demographic in the future. Being proactive in adopting this technology also places the Port of Friday Harbor as a leader in sustainability and stewardship for these islands we call home.

