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Port of Olympia's 9th Annual Swantown BoatSwap & Chowder Challenge Coming May 21

Presented by the Port of Olympia, the 9th Annual Swantown BoatSwap & Chowder Challenge will take place May 21 at Swantown Marina on Olympia's East Bay. Sponsored by Anchor Bank, Heritage Bank, Aloha Boat Maintenance, Alpine Experience, KGY and KFMY/The Eagle, this event features boats and gear for sale, a clam chowder cookoff, and fun for the whole family. Other community supporters include: Olympic Outfitters, Tom's Outboard and West Marine.

Admission to the event is free, but there is a \$5.00 charge to participate in the chowder tasting.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., commercial and private vendors will sell marine-related items at the **BoatSwap**. It's not too late to be a vendor. Call 360-528-8043 for registration information.

The **Chowder Challenge** starts promptly at 1 p.m. and ends at 2:15 – or when “outta chowda.” Ten restaurants competing for “finest clam chowder” honors include: **Anthony's HomePort, Budd Bay Café, Guberz, Hawks Prairie Casino, Hawks Prairie Restaurant, Red Lion Hotel, South Puget Sound Community College Culinary Arts, Tye Bar & Grill, Vern's Restaurant and Waterstreet Café & Bar**. Awards will be presented at 2:45 p.m.

There's fun for everyone! Entertainment, sponsored by Anchor Bank, features the **Budd Bay Buccaneers**, singing rollicking sea chanteys from 11 a.m. - 12 noon, while **Little Big Man's** catchy reggae will take center stage from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Heritage Bank, children's activities include free rides on the **Kids Train** and balloon creations by **Tic the Clown**.

On “A” Dock, sponsored by Aloha Boat Maintenance, visitors can view and board showboats, including *The Gallant Lady*, a 61-foot 1940 wooden power vessel; the *Old Man IV*, a classic U. S. Navy wooden command cutter, and the Olympia Police Department Harbor Patrol boat.

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