



*A new Direction*

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## REPORT FROM THE ISLAND MANAGER

### Property Owners Schedule of Events

April 30 Island Clean Up and Dumpster Day  
May 14 Yacht Club Golf Course Clean Up Day  
May 21 Larry Bender Golf Tournament  
July 14 Suds & Stokes Golf Tournament  
July 30 Community Fun Day

### Thank You's

I would like to thank Vic & Judy DeLeon and Dave & Joan Andrews for helping get the annual billing ready for mailing.

### Power Cables

PUD is planning to replace the 3 main power cables from the marina up the hill to their shop sometime in February. PUD estimates that this project will take a month to complete. As soon as the community is informed property owners will be notified of the power outage times.

### Phone Books

The office has extra Hat Island Telephone books available. If you would like a copy please stop by the office. There is no charge for these phone books.

### Boat Launch Parking Permits

The Port of Everett has the 2005 boat launch parking permits available at the port office located in the south marina.

### Trash

The Toyota pickup truck with all the trash in it is gone. Property owners are reminded to take their trash home with them. The community had to rent a small dumpster to remove the trash from the vehicle. We will be splitting the cost of the dumpster with the owner of the vehicle.

## HIC Board Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Everett Elks Club. President Stan Krohn called the meeting at 7:07 p.m. All board members were present except Merrill Balanag.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes from the December meeting as printed in the View Point.

**Treasurer's report:** Melody Smith presented the Treasurers report. The report was accepted as presented.

**Golf:** Larry Bender announced that trees will be removed between the 8<sup>th</sup> green and the 9<sup>th</sup> tee to give more light and air to the 8<sup>th</sup> green and that all equipment is operational.

**Vessels:** Ken Baxter reported that the Elsie M was back working after the haul-out. There is some indication that the transmission is slipping. That will be looked at after the next run. The Holiday is running properly.

**Maintenance/Equipment:**

equipment is operational. He also noted that work was ongoing on the potholes and although it seems that no work is done, it actually is worked on frequently. The board instructed Skip to look at prices for the crushed rock to better repair the potholes because the rock on the island is not the right type to properly delay the reoccurrence of potholes.

**Marina:** Charlotte Maulsby noted the bid for the breakwater is under way. She related that there were some complaints about how slick the docks are during the winter months. This is going to be a problem until the new docks are installed so everyone should be careful. She reported that more old junk cars have been removed with about 6 more in the next week. A suggestion was made to repair the rotted finger pier since it will be a while before the new docks are installed. If it looks like the new docks will not be installed this summer, the board will seek volunteer help to do this.

**Water:** Melody Smith announced that the new water rates are in effect. She also noted that the test on the wells indicated that there is a large amount of iron plugging the screens. There are plans to treat it with hydrogen peroxide, which should clean it up. That will happen soon.

**Old Business:** The board approved the ballot to be sent to the H Division property owners to approve funding half of the costs to build a bulkhead to protect the access road to their property. Funds for the H Division half will be place in

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an escrow account prior to the beginning of work and will be refunded if the project does not begin. That ballot will be published in the View Point for all property owners to review. Then, if that ballot is approved, a ballot will be presented to the entire community to fund the other half of the costs to build this bulkhead. The bulkhead will be built by Sound Bulkhead from large rock (similar to the marina) and has a six-year warranty.

The update on the passenger ferry service noted that Oak Harbor is proceeding with building docks for this service which will go from there to Langly to Edmonds. We are having conversations with this organization about whether to be included as a stop on this route.

A suggestion presented at the previous meeting to change the Wednesday Holiday runs to Friday to save money was discussed and rejected. The primary reason was because this is the day that most island residents take care of medical appointments and many doctors do not work on Fridays. Also, a fair number of people like being able to have the long weekend that the Wednesday ferry allows.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Announcements:** There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merrill Balanag, Secretary

### Your point of view

FROM: Hat Island Community, Inc.

TO: Marysville Fire District #12  
Chief Greg Corn  
Deputy Chief Bob Spencer and Maintenance Mechanic Josh Farnes and all the Fire Department personnel that have helped the Hat Island Fire District #27 over the past years

On behalf of the Hat Island

Community Board of Directors, a big Thank You for helping the Hat Island Fire Department that serves all of the property owners.

Also, a big **Thank You** to North Bend for a very nice (new to us) fire truck and to Steel Fabrication Corp of Arlington for rebuilding the water tank for the fire truck.

### Our Sincere Thanks!

Ken Baxter  
Former Fire District 27  
Deputy Chief

Former Marysville Fire Dept  
Assistant Chief

Also signed by all current Board members

### This is a copy of the ballot that was sent to Division H property owners

This ballot may be cast in one of 3 ways. (1) Complete and mail this ballot to the Hat Island Community office in the enclosed envelope, (2) Complete and fax this ballot to the Hat Island Community office at (360) 444-6614, or (3) e-mail the electronic copy you received to the Hat Island Community office at hioffice@hatisland.com.

The ballot must be received by **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005.**

## BALLOT

**H Division Ballot** (Please sign, date, and indicate your lot number on the line that indicates you support this measure or on the line that indicates that you do not support this measure):

We the property owners of H division are voting to determine whether the majority of us support making a financial contribution to the

community to help defray the cost of repairing the bulkhead that supports the H Division road in an amount equal to 1/2 of the total estimated cost of those repairs. Based on written estimates for that work, 1/2 of the total cost will be either \$3,333.33 or \$3,791.66 for each lot or portion of a lot we own in H Division.

I understand the amount is tied to the date work commences. I also understand that if a majority of H Division property owners vote to support this measure then I also agree to be bound by its terms. I also understand that if a majority of the H Division property owners vote to support this measure then the entire community will vote on a special assessment to be imposed on each community lot in the amount of either \$175.00 or \$199.00 and I will support that measure as well.

Finally, I understand that the community will undertake no special maintenance obligation for the bulkhead and the H Division road other than its current obligation under the existing Hat Island Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

I AM in favor of this measure:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign and Date Lot Number(s)

**OR**

I AM NOT in favor of this measure:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign and Date Lot Number(s)

## Letters concerning the Division H road repair

I am writing in support of the upcoming vote to repair the bulkhead on what is called the H Division road. I also want to provide some background on what the property owners in H division have been working on with our community board over the last several months.

As many of you are well aware, there has been a debate going on in our community for, as far as I can tell, more than 30 years over whether the road in H Division is the same as the other roads on the island. If it is different, then problems with the road are H Division's problem. If it is the same, then problems with the road are the responsibility of the community. In addition, and regardless of your view of the "road", many years ago the community agreed with Snohomish County PUD to maintain open access for PUD vehicles to the houses in H Division. Suffice it to say that the history of our island offers enough ammunition for either side to argue its case.

The bulkhead that supports the road has been in need of repair for a long time and each year the need grows greater. Previous attempts to come to an agreement to repair the bulkhead have all failed. The failure typically comes shortly after the debate over the road starts anew. Despite these past failures, many community members (inside and outside of H Division) have continued to search for solutions. This time I believe we have made real progress and have a real solution at hand.

With the persistence of the board, Division H property owners, the

island manager, and many other members of the community we have come up with a proposal to split the cost of the repair. The H Division property owners are in the process of voting to contribute 1/2 of the total cost of the repairs which will amount to thousands of dollars per lot. The community will vote whether to undertake the other 1/2 of the total cost which will amount to less than two hundred dollars per lot.

As of the time of this letter I can't tell you the results of the H Division vote because that vote is being conducted by the community via the board and island manager. I can tell you that I conducted a straw poll of my H division neighbors and of those I heard from (representing a majority of the lots in H division) the support for this was unanimous. That is a level of agreement (and willingness to undertake a substantial expense) that I have not seen before.

I am encouraged by what I think is a good faith (and expensive) effort to put differences aside and (finally) move beyond the debate and arrive at a real solution. I am also encouraged by the awareness by many of my neighbors that even if this obligation belonged completely to our community, forcing the community to bear the full cost would strain our community resources and delay or prevent other important island projects we will have to undertake.

I think it is also important that H Division property owners will be making their extra contribution only because they want to help get the project completed. Many of us have, from time to time,

made extra contributions in various forms to various projects to help get them done and this is no different. It should not be seen as a change in island policy or practice where, in the future, certain members of the community may have to pay more than others depending on who we think benefits most from the project.

We could continue to debate, perhaps even for another 30 years, but the time has come to vote. I hope you will support the solution that so many have worked so long to put in place.

David Shank  
H-34

### **To the Hat Island Community, Regarding Div. H access Road.**

Your Board, Island Manager, And Division H property owners have been working hard for the last two years too come to a Resolution for this long standing issue.

Things to Think about in regards to the Division H access road is that the community needs to maintain utility access for the PUD, We the Community have a grading Violation with the County related to Div. H Road that needs to be resolved ASAP or there could be fines imposed upon us. This would not leave us in good standing with the County, and could be costly to the Community, and lastly the long standing rift that has existed in the Community over this. We the board feel, that we have finally come to terms on a Proposal that can be presented to the Community for a Vote. If those terms are approved by a

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Vote of the Division H property owners first. Then a Ballot will be sent to the Community with the Terms spelled out for your Vote, to either accept or reject the terms of resolving all the long standing issues with this area of our Island, and move on to the other issues of our Beautiful Island.

Some of the other Issues your Board is working on in the near future is replacing the Marina Docks with New Concrete ones. A floating breakwater in front of the marina with one end tied to shore, which will provide additional short term moorage, and provide additional protection for the marina. Note: The design for both, is being done by Bellingham Marine as you read this.

Also importing crushed rock, for improvements to our roads throughout the island, improving the golf course greens, removing and pruning some trees for better sunlight. Improving and maintaining the RO wells, and improving the Picnic Area and restrooms. And lastly the constant challenge of running and maintaining Our Wonderful little Island.

Lets move on with this New Century, and put the Old one Behind us.

Stanley Krohn W-18

Hat Island Community President

Rates continued from last month

## 2005 HAT ISLAND COMMUNITY RATES

**.ELSIE M: RATE** HIC owner  
CHARTER trip  
\$450.00 for three hours

\$ 50.00 per 1/2hour thereafter  
(or any portion thereof)  
\$ 100.00 no show  
Riders must check with load  
owner & office (6 max.)

First Sat. of each month:  
**COMMUNITY RUN** - rates set  
by Skipper and office.  
Reserve space thru the office.  
Measurements:

Width = 11 feet, 1', 6" after  
wheel height of vehicle  
Length = 39 feet,  
Height = Moving Van  
Weight = not to exceed 55,000  
lbs. including the vehicle

**BUS:** RATE \$ 30.00 per hour  
- arrange thru office

**MARINA:** RATE \$13.50 per  
foot - Annual moorage rate  
A decal will be sent for  
identification when Annual  
moorage is received  
\$.50 per foot - Daily moorage-  
HIC owner  
\$.60 per foot - Daily moorage -  
guest  
(1 hour free to check house  
during winter months only, any  
day)  
(3 hours free Tue. thru Thur.)

**DOCKPOWER:** \$20.00 per  
month HIC owner (Oct. 1 thru  
April 30) \$ 10.00 per month HIC  
owner (May 1 thru Sept 30)  
\$ 1.00 per day HIC owner  
\$2.00 per day guest  
Pay at Honor Box, HIC office, or  
Harbor Master on arrival

**GOLF:** \$ 150.00 Annual Adult  
(17+ yrs) Jan. 1 thru Dec 31)  
\$ 60.00 Annual Junior (8 thru  
16 yr) Jan. 1 thru Dec 31)  
See rules at golf shed

\$ 10.00 9 holes for Adult  
~~\$ 15.00~~ 18 holes for Adult  
~~\$ 5.00~~ 9 holes for Junior  
\$ 10.00 18 holes for Junior  
Pay at FIRST tee Honor Box  
and sign in. \$50.00 penalty for  
non sign in

**FUEL:** RATE Set by office/  
Board (subject to change per  
load)

**PICNIC AREA:** \$ 50.00  
returnable deposit for  
reservation (ret'd if clean)  
RATE \$25.00 for up to 25  
people  
\$50.00 for 26 to 50  
people  
\$ 100.00 for 51 to 100  
people

**SAND AND GRAVEL** - RATE  
\$5.00 per yard (effective April  
1st, 2000)  
arrange thru contractor for  
delivery or thru the office

**ADVERTISING** in the "VIEW  
POINT" or WEBSITE  
Business Card \$ 100.00 per  
year  
Classified Ad (want, sell, etc)  
10 Words or less \$5.00 for 1  
time.





PRST STD  
U S POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 281  
EVERETT WA

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**February**

- 5 Sat Elsie M load/run 7:30am  
Board work session 10:30 am
- 9 Wed Board/Owner Meeting  
Everett Elks 7:00pm
- 12 Sat Fire Drill 10:00am  
Fire Bunnies lunch 12:30 pm  
Fire Cmmissioners meet 1:30pm
- 14 Mon View Point articles due

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**March**

- 5 Sat Elsie M load/run 7:30am  
Board work session 10:30 am
- 9 Wed Board/Owner Meeting  
Everett Elks 7:00pm
- 12 Sat Fire Drill 10:00am  
Fire Bunnies lunch 12:30 pm  
Fire Cmmissioners meet 1:30pm
- 14 Mon View Point articles due

**Remember: All dogs must be in a carrier or muzzled while on the Holiday**

**Take your garbage home**

**Holiday Ferry Schedule**



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Day	Depart Everett	Arrive Hat	Depart Hat	Arrive Everett	Remarks
<b>October 23 2004</b>		<b>through</b>	<b>February 13 2005</b>		Ferry runs
Wed	8:00am	8:45am	9:00am	9:45am	every Wed.
Wed	3:00pm	3:45pm	4:00pm	4:45pm	
Saturday	9:00am	9:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	
Sunday	9:00am	9:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	<b>Walk</b>
<b>February 14 2005</b>		<b>through</b>	<b>March 13 2005</b>		<b>with</b>
Wed	8:00am	8:45am	9:00am	9:45am	<b>care,</b>
Wed	3:30pm	4:15pm	4:30pm	5:15pm	<b>docks</b>
Saturday	9:00am	9:45am	4:00pm	4:45pm	<b>are</b>
Sunday	9:00am	9:45am	4:30pm	5:15pm	<b>very</b>
					<b>slippery</b>