



Narrows Marina
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The historic Narrows Marina is coming back to life! This year when customers enter the property located at 9001 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466, they are sure to say “WOW”! In 2008, the Marina began making dramatic improvements with the renovation of the **Old Mill Building** and most recently with the start of construction on a new over water restaurant named **Boathouse 19 Bar & Grill**.

The **Old Mill Building** was originally constructed between 1912 – 1929. It was used by the Clear Fir Lumber Company until 1949 when it changed use to become the Narrows Marina’s store, office, and dry storage building. It was condemned by the City of Tacoma in the mid 1990’s because of a lack of maintenance and put out of use.

Starting in 2008 the building has undergone a major repair and face lift. In January of this year, the **Narrows Marina Bait & Tackle** store was moved back to its original location in the building. The store functions as a convenience store and has all of the things one needs to go boating or fish for salmon on the South Puget Sound.

To add to the excitement is the July opening of Tacoma’s newest overwater restaurant, **Boathouse 19 Bar & Grill** which will be owned and operated by Dennis Driscoll, the owner of the Lobster Shop Restaurants. The 160 seat restaurant will seat an additional 75 on a large west facing deck. It will have a casual atmosphere and affordable food.

If this isn’t enough, scheduled to open in 2013 in a portion of the Old Mill Building is the **Narrows Brewing Company**. The micro-brewery will serve their beer on tap in a waterfront tasting room, but will also sell the newest Pacific Northwest beer in kegs to pubs and restaurants.

In August of this year a new transient moorage dock is scheduled to open for use by the new restaurant and brewery. The Narrows Marina was a recipient of a 2012 BIG Grant which will provide 75% funding for the dock. Also under construction are nine new 54' boathouses designed for more modern sized boats. In April of 2012 a sewer pumpout station was installed at the fuel dock with 75% funding coming through a Washington Parks Grant. Additionally an 18,000 pound boat hoist was recently construction which will allow boats to be lifted into both levels of the Old Mill Building for dry storage.

The clean-up and improvement are definitely making an impact. Since 2009, the Marina has earned Clean Marina and Enviro Star accreditation. The visionaries behind this much needed revitalization are property owners, Gordon Rush and Scott Wagner, who have more plans for the 26-acre property including the construction of waterfront condominiums. They have a goal of keeping the facility in operation and open to the public for the next 100 years.

Narrows Marina is a full service marina that welcomes visitors to come down, enjoy the views, check out the recent improvements, and take a tour of the facility.

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If you would like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Scott Wagner, please contact Sue the Marina Office at 253-564-3032 or email serb@narrowsmarina.com