



# Foreword From Port Commissioner

## Gary Anderson

As we close in on the end of another year at the Port of Bremerton, I take stock of the 2023 accomplishments by looking back at the list of things that most prominently come to mind. To me, it feels like the impact of the accomplishments are huge for the Port, and also for our community, but a brief description just cannot do them justice.

I am always impressed and never tire of listening to the Port of Bremerton presentation by CEO Jim Rothlin. It is a dose of positivity that is sure to give those familiar and unfamiliar with a port district a valuable education of what the Port of Bremerton manages on a regular basis. The management of Port properties and Port resources can be quite varied for different Port districts, but for the Port of Bremerton it means:

- Managing a Regional Airport
- Managing two marinas that complement the cities of Bremerton and Port Orchard
- Managing and developing an industrial park vital to the economy and employment of Kitsap County
- Managing a variety of properties that include parking lots, boat launches, public-use docks, and other upland property holdings

All this provides context to the following accomplishments and their importance, such as:

1. The Bremerton Marina hosted over 45 cruise ship dockings during 2023. The planning for the incoming cruise ships and assisting the passengers to enjoy a memorable experience requires an experienced team of port employees to make it a success, 45 times.
2. Securing a total of \$15.7 million dollars to replace the aging breakwater at the Port Orchard Marina. By all accounts, this was a remarkable accomplishment that relied on a very astute lobbyist group, savvy port employees, state legislators, U.S. Congressmen and Congresswomen, and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to bring together a united front for this much-needed award. The importance of the Port Orchard breakwater cannot be overstated, and neither can the gratitude the Port has for all those who were pulling on the same oars. The Port Orchard Marina, protected by the breakwater, is a valuable asset to the City, and the impact, both in terms of jobs and revenues to the city, is substantial. As a result, the Port Orchard Marina hosted a press conference that included Governor Jay Inslee, Congressman Derek Kilmer, Congresswoman Patty Murray, Congresswoman Maria Cantwell, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, and a host of local community leaders.

3. The installation of electrification to support Kitsap Transit, emergency vessels, and recreational boats requiring re-charging for boat operation.
4. The replacement of existing incandescent lighting with LED lighting at the Bremerton National Airport for runway lighting. This upgrade provides reliability and cost savings to this vital necessity at the airport.
5. Completion of Phase 1 of the “South Hangar Project”, described as the land preparation to allow the build-out of hangars to satisfy a demand for much-needed hangar space. This is the first phase of a 2 phase build of this project.
6. Installation of electric charging stations at the Bremerton National Airport for electric planes and electric motorgliders.
7. The completion and opening of Amelia’s Hangar Restaurant and Lounge, a new restaurant to replace the long-time existing restaurant.
8. Introduction of the first aerobatic airshow in Bremerton in over 30 years. The “Wings Over Washington” air show is a new/recent addition to the efforts from the Port of Bremerton and is intended to be an annual event. This first airshow was, by all accounts, a success and indicates that this will be a growing feature of what the Port of Bremerton provides to the residents of Kitsap County and our region.

Although all are considered to be important major accomplishments, the Port of Bremerton provides a large and varied list of benefits to the community, but operates to always be a strong advocate for other new ways to improve the lives of Kitsap County residents. An example would be the Port of Bremerton’s involvement to assist the Seabeck Community in the creation of Pickle Ball Courts this year.

Having said this, it is my perception that the Port of Bremerton is only just getting started.

Looking forward to a positive and productive 2024.

Best Regards,  
Commissioner Gary Anderson



## 2023 PORT OF BREMERTON SNAPSHOT

Number of Port Tenants	<b>63</b>
Number of Port Employees	<b>2615</b>
Amount of Economic Impact on Kitsap County	<b>\$1.2 Billion</b>

# Bremerton National Airport FOOD DRIVE

**Bremerton  
FOODLINE**  
Food Security For All



**SOUTH KITSAP  
HELPLINE**



**Central Kitsap  
Food Bank**  
nourishing neighbors  
since 1989

We are proud to announce that the Port of Bremerton facilitated a donation of **6,698 pounds** to Bremerton Foodline, South Kitsap Helpline, and Central Kitsap Food Bank in contribution of the holiday season. These nonprofits were chosen due to their proximity to Port facilities, effectively benefitting all Port districts. As Central Kitsap Food Bank was a new addition this year, we are proud to say that we did accomplish expanding our



charitable reach and hope to continue to do so next year! This donation was in participation of Fly Washington's annual competition among Washington State airports, but the donations were made possible by our generous staff, tenants, and community partners. Thank you to all!

In addition to the wonderful donors on the adjacent page, we would like to thank Silver City Restaurant for donating a \$50 gift card for our raffle. For every ten items that individuals brought in to our facilities, they were entered with a chance to win this prize. The lucky recipient was a tenant of Bremerton Marina - congratulations! We would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in donating items.



Furthermore, we would like to note that our donation was comprised of some of the most-needed items at our local Food Banks: rice, beans, kid-friendly food, and more. When it comes to helping people put food on their table for this winter season, we can all be proud of the work accomplished and what those 6,698 pounds actually means. If you have ideas of how to make our Food Drive an even bigger success, let us know! We look forward to next year.



# 2023'S FOOD DRIVE SPONSORS



COLLINS HISTORICAL AIRCRAFT FOUNDATION

Almost **1500 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



SILVERDALE

**760 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



Bremerton Pilots Association

Almost **300 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



Over **200 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



Electric Boat

**200 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



**100 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



**100 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor

**Wednesday  
Night Hot  
Rod Social  
Group**

Over **100 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor



**75 Pounds** of Food!

2023 Food Drive Sponsor

# Thank you!

Interested in getting involved next year?  
Contact [ericaf@portofbremerton.org](mailto:ericaf@portofbremerton.org) for more information!

# HALLOWEEN AT THE PORT OF BREMERTON A SPOOKTACULAR TIME OF YEAR



Halloween at the Port of Bremerton Marinas is always a ghoulish good time for all, and this year was no different! Port Orchard kicked things off with their annual Bay Street Boo Bash, which included a photo booth, costume contest, pumpkin painting, and more. Next came Bremerton's annual Trick-or-Treat Street, opening the doors to many downtown businesses for candy galore. At both events, Port staff loved seeing the little ghosts and goblins having fun on our

waterfronts.

Not to be outdone, staff at Bremerton National Airport also had to get in on the fun! This year, the team opted to dress in the theme of Monsters Inc, ready to 'bring the energy'! As you can see, we take Halloween very seriously...

If you missed out on this year's festivities, make sure you get in on the fun of Christmas! Visit [www.portofbremerton.org](http://www.portofbremerton.org) for more information on upcoming events and opportunities.



## PORT OF BREMERTON ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Each year, we host a community meeting with the intention of holding a discussion about Kitsap's growth and future with fellow community leaders. Held at Kitsap Conference Center - Bremerton Harborside, we were joined by a wonderful group of people who presented on how various agencies work together and the opportunities and challenges Kitsap County faces. Our keynote speaker,

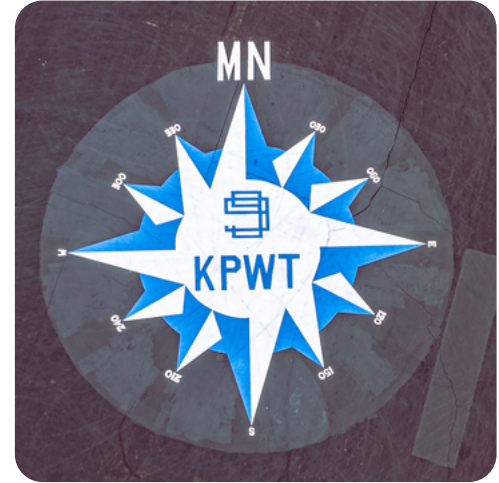


Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz, is pictured here with Port Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn. Additional presentations were made by SAFE Boats CEO Richard Schwarz, a Port of Bremerton Olympic View Industrial Park tenant, and Port Commissioner Cary Bozeman.

If a discussion such as this is something you want to be a part of, we encourage you to come to our biweekly commission meetings, online or in-person! Visit [www.portofbremerton.org](http://www.portofbremerton.org) for meeting dates.

# BREMERTON NATIONAL AIRPORT COMPASS ROSE REPAINTED

A painted Compass Rose located at airports is used for pilots to calibrate their aircraft's magnetic compass and must be repainted every five years. These surveyed calibration pads are an instrumental part of any airport, and we were proud to partner with the Greater Seattle Ninety-Nines to complete this project. This nonprofit works to provide “camaraderie, networking opportunities, activities, and educational opportunities” to women in the aviation industry. Next time you come flying to Bremerton National Airport, be sure to keep your eye out for it!



# BREMERTON MARINA USS TURNER JOY MAINTENANCE

For years, the Port of Bremerton Marina and nonprofit USS Turner Joy have had a symbiotic relationship. While the Turner Joy acts as a portion of our breakwater, protecting Bremerton Marina, we in turn assist with their upkeep. Recently, the Turner Joy needed maintenance on their gangway and related mechanisms. A floating crane was utilized to repair the mechanisms that allow the gangway to move and flex with the tides twice each day. Port staff assisted the nonprofit with the provision of welding equipment and general project support, and while the museum was closed for two weeks during this project, they are now reopened with regular hours.



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## KING TIDES WARNING

King Tides (the highest predicted high tide of a year) are dreaded for all due to increased flooding and safety concerns. We ask that all boaters and visitors keep upcoming King Tide events in mind when considering access to our marinas. While the adjacent table is a reference, be sure to check with local agencies for more info.

2023 KING TIDES		
DATE	HIGH TIDE TIMEFRAME	HIGH TIDE (FEET)
Nov 28	6:25AM	12.4
Nov 29	7:09AM	12.5
Nov 30	7:52AM	12.4
Dec 15	7:30AM	12.6
Dec 16	8:15AM	12.6
Dec 17	8:59AM	12.6
Jan 14	7:40AM	13.0
Jan 15	8:15AM	13.0
Jan 16	8:51AM	13.0

# Meet the Commissioners



**Axel Strakeljahn**

President

**Term:** Jan. 1, 2018 -

Dec. 31, 2023

**District 3:** Portions of South Kitsap,  
Southwest Bremerton, Seabeck/Holly/Crosby

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**Gary Anderson**

Vice President

**Term:** Jan. 1, 2020 -

Dec. 31, 2025

**District 2:** Downtown Port Orchard,  
portions of Eastern South Kitsap

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**Cary Bozeman**

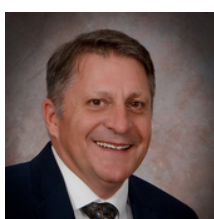
Secretary

**Term:** Jan. 1, 2022 -

Dec. 31, 2027

**District 1:** West Bremerton, portions of  
East Bremerton, Kitsap Lake, Chico

**Did you know that you can attend commission meetings? Head to [portofbremerton.org/commission-meetings](https://portofbremerton.org/commission-meetings) for dates & meeting links!**



Jim Rothlin, Chief Executive Officer

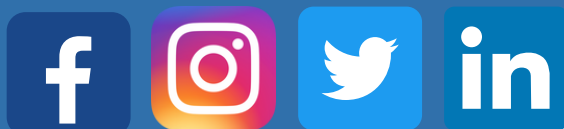
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