Port of Coupeville

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FATHER'S DAY FEST
@ Greenbank Farm

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
11:00 - 4:00

Artisan Alley
Shop for unique gifts at the artisan market that features local makers and small businesses

Food & Drink
Greenbank Farm restaurants + specialty stores are open

Beer Garden
Greenbank Farm Wine Shop is hosts with local craft beers, cider, and wine

Food Trucks: Los Cantaritos + Whidbey Donuts

Whidbey Island Car Club Show

Build A Birdhouse: Free Kids Wood Crafts

Live Music: Mike Hopkins – Noon-2:00
Sky Blue's Band – 2:00-4:00

Don't miss the **Seahawks Fanbulance** at the Farm!

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Master Garden Education Series

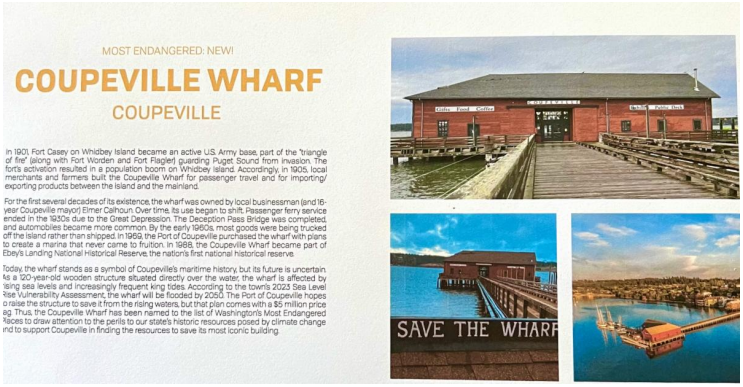
Caring About Our Environment
3rd Sundays through Sept
Greenbank Farm

Sunday, June 16 1-2
Firewise Gardening - Landscaping for Fire Resistance

Presenter: Collin McAvinchey,
Whidbey Island Conservation District representative
Western wildfires can ignite at any time. Put these fire-resistance landscaping ideas in place to protect your home

This is a program of the WSU Extension -- Island County.
To see the full schedule, visit:

Full Education Series Schedule



Coupeville Wharf: Most Endangered Place

The historic structure was just granted "endangered" status by the WA Trust for Historic Preservation.

"Coupeville Wharf has been named to the list of Washington's Most Endangered Places to draw attention to the perils to our state's historic resources posed by climate change and to support Coupeville in finding the resources to save it's most iconic building."

Here's some Wharf history that qualified the wharf for this program:

In 1901, Fort Casey on Whidbey Island became an active U.S. Army base, part of the “triangle of fire” (along with Fort Worden and Fort Flagler) guarding Puget Sound from invasion. The fort’s activation resulted in a population boom on Whidbey Island. Accordingly, in 1905, local merchants and farmers built the Coupeville Wharf for passenger travel and for importing/exporting products between the island and the mainland.

For the first several decades of its existence, the wharf was owned by local businessman (and 16-year Coupeville mayor) Elmer Calhoun. Over time, its use began to shift. Passenger ferry service ended in the 1930s due to the Great Depression. The Deception Pass Bridge was completed, and automobiles became more common.

By the early 1960s, most goods were being trucked off the island rather than shipped. In 1969, the Port of Coupeville purchased the wharf with plans to create a marina that never came to fruition. In 1988, the Coupeville Wharf became part of Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve, the nation’s first national historical reserve.

Today, the wharf stands as a symbol of Coupeville’s maritime history, but its future is uncertain. As a 120-year-old wooden structure situated directly over the water, the wharf is affected by rising sea levels and increasingly frequent king tides. According to the town’s 2023 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, the wharf will be flooded by 2050.

The Port of Coupeville hopes to raise the structure to save it from the rising waters, but that plan comes with a $5 million price tag.

Learn More About Most Endangered Places Program

Boater Education Series @ Coupeville Wharf

Wednesdays in June

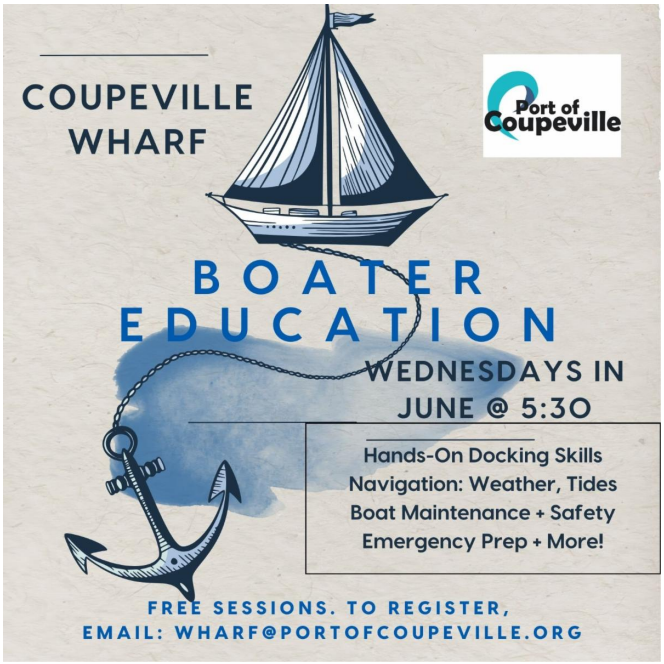
We're offering a Boater Education series Wednesdays in June at 5:30 on the Coupeville Wharf. Sessions are 1-2 hours and include hands-on skill activities on the dock.

Pre-registration is advised, please email our Wharf Manager Danielle at ***wharf@portofcoupeville.org***.

Sessions include:

• June 5th – Basic Docking
– Preparing Lines/Fenders
– Best Approach and Departure
– Proper cleats/rail ties

• June 12th – Navigation Apps & Equipment
– Weather Apps
– Tide Apps



– Depth Soundings
– Navionics

• June 26th: Emergency Preparedness and Response
– Radio – how to call it in (VHS/cell/Sat Phones)
– What to have on Board (flares, life jackets, etc.)

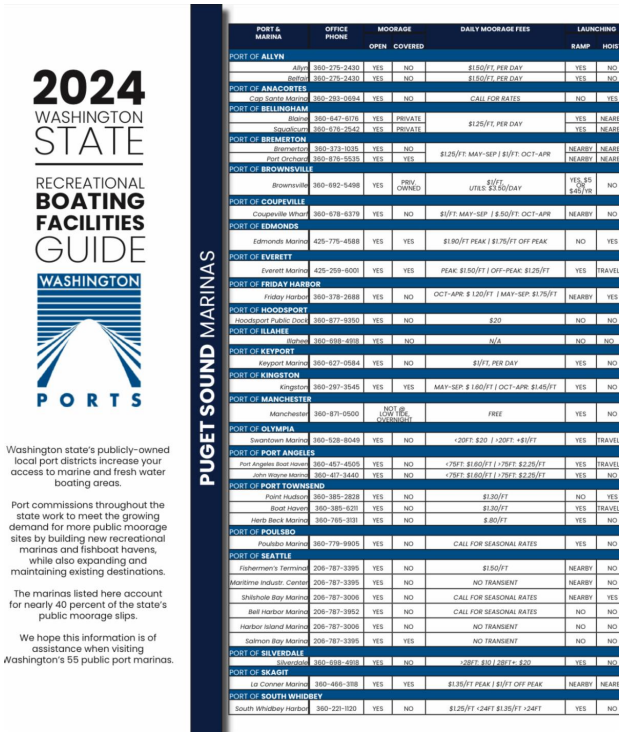
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2024 Boating Facilities Guide

This year's Boating Guide from the ***Washington Public Ports Association*** is now available. The Coupeville Wharf dock is included (it's not technically a marina). The Coupeville public dock is back to offering boat fuel, we had to close down temporarily when we installed new fuel tanks.

Washington state's publicly-owned local port districts increase your access to marine and fresh water boating areas. The marinas listed here account for nearly 40 percent of the state's public moorage slips.

Washington has 55 public port marinas. We have brochures at the Wharf, or you can download a pdf here: ***Marina Guide***



PORT & MARINA	OFFICE PHONE	MOORAGE OPEN	MOORAGE COVERED	DAILY MOORAGE FEES	LAUNCHING RAMP	LAUNCHING HOIS
PORT OF ALLYN						
Allyn	360-275-2430	YES	NO	$1.50/FT, PER DAY	YES	NO
Belfair	360-275-2430	YES	NO	$1.50/FT, PER DAY	YES	NO
PORT OF ANACORTES						
Cap Sante Marina	360-293-0694	YES	NO	CALL FOR RATES	NO	YES
PORT OF BELLINGHAM						
Blaine	360-647-6176	YES	PRIVATE	$1.25/FT, PER DAY	YES	NEARB
Squalicum	360-676-2542	YES	PRIVATE		YES	NEARB
PORT OF BREMERTON						
Bremerton	360-373-1035	YES	NO	$1.25/FT: MAY-SEP | $1/FT: OCT-APR	NEARBY	NEARB
Port Orchard	360-876-5535	YES	YES		NEARBY	NEARB
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE						
Brownsville	360-692-5498	YES	PRIV. OWNED	$1/FT UTILS. $3.50/DAY	YES, $5 OR $40/HR	NO
PORT OF COUPEVILLE						
Coupeville Wharf	360-678-6379	YES	NO	$1/FT. MAY-SEP | $.50/FT. OCT-APR	NEARBY	NO
PORT OF EDMONDS						
Edmonds Marina	425-775-4588	YES	YES	$1.90/FT PEAK | $1.75/FT OFF PEAK	NO	YES
PORT OF EVERETT						
Everett Marina	425-259-6001	YES	YES	PEAK: $1.50/FT | OFF-PEAK: $1.25/FT	YES	TRAVEL
PORT OF FRIDAY HARBOR						
Friday Harbor	360-378-2688	YES	NO	OCT-APR: $ 1.20/FT | MAY-SEP: $1.75/FT	NEARBY	YES
PORT OF HOODSPORT						
Hoodsport Public Dock	360-877-9350	YES	NO	$20	NO	NO
PORT OF ILLAHEE						
Illahee	360-898-4898	YES	NO	N/A	NO	NO
PORT OF KEYPORT						
Keyport Marina	360-627-0584	YES	NO	$1/FT, PER DAY	YES	NO
PORT OF KINGSTON						
Kingston	360-297-3545	YES	YES	MAY-SEP: $ 1.60/FT | OCT-APR: $1.45/FT	YES	NO
PORT OF MANCHESTER						
Manchester	360-871-0500	NOT IN LOW USE, OVERNIGHT		FREE	YES	NO
PORT OF OLYMPIA						
Swantown Marina	360-528-8049	YES	NO	<20FT: $20 | >20FT: +$1/FT	YES	TRAVEL
PORT OF PORT ANGELES						
Port Angeles Boat Haven	360-457-4505	YES	NO	<75FT: $1.60/FT | >75FT: $2.25/FT	YES	TRAVEL
John Wayne Marina	360-457-3440	YES	NO	<75FT: $1.60/FT | >75FT: $2.25/FT	YES	NO
PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND						
Point Hudson	360-385-2828	YES	NO	$1.30/FT	NO	YES
Boat Haven	360-385-6211	YES	NO	$1.30/FT	YES	TRAVEL
Herb Beck Marina	360-765-3131	YES	NO	$.80/FT	YES	NO
PORT OF POULSBO						
Poulsbo Marina	360-779-9905	YES	NO	CALL FOR SEASONAL RATES	YES	NO
PORT OF SEATTLE						
Fishermen's Terminal	206-787-3395	YES	NO	$1.50/FT	NEARBY	NO
Maritime Industr. Center	206-787-3395	YES	NO	NO TRANSIENT	NEARBY	NO
Shilshole Bay Marina	206-787-3006	YES	NO	CALL FOR SEASONAL RATES	NEARBY	YES
Bell Harbor Marina	206-787-3952	YES	NO	CALL FOR SEASONAL RATES	NO	NO
Harbor Island Marina	206-787-3006	YES	NO	NO TRANSIENT	NO	NO
Salmon Bay Marina	206-787-3395	YES	YES	NO TRANSIENT	NO	NO
PORT OF SILVERDALE						
Silverdale	360-698-4898	YES	NO	<28FT: $10 | 28FT+: $20	YES	NO
PORT OF SKAGIT						
La Conner Marina	360-466-3118	YES	YES	$1.35/FT PEAK | $1/FT OFF PEAK	NEARBY	NEARB
PORT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY						
South Whidbey Harbor	360-221-1120	YES	NO	$1.25/FT <24FT $1.35/FT >24FT	YES	NO

Greenbank Farm Site Improvements

We're pleased to announce a couple of new improvements at the Greenbank Farm.

New Fence
Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, we installed a new fence along the eastern border of the farm.

The old fence was well past its



lifespan. Most of the posts were propped up as broken at the ground from being probably 50 years old. "It was time!" said the donor!

New Stadium Lights
With so many nighttime events, we now have seven brand new stadium lights to cover the extended parking area on our grass parking area! All are dark sky compliant and energy efficient.

Upcoming Events

Port of Coupeville Board Meetings
Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here: ***https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/***

Wed, June 5, 5:30
Boater Education Session
Coupeville Wharf

Wed, June 12, 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, June 12, 5:30
Boater Education Session
Coupeville Wharf

Sat, June 15, 10:00 - 4:00
Father's Day Fest
Greenbank Farm

Sun, June 16, 1:00 - 2:00
Landscaping for Fire Resistance
Master Gardeners Ed Series
Greenbank Farm

Wed, June 19, 5:30
Boater Education Session
Coupeville Wharf

Penn Cove History Sail

Schooner Suva and the ***Island County Historical Society Museum & Archives*** have partnered to bring Penn Cove History Sails to the water!

The first sail will be **Sunday, June 9 at 3:30 PM**. Join the skilled crew of the Suva, and a museum docent to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Penn Cove and to learn more about its history.

Tickets available here:
Penn Cove History Sail



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Wed, June 26, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, June 26, 5:30
Boater Education Session
Coupeville Wharf

Sun, July 21, 1:00 - 2:00
Good Lawn / Bad Lawn
Master Gardeners Ed Series
Greenbank Farm

Stay updated on all of our upcoming events by checking our ***events calendar***.

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