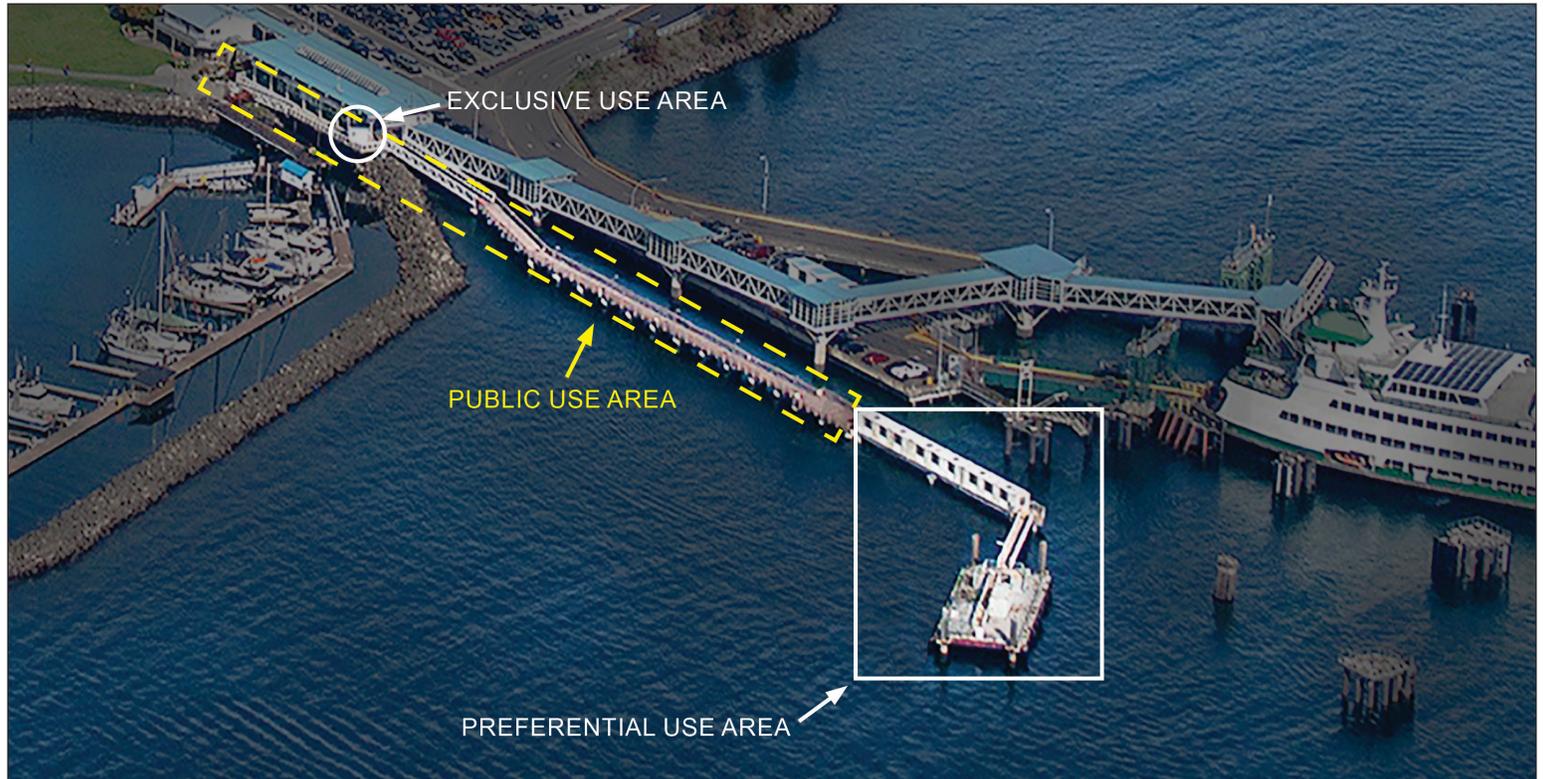


# PORT OF KINGSTON NEWS

Enhancing the lives of Port District Residents through recreation, transportation and economic development.

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## PORT, KITSAP TRANSIT APPROVE LEASE FOR PASSENGER FERRY DOCK



In separate April 17 sessions, Port of Kingston commissioners and Kitsap Transit commissioners unanimously approved the lease and project agreement for Kitsap Transit's use of the passenger ferry dock at the Kingston Marina.

"The voting public wanted a passenger-only ferry," said Port Commissioner Steve Heacock.

Six months and seven public meetings later, that wish is now one huge step closer to realization.

Under terms of the 50-year lease, Kitsap Transit gets preferential use of both sides of the mooring barge and the passenger ferry terminal, along with exclusive use of the ticket kiosk. The fishing dock remains a public use area. (See aerial photo above.)

### Two ferries

To help avoid cancellations, Kitsap Transit plans to moor two vessels at the dock: the *Finest* and a back-up ferry, the *Melissa*

*Ann*.

The *Melissa Ann* is a 172-passenger catamaran owned by Four Seasons Marine and will serve as the backup to the 350-passenger *Finest*, the vessel Kitsap Transit bought to operate high-speed ferry service from Kingston until a new one can be built. The *Finest* is presently undergoing renovation at Nichols Brothers shipyard on Whidbey Island, according to Kitsap Transit.

### Terms of use

Under terms of the agreement, "preferential use" of the mooring barge means, with the approval of Kitsap Transit, the Port can arrange for other vessels to moor there temporarily.

"Giving Kitsap Transit preferential use of the barge and terminal, means they have a voice in who else might use the facility," said Jim Pivarnik, Port executive director. "This makes good sense for two reasons.

"First, because *Finest* can carry 350 passengers, maritime security rules are very strict. We can't let just anybody moor there anymore.

"Second, Kitsap Transit is committing to a sizeable financial and resource investment in Kingston," Pivarnik said. "So, naturally they want assurances that the Port isn't going to allow others to use the facility without their approval."

### Fees

Initially, Kitsap Transit will be billed \$1,800 a month for mooring the two boats there. For the first 35 years, that fee will increase annually, based on the Consumer Price Index. After 35 years, the contract will be renegotiated.

Kitsap Transit is pre-paying \$1.3 million of those moorage fees.

"This money enables the Port to make the necessary renovations to the property

Aerial photo showing Kitsap Transit's exclusive and preferential use areas under the terms of the lease and project development agreement.

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we couldn't otherwise afford," Pivarnik said.

However, Kitsap Transit will be responsible for any future maintenance and repairs, he said.

In the event Kitsap Transit should ever stop providing ferry service, exclusive use of the mooring barge and passenger terminal reverts to the Port, Pivarnik said. However, the \$1.3 million is non-refundable.

Once the service gets started, the two public agencies will be signing further agreements, including a fuel use agreement.

"We view this as a partnership," said Port Commission Chair Mary McClure. "Our goal is to do what benefits Kingston most."

# Kingston Cove (almost) Summer Fest is May 12

Mark your calendars: May 12 is “Kingston Cove (almost) Summer Fest.”

The event was formerly called “Opening Day of Boating Season.” But, this year the Kingston Cove Yacht Club wanted to expand it into an early celebration of summer outdoor activities and recreation, with lots of free stuff for kids to do and fun stuff for grownups, too.

### Historic schooner

The historic sailing schooner, Martha, out of Port Townsend, will be giving tours. Yacht club volunteers will be on hand to help kids build their very own wooden toy schooners using supplies donated by Northwest Millwork & Door Company.

### Kid stuff

Kingston Mercantile & Marine is sponsoring a kids’ fishing derby. Kingston Cooperative Preschool, Boy Scout Troop 1555 and Western Washington University’s SEA Discovery Center will provide games and educational stuff including a Rain Gutter Regatta, derby track racing, knot tying, volcano making, marine animals, face painting, making bubble necklaces, and provide plant seedings to take home.

### Sailboat rides ‘n’ critters

Sail Kingston Cove and the Kingston Krakens high school sailing team will be providing

free sailboat rides. There will be antique steam launch rides, too, courtesy of Sterling MacKinnon.

Out on the guest dock, Betsy Cooper’s “Belly Biology” will offer kids of all ages a chance to get prone and discover what is attached to the docks and pilings.

### Safety first

Safety around the water is always important and members of the Kingston High School Swim Team will be on hand to fit children ages five and younger with loaner life jackets.

Parents who want to buy life jackets for their children to keep will be able to buy them at cost at the North Kitsap Fire & Rescue booth, according to News & Public Information Officer, Michèle Laboda.

### Grownup fun

Besides playing with the kids, grownups can sample the offerings of a variety of food vendors, attend free seminars on the crab population in Puget Sound and Geoduck clamming, shop at the Famers Market, and enjoy a family-friendly street dance in the evening featuring The Tropics, a rock-and-roll band that covers Jimmy Buffet tunes, while enjoying cheeseburgers and adult beverages at the yacht club.

The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce and the Port of Kingston are helping sponsor the event.

**The Kingston Cove (almost) Summer Fest**

**Free stuff for kids**

- TOUR THE HISTORIC SCHOONER MARTHA
- BUILD YOUR OWN TOY SCHOONER
- FISHING DERBY
- SEA CREATURES EXHIBIT
- TOY SAILBOAT RACES & OTHER GAMES
- FREE BOAT RIDES
- BELLY BIOLOGY
- FAMILY-FRIENDLY STREET DANCE

**Fun stuff for grownups, too**

**11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, May 12  
Port of Kingston**

**Learn more at:**  
[wasanctuaryshore.com/almostsummerfest](http://wasanctuaryshore.com/almostsummerfest)

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## PORT BRIEFS

### Volunteers keep ‘em flying

An estimated a 500 kids and their grownups came to Windemere’s Kites Over Kingston on March 24.

On hand to help with the kite building and flying were members of the Washington Kitefliers Association, including local kite masters Brian and Debbie David from Brownsville. Other volunteers included 11 members of the Kingston High School Honor Society and eight members of the Marine Corps Security Force at Navy Base Kitsap-Bangor.

### Washington Park progress

April 9, VET Industrial began work on the new Washington Blvd. Park. VET expects to complete the project in July.

The Port’s newest park will feature a 24-foot diameter gazebo where visitors can sit and admire the stunning view of mountains and Seattle.

### Contract awarded

At the April 19 Port meeting, commissioners voted to award the contract for renovating the ferry terminal, a.k.a. “the gerbil tube,” to low-bidder Homeland Construction of Kingston. The \$287,000 contract includes new roofing, exterior siding, HVAC, lighting, windows, drywalling, carpeting and painting.

### Welcome sign landscaping

June 8 is Windemere Community Service Day. This year, the 23 sales agents and employees at Windemere West Sound-Kingston have chosen to spend the day landscaping the grounds

around the electronic ‘Welcome to Kingston’ sign.

“It’s really important for our office to give back to the community and be part of the community,” said Windemere West Sound-Kingston Managing Broker, Jet Woelke.

### Slug, fireworks and 100th

Work has already begun on a set of new luminary sculptures for Kingston Cove Christmas that will celebrate the events that take place at the Port.

Musical notes in honor of Concerts in the Park. Animated Fourth of July rockets.

And a slug. The six-foot slug, in honor

of the long-running Kingston Slug Fest is already finished, said the Port’s main luminary designer/builder, Steve von Marenholtz.

Von Marenholtz’s biggest project this year: creating a luminary sculpture in honor of the Port of Kingston’s 100th anniversary in 2019.

So what will it be?

“It’s a secret,” von Marenholtz said. “But, I can tell you that it will probably be big.”

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