



September 18, 2025

Dear Valued Salmon Bay Marina Customers:

After careful review of escalating safety issues, the Port of Seattle has made the decision to **terminate all moorage agreements and close docks A, B, and C no later than March 18, 2026**. This determination was not taken lightly. The safety and security of our marina community is our highest priority, and docks A, B, and C can no longer be maintained to an acceptable level of safety and must be vacated.

A comprehensive engineering review by the Port of Seattle, with additional expert guidance from outside engineering firms, has concluded that several dock elements including the roofs, connections, and underwater pilings pose a distinct and imminent safety risk to our customers, employees, and the moored vessels themselves.

Port engineering leadership have cautioned that fall and winter – with the greatest chances of high winds or snow – pose additional safety hazards for those under or working around covered moorage. Staff are now prohibited from working on docks A, B and C during inclement weather incidents. For these reasons, **no overnight stays on vessels under covered moorage - including those with liveaboard status - will be permitted on or after Tuesday, November 18, 2025**. Vessels or FOWRs that are not under covered moorage may continue stay overnight until March 18, provided inclement weather protocols are not in effect. Emergency and inclement weather protocols will be shared and remain active throughout the 180-day term.

We recognize that this closure will pose a challenge for many of our customers. To assist you in exiting the marina, the Port is making several resources available. We have assigned a dedicated team to support Salmon Bay customers in answering questions and facilitating contact with other marinas, working with customers to assign exit dates, ensuring completion of paperwork, and properly closing moorage accounts. We encourage you to send your questions and requests to salmonbay@portseattle.org.



Customers may terminate their moorage agreements at any time within the specified period, and vessels must be removed before the notification term concludes. However, given the increased chances of inclement weather and high winds during the winter months, we strongly recommend customers seek to exit the marina as soon as possible.

We hope you were able to attend a Dock Safety Meeting on September 11, 14 or 15, which detailed the engineering findings, conclusions, and determination by the Port of Seattle. Many important customer questions were also addressed. Information about tariffs, moorage agreements, an overview of the engineering findings, and an FAQ can be found at <https://www.portseattle.org/maritime/salmon-bay-marina>. If you have remaining questions, please contact us at salmonbay@portseattle.org.

We understand that Salmon Bay Marina has been not only a marina but a home and community for many customers. Thank you for being part of the Salmon Bay community.

Thank you for your understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie".

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