

## Annual Report

After initial effort to go to bid July 21, Ferry Dolphin Replacement Project was put on hold due to Department of Natural Resources requiring negotiation of our 1980 lease for tidelands at the North Beach docks and at both ferry terminals. These negotiations were complex and exhausting, and the lease was finally signed just in time to proceed with bidding the project.

Ferry maintenance and inspection had to be moved to Seattle from Tacoma, since the Vigor facility was no longer available. These resulted in additional expense, due to having to house the senior captain Seattle, crew commuting, and longer travel time for the boat.

Fire hydrant was knocked over by a cement truck. Although the company admitted fault, this was not resolved until we made a claim in small claims court for the \$5000 cost of replacement.

Volunteers designed an iPad based passenger log system, which was to improve accuracy in vehicle and passenger counts and provide the office with an electronic, rather than paper, log.

Donnie Surratt, 26 year employee, and John Farris, 17 year employee, retired during the year.

Work was done on two major North Beach projects – major maintenance of the boat docks, which were seriously deteriorated; and on landscaping behind the beach front.

The process of making permanent improvements in HMC roadways continued, with the installation of barriers at steep corners and new culverts.

HMC's second Island Manager, Claudia Ellsworth, retired after nearly eight years of service, and was replaced by Monique Pizzitola.