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### Report from the Island Manager

#### **EXPLANATION OF BALLOT ISSUE FOR NEWER LANDING CRAFT**

The community has located a replacement vessel for our Elsie-M. As all of you know our landing craft is showing her age. The Elsie-M is the lifeline for the community. She hauls our gas truck and supplies to the island and building materials for new construction.

Ken Baxter and I have been looking at used landing craft through out the Puget Sound area. The LCM-6 located in Seattle was the newest one and if need be could be put to work immediately. She is 56 ft long and 14 ft wide. This vessel would give us another 10 ft more in length and another 3 ft in width in the cargo carrying area. There are no landing crafts available that are the same size as our present one. The vessel was built in 1982 and saw very little service in the army. She was used as a pusher boat in Alaska for the past 3 years. The marine surveyor states that the vessel is in excellent shape and we would be fools not to buy it for the money that they are asking. The audio gauge (thickness of hull) was the same as when the vessel was built.

The board has decided to use \$10,000.00 from the regular assessment account and \$15,000.00 from the 10% reserve account as a down payment on the vessel. The old Elsie-M would be sold and that money would be used for a principal payment on the bank loan. Our bank has agreed to loan the community the money to purchase the new vessel at an interest rate of around 8.5%. At the end of the year we would take  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 25% special assessment account dedicated to vessels and make another principal payment. There will be about a \$600.00 insurance increase and moorage in the marina will increase slightly, however the vessel will make the monthly payment out of the revenue generated.

Another buyer is expressing a serious interest in purchasing the vessel. Due to the time frame needed for a ballot, the seller required a non-refundable deposit from the community to hold the boat. A non-refundable deposit of \$4500.00 has been placed on the vessel.

There will be no request to the community for an assessment increase to pay for this newer vessel.

Skip Stienstra  
Island Manager  
Hat Island Community

#### **Thank You's'**

I would like to thank Joan and Dave Andrews and Judy Deleon for getting last months paper ready for mailing. I would also like to thank Marilyn Burns the Vice Commodore of Golf from the Hat Island Yacht & Golf Club for keeping excellent records of people paying their green fees at their tournaments. Also she keeps the office informed of additional tournaments the yacht club would like to schedule.

**Snohomish County F.P.D. 27**

Please, Please, Please call 911 in case of an emergency before you call your neighbors, friends, harbormaster, island manager or anyone else. It will save valuable time and may save a life.

### **Board Positions Open in September**

Just a reminder that there will be 3 board positions open this coming September. Please contact a board member or the island office if you are interested in running.

### **Please Be Safe**

With the summer season upon us please watch out for children around the island. Children on 4 wheelers are driving on the island and parents are reminded that children must be 16 years old and have a valid drivers license. Also please remember that the marina is a no wake zone.

### **RO Update**

Snohomish County has received all the revisions to the application they asked for. We are waiting for the county to inform the community of the hearing examiners date. The bid request for the equipment and the well drilling will be mailed to the contractors the week of June 25th. The community should be awarding the contracts over the next 2 months. Construction should commence by October 1, 2001. We still expect 4 months for construction and expect to be fully operational by the spring of 2002.

### **Special Assessment Account**

The following is a breakdown of the Special Assessment account balances to June 1, 2001.

Marina \$33,614.53

Water \$32,007.34

Vessels \$29,950.90

Operations \$42,113.79

Equipment -\$9,575.10

The reason equipment has a negative balance is the loan was paid off on the new backhoe to save on the interest.

### **Fourth of July Fireworks**

Fireworks will be discharged in the ballpark area of the marina only on Wednesday July 4th. The Hat Island Fire Department will be on hand at dusk to stand by for any problems that may occur.

### **Port of Everett concerned about Elsie M seaworthiness**

March 21, 2001

Dear Mr. Stienstra,

I am writing in regards to the diesel spill that occurred in the area of the Port of Everett marina fuel dock Friday, March 16, 2001. I understand that the vessel "Elsie M" was the source of the spill. From the spill report, I further understand that the spill was caused by a leak in a fuel tank, resulting in a significant amount of diesel fuel in the bilge, and spillage of product into the harbor.

In the aftermath of the recent incident Dean Saughnessy, the Marina Operations Manager, inspected the boat as part of his review of the oil spill. His report indicates considerable alarm over the condition of the vessel and raises questions about its seaworthiness. Additionally, a review of our records indicates that during the past few months the vessel has experienced other problems that raise questions about its condition. Twice, the vessel has been hauled from the water for repairs to the underside of the hull, and now, a leaky fuel tank. This combination of events suggests that the most recent incident may be the result of a bigger issue.

In May 1999, the Port Commission adopted a Seaworthiness and Operability policy to address concerns about the potential liability imposed on the Port, the environment and boat owners by unseaworthy vessels moored in the marina. A copy of the policy is enclosed for your reference.

Speaking on behalf of Marina Management, at this point we would be negligent in our responsibilities if we did not follow up on this situation to ensure that the Elsie M's condition does meet seaworthiness requirements. Specifically, the Port needs assurance that additional oil spills will not occur, and that the vessel is seaworthy and not in danger of sinking. Toward this end, I would appreciate contact from a representative of Hat Island Community to address these issues.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Please write, or call me at (425) 388-0669, to discuss this matter or to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,  
Constance Bennett  
Marina Director  
Port of Everett

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


### HIC Board Meeting Minutes

The regular the monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 06/13/01 at the Elks in Everett. Board President Larry Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Larry Peterson, Larry Bender, Ken Baxter, Bill Odgers, Linda Ebner, Bob Cook and Charlotte Maulsby.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the June Viewpoint. The motion was carried.

**Treasurers Report:** Linda's report showed income and expenses for the end of May. Linda had the handouts at the meeting. Bob asked what the money from the special assessment was to be used for. Linda gave the breakdown of what amount can be spent on each item from the special assessment. Equipment 15%, Marina 25%, Vessels 25%, Operations 10% and Water 25%. A motion was made and carried to accept the treasurers report.

**The golf report:** Larry Peterson, The greens are in a little better shape then a couple of weeks ago. The mowers are intact. Rodger is building the frame for the gang mower, so the mower can do a better job. Helen is moving the cups around where the grass is stronger. A discussion was made in reference to how deep the cups are to be set and it was 5/8 inch. You can't see the rim otherwise. We also talked about shoes. The steel spikes are better then plastic. They don't tear up the greens as much.

**Vessels:** Ken Baxter reported that they found an Elsie 6 that looks promising. The seller is asking \$90,000 for the vessel. They have looked at 10 vessels so far and this one looks the best. There will be an inspection before any decision can be made. The vessel will be taken out of the water for the surveyor to examine the entire vessel. If this vessel is chosen there will need to be some changes made. This vessel is 10 feet longer and 2.5 feet wider. It is a 1982 with a steel hull. It can still be moored at the same place. Time frame is 2 to 3 months.

A motion was made and carried to put a vote to the community, to give permission for the board to spend up to \$140,000 (not to exceed) for the purchase and/or renovation of a newer landing craft. A discussion on what the community was going to do with the existing Elsie. When the newer craft is up and running the old Elsie will be put up for sale. The price discussed was \$25,000. There seems to be interest in it already.

Linda gave us a report on how we are going to finance the vessel. We have great credit and can get a loan for 8.5% for 10 years with no pre-payment penalty. We will use \$10,000 from the regular assessments and \$15,000 from the reserve account for the down payment. After the sale of the Elsie M, we would

put that money down as a principle payment only. At the end of the year we would take  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 25% special assessment money and make another principle only payment. The regular payments will be made from the revenue the landing craft makes. The insurance will cost us more. Last year the Elsie made a profit of \$18,000, after all the repairs.

There will be no other assessment made to the community for the purchase of the newer landing craft.

**Maintenance/Equipment:** Bob Cook, all equipment is up and running. Jim asked about the old ford diesel tractor. Thought it might be up for sale. Larry Peterson said not at this time. Barb mentioned that there is a bad spot when she drives the bus that only 1 car can go because the bushes are overgrowing there. Rodger is supposed to get up and trim them back.

**Marina:** Bill Odgers, The tanks are finished being welded on and are ready. The next is to get them painted and get them in the water between July 4 and Labor Day.

The other item is to do a mini dredge, we need permits first. Zona Wyatt asked if we had a backup solution if the tanks do not work. The barge will be put in by fall with or with the tanks.

**Water:** Larry Bender The County has received the corrected application for the R.O. system. There was 83,000 gallons of water used on Memorial Day, almost 12,000 above normal.

**Old Business:** There was a motion made and accepted for the Island Manager to get a permit for the Sunset park area.

There was another motion made and accepted for Island manager to get the designing for the bulkhead.

Zona asked the quotation why the county in the past accepted the road to H and now wants it permitted. Does the County accept any responsibility? Larry Peterson answered that since there are new people in the County that they want everything done legally and accept no responsibility for the past. No one can find any paper work permitting that road.

**New Business.** A motion was made and accepted to change the water fees for July, August and September, 0-3000 .05 gallon, 3001 to 5000 .10 a gallon, 5001 and more .50 a gallon per month.

Announcements:

1) Forth of July will be celebrated on the Forth. Fireworks in the picnic area at dusk. Fire dept will be standing by.

A motion was made and carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Maulsby.  
Secretary



## Harbormaster Report

Thank you all for being more observant and courteous in the Marina - it made a difference.

We recently had an accident in the marina. While docking during high winds a man fell in the water with his boat still running. His wife had never operated the boat and didn't know what to do. Fortunately Randy & Frank Cox were on the docks and were able to pull him out of the water. John Berry & Jim Conwell also responded by boarding the boat & getting it into a boat


slip. Thanks to the quick reaction of these 4 people, all ended well. Thank you.

Do take notice - there are life rings at the top of both docks, one on the railing near the office, and one on PSYC docks. Ladders are located around the docks (painted red). There are also fire extinguishers at the Harbor Shack & top of the north ramp. As always, if there is an emergency, call 911.


Apparently there has been some misunderstanding regarding dock power. Paid annual moorage does NOT include power. Not all boats require power. Therefore, if you use it, you pay for it. Summer rates (April - Sept) are \$1. a day or \$10. a month. If its easier, you can pay 1, 6 or 12 months at once.

I once heard someone say "Your bow line should never be as long as the distance to your prop, should it ever fall in the water." Oops...HmMMM

Safe & happy boating  
Barbara Conwell  
Harbor Master

  
**Greenskeeper Report**  
No Report

Helen Stienstra

  
**Editorial**  
**Letter to Division H Property Owners**  
Hat Island Community, Inc.  
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June 14, 2001

TO: All Division H Property Owners

A board member has asked that a brief explanation and status of the grading and shoreline violations pertaining to Division H be sent to property owners.

On March 23, 1999, Snohomish County Code Enforcement issued a Notice and Order on the access road to Division H and the filled area known as Conwell Park. The code violations are as follows:

1. Grading without the necessary permits and/or approvals as required by Snohomish County Code, Section 17.05.110.
2. Allowing the disturbance of a shoreline area in violation of Snohomish County Code, Section 21.16.015.

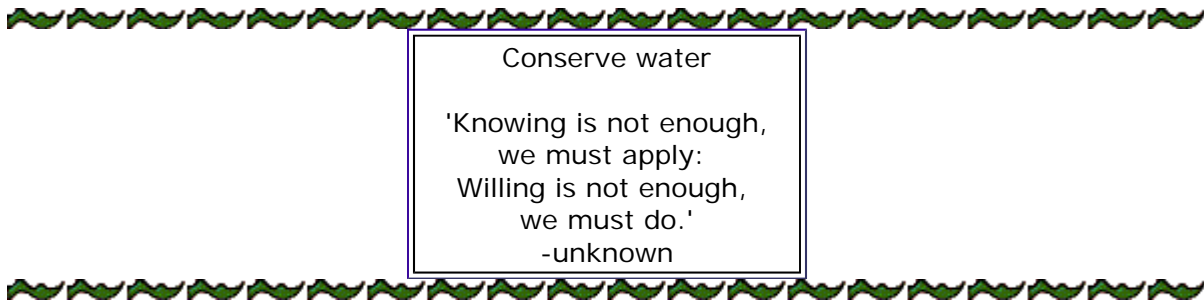
Code enforcement has turned over these violations to the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorneys office for action.

The permit process for these 2 projects will be time consuming and expensive. The May 2001 issue of the View Point list the permits required for the park area and the access road. The only exception from the list is that the access road will not require a conditional use permit. The community has completed the Geo-Tec study and the land survey.

The office has received bids from Sierra Construction and Jesse Allen Excavating. The Sierra Construction bid recommended using a vinyl sheet pile bulkhead at an installed price of \$539,056.73. Jesse Allen Excavating bid recommended using a boom stick log piling with an installed cost of \$560,000.00. With Mr. Allen's bid the cost could be lowered with the community doing some of the work. Both bids were based on 2000 foot of bulkhead. The other option is the use of ecology blocks, filter cloth and riprap bulkhead. Division H houses have faired very well with the use of riprap however there is an erosion problem so the filter cloth will be required. We are presently checking with shoreline management to see if they have a problem permitting riprap extending into the sound or placing it on the beach. An accurate cost will be obtained when the county makes this determination. A rough estimated cost is \$400,000.00

As stated in the June 2001 View Point the reason for the meeting between the Division H Representatives and the Board of Trustees was to discuss participation and financial responsibility for these projects.

Hat Island Board of Trustees



### Note from the Editor

#### **Why would anyone want to run for a position on the Board of Trustees?**

It is an education for anyone be on the Board. It also means 24 meetings each year to attend (and you must be present 75% of the time, according to the by-laws).

To be an efficient member of the Board you must be willing to learn and to work!

The work you are expected to do is very similar to the work of a city or county councilman, and as diverse, with the added expectation that you will also work on some of the volunteer projects. It is increasingly hard for the current Boards to find people to run for the Board.

Try it, it is very interesting.

### Your Point of View

None this month

### Take Note

#### **HIC Income and Expenses**

Detailed reports are available at monthly board meetings and are also available in the Community office on the Island.

#### **Holiday Ferry**

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#### **Schedule of Events**

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