

News Release

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Swantown Marine Fueling Station Open for Business

The long anticipated Swantown Marine Fueling Station is now open for business. The state-of-the-art Fueling Station will be open seven days a week and will accept cash and major credit cards (checks not accepted).

"The Port is committed to creating infrastructure to support and significantly expand recreational opportunities and regional visitation. This same infrastructure will also broaden the Port's support of commercial maritime activities in the area. Swantown is now a full-service marina, which will not only make access easier for local boaters, but help promote tourism in Thurston County. The fact that we also will operate the most environmentally-friendly facility in Puget Sound is a particular source of pride," Ed Galligan, Executive Director.

All safety compliance features meet, or exceed, those required by regulatory agencies as well as those identified by the Petroleum Equipment Institute for marina fueling systems. Signature features include emergency shut-off buttons, emergency shutoff valves along the delivery system, a leak detection system that provides automatic notifications of abnormalities, dedicated monitor and security cameras, and staff training that exceeds mandated requirements.

Since 1999, there has been no option for marine fueling services in the downtown Olympia area. In 2008, the Port received a petition signed by about 800 citizens requesting the Port to install a fueling facility at Swantown Marina. As a result, in 2011, the Port Commission directed Port staff to develop a Marine Fueling Facility Feasibility Study.

Over the past six years, the Port has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation and engagement process to determine the feasibility of constructing a financially-viable marine fueling facility. Key activities and milestones include:

- Twenty public open houses, meetings and briefings.
- Marine Fueling Station Feasibility Study.
- Local Boater Fuel Consumption Survey.
- Development of alternative financial evaluation scenarios.
- Secured permits from ten different federal, state, and local agencies.

The Port evaluated and developed a comprehensive project that shows the facility will, over time:

- Generate new revenue for the Port.
- Meet or exceed the Port's financial goals.
- Complete the evolution of Swantown into a full-service marina.
- Meet or exceed environmental and safety requirements.
- Meet the needs of local and visitor boaters.
- Help to stimulate tourism and local tax revenue.

After six years of planning, permitting, design and public involvement, the Port Commission approved the construction of a Marine Fueling Station at Swantown Marina at its September 12, 2016 Commission meeting.

For information about the fuel dock project including presentations, reports and studies, and information on project public outreach and participation, visit the Port's website at www.portolympia.com.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haul-out/repair facility, a regional airport and a growing real estate division.

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