



# Around the Docks

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*PGH Mission: To best utilize our resources to facilitate, enhance and stimulate international trade, economic development and tourism for the region.*

## Partnerships for Success

### Satsop nets WPPA Outstanding Job Creator award for Overstock.com

The Port of Grays Harbor's Satsop Business Park was the proud recipient of the Washington Public Ports Association's (WPPA) Outstanding Job Creator Award at the Association's Spring Meeting.

The Outstanding Job Creator Award recognizes the project that creates jobs for its community, including the quality and impact of said jobs.

"We are extremely proud to accept this award and do so on behalf of the entire team of partners that helped make the Overstock.com project a reality," stated Satsop Business Development Manager Alissa Shay. "The jobs created by Overstock's decision to locate at Satsop will certainly have a meaningful and lasting impact for the region and we look forward to their continued success here in Grays Harbor."



Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay, Commissioner Stan Pinnick and Commissioner Jack Thompson accept the Outstanding Job Creator award at WPPA's awards breakfast earlier this month.

## Economic Development

### Overstock.com celebrates grand opening at Satsop Business Park



Governor Jay Inslee joined Overstock.com executives and employees, local elected officials and community members to celebrate the grand opening of Overstock's customer care call center at the Satsop Business Park.

Overstock.com celebrated the grand opening of their "Evergreen" Customer Care Call Center located at the Satsop Business Park earlier this month when more than 150 Overstock.com employees and executives were joined by Governor Jay Inslee and other state and local elected officials for the facilities' ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We are thrilled to welcome Overstock.com as a partner and tenant at the Satsop Business Park and even more excited to see 150 individuals coming to work here every day," shared Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay.

Overstock.com signed a lease for 20,000 square feet of office space in December 2016 and immediately began making improvements to the

top floor of the building. Hiring for the 150 Customer Care Call Center positions began in January drawing several hundred applicants from the five-county labor shed. Hiring and training was done in three groups of 50. The "Evergreen" facility began taking calls in early May, slightly ahead of the initial schedule.

"Overstock's grand opening celebration was a testament to the amazing local and regional partnerships that helped this occur on such an expedited timeframe," said Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. CEO Dru Garson. "It was great to see representation from all of the various partners at the event along with all of the enthusiastic, smiling faces of the new Overstock.com employees."

## Blessing of the Fleet at Westport Marina honors those lost at sea



Local Westport organizations, US Coast Guard, commercial fishermen and members of the public joined together on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend for the "Blessing of the Fleet" to honor those lost at sea and bless the local fleet. The event has become part of an entire weekend of events called "Weekend with the Fleet" aimed at celebrating Westport's commercial fishing and maritime industries.

The Westport Marina was center stage for "Weekend with the Fleet" over Memorial Day Weekend with several family-friendly events held focused on Westport's commercial fishing and maritime industries.

One of the traditional events of the weekend was the Blessing of the Fleet which included the gathering of several community organizations, U.S. Coast Guard Westport Station, a number of commercial fishing vessels

and members of the public who came together to bless the local fleet and honor the lives of those lost at sea at the Fishermen's Memorial.

"It is a momentous way to remember those we have lost while celebrating our local fleet and the sacrifices they and their families make every year," explained Marina Business Manager Molly Bold. "We look forward to seeing the "Weekend with the Fleet" festivities grow."

## Calendar

June 3	<i>Haffnia Malacca @ T1</i> <i>Rio Nevado @ T4</i>
June 6	<i>New Everest @ T2</i>
June 12	PGH Commission Meeting, PGH Offices @ 9am <i>Pluto Leader @ T4</i>
June 15	<i>Carrea @ T4</i>
June 18	<i>Fairchem Katana @ T1</i>
June 22	<i>Eridanus Leader @ T4</i>
June 25	<i>Santa Vista @ T42</i>

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## Planning for the future; Infrastructure keeps us moving

May 15-19<sup>th</sup> was celebrated across the nation as "Infrastructure Week" in an effort to bring attention to our nation's on-going infrastructure needs.

At the Port of Grays Harbor, public infrastructure has been a critical component in helping to attract the private partnerships and investment that create jobs and opportunities for our community.

From deepening and maintaining the Federal Navigation Channel to adding 37,000 feet of rail onto Port property or from improving Port Industrial Road for the growing number of trucks to installing a new state-of-the-art waste water facility at the Satsop Business Park that will allow the Park to serve businesses that will employ hundreds in the future, the Port of Grays Harbor has successfully



Road, rail, docks and the navigation channel are critical infrastructure that the Port's marine terminal tenants rely on to ensure their products are safely and efficiently connected to markets here in the US and throughout the globe.

completed a number of important projects in recent years. But as the Port and its tenants continue to grow, so does the need for improved infrastructure.

"With existing tenants planning for expansion, and potential new partners engaged in due diligence, it is imperative

that we continue to work closely with them to fully understand their needs for the future and engage our many local, state and federal partners now to ensure we are prepared for growth here in Grays Harbor," explained Port Executive Director Gary Nelson.