

FOSS WATERWAY SEAPORT

Welcome to the Foss Waterway Seaport!
Celebrating Tacoma's rich maritime heritage—past, present and future.

South Exhibit Hall

North Exhibit Hall

Heritage Boat Shop

Volunteer-operated boat shop builds reproductions and restores classic boats. Open Thursdays & Saturdays 11am-4pm.

Mosquito Fleet

See images, models, and artifacts of Puget Sound's historic steam ferry ships, known as the "Mosquito Fleet".

Classic Boats

Made in Washington! Locally built classic runabouts on display, including Hollywood, Reinell, and Ladyclipper to name a few.

Oar Northwest

This boat crossed the Atlantic Ocean by human power, twice!

Yakup

This little sailboat was used in Gig Harbor to transport berries to market. Learn more about the interesting history of this boat here!

Maritime Legos

Lego intermodal port model with kids' interactive play zone.

Poulsbo Boats

Impeccably restored locally built working boats used for fishing.

Tacoma Yacht Club

Fishing

Sport and commercial fishing was vital to the Puget Sound. Learn about fishing lures, see models of commercial boats, and enjoy our vintage sport fishing boats.

Willits Brothers

The Willits Brothers made canoes in Tacoma for over 50 years. Learn about these icons of Tacoma and their incredible craftsmanship.

Port Play

Children can play in their own "Port of Tacoma", using wood trucks, blocks, and ships to transport cargo.

Whale

A 40-foot long whale constructed out of plastic marine debris!

An Ocean Transformed

(A Seaport Education Program)

Students from Sherman Elementary School partnered with artists and engineers to design and build marine debris sculptures

Education Classroom Touch Tanks

By appointment only.

Foss Skiffs

Native Canoes

Block and Tackle

Somers Maritime Exhibit

Faith "Gillnetter"

SCUBA Diving

Step back in time to see artifacts associated with Jacques Cousteau, early diving apparatus, and artifacts found on the floor of Commencement Bay.



RESTROOMS

Balfour Dock

Located on the waterfront in a century-old wooden wheat warehouse, built for cargo arriving by rail and departing by sail ("where rails met sails") during the early years of Tacoma.

Boats From Our Collection

Ships in Bottles

See remarkable works of art and how they are constructed!

Island Canoe Company

Based on Bainbridge Island, Island Canoe Co. manufactured hand-crafted pieces of art.

Admission Desk

"Where Rails Meet Sails"

In 1873 Tacoma was chosen as the terminus for the Northern Pacific Railroad. This had a profound impact on our waterfront and community. See a model of our Tacoma railroad yard, experience interactive exhibits, drive a train using a simulator.

Lot 411
Public Art

ENTRANCE