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Fellow Hat Island Community Members;

The Memorial Day Weekend this year will take on an added meaning to our island family as we will not only pause to honor members of our uniformed services who gave the last full measure of devotion to our nation, but we will also pause to remember one of our own who lost his life in service to us.

As you can imagine between wrapping up the replacement of all our marina floats, rehabilitating our RO plant and well filtration system, rebuilding the *Elsie M II*, supporting major renovations to the golf course and getting our new ferry ready for service that things are a bit hectic on the island and we don't have all the details nailed down yet for our weekend events. But we know enough to give you the following schedule.

First, we have adjusted the ferry schedule for Saturday morning to depart Everett at 8 am and 10 am, please make a note of this change and as we are expecting a large weekend crowd please utilize the 8 am run if at all possible. If we fill the 10 am run we will be unable to make additional runs.

At 11 am we will all gather in the Marina for our annual Memorial Day flag ceremony. The Hat Island Yacht and Golf Club is organizing this event on behalf of the Island. It makes a great start to the weekend events and rejuvenates your spirit as an American. We urge you to attend.

Immediately following the Memorial Day ceremony we will hold a memorial for Andy Liljestrund. Andy's wife Linda, her daughter, Andy's mother and other family and friends of Andy will be here for the service. Following the service we can gather for finger snacks and talk with Linda and share our favorite stories of Andy. Bring a pot luck finger snack platter if you can.

At about 1:00 pm the *Holiday* will take Andy's family back to Everett and along the way it will pause and Andy's ashes will be spread on the waters of Puget Sound. It will then immediately return to the island and resume its normally scheduled runs. Linda has invited community members to join her on this trip to scatter Andy's remains.

We hope to have the new ferry in service beginning Saturday afternoon. However, the Coast Guard has not yet given us answers to certain questions concerning under which rules the vessel will be inspected and while the vessel will be physically ready to go into service, it may not be legally ready. In any event we will have her here and open for tours.

Sincerely,

Chuck Motson
Island Manager

