

Port Recruits Shipyard to Working Waterfront

Last fall, the Port welcomed the return of a critical maritime service to the working waterfront — a commercial shipyard. Everett Ship Repair (ESR), a subsidiary of Ice Cap Holding, LLC and sister company to Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, has leased the north side of the Port's Pier 3 and adjacent 3.5-acre site that, over the years, has traditionally filled the shipyard services and repair niche.

The Port has been working hard to restore this needed service in Everett to support U.S. military assets, including those located at neighboring Naval Station Everett, and commercial vessels, including Washington State Ferries. ESR operates one of four of the largest submersible drydocks in the Pacific Northwest, the *Faithful Servant* (pictured right), capable of docking vessels up to 430' x 110' with a lifting capacity of 7,800 long-ton. They offer vast ship repair capabilities with 500' of dockside moorage for pier-side vessel service, as well as laydown and fabrication areas.

