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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

## Vessel "Aye Soar" with REGISTRATION #WN5045JE

The Port of Port Townsend (Port) declared the vessel *Aye Soar* with Registration #WN5045JE, a 28' fiberglass sailboat, to be derelict, abandoned, or both, pursuant to RCW 79.100.010. The vessel has been moored without authorization at the Port's Boat Haven facility in Port Townsend, Washington, since Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, a period of more than 30 days.

The Port intends to take formal and full custody of the vessel on **Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023** (**Custody Date**). After taking custody, the Port may use or dispose of the vessel without further notice. The owner is responsible for all related costs.

In order to keep the vessel, the owner must take the following actions before the Custody Date:

- Get authorization to store the vessel in its current location at the Port Townsend Boat Haven, **or**
- Reclaim the vessel from the Port Townsend Boat Haven (upon payment of all applicable fees and charges related to the Port's transport and storage thereof), and remove them to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after the Port of Port Townsend has custody or wants to challenge the Port's decision to take custody, you must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on the Port. Addresses are in the boxes below:

Port of Port Townsend
2701 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1180
Port Townsend, WA 98368-0980

The appeal must include the following information:

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the authorized agent/owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

See <u>http://www.eluho.wa.gove/Board/PCHB</u> or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner (or authorized agent) may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must <u>receive</u> it no later than **Thursday**, **December 21<sup>st</sup>**, **2023**. **The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date**. **The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by the Port of Port Townsend in responding to the vessel**.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by the Port of Port Townsend, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a lawsuit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

The Port of Port Townsend also may pursue any other remedies available under law. The Port of Port Townsend is taking this action under the authority of Chapter 79.100 RCW. You can find a copy of this law online at <u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100</u>.

For more information regarding this action, contact the Port of Port Townsend at 360-385-6211 or kristian@portofpt.com