



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Relocated Storage Yard at Squalicum

As you may have noticed, the Port is moving forward with a project at Squalicum Harbor to relocate the outdoor storage yard for commercial fishing gear. Construction of the new storage yard is underway on Roeder Avenue, opposite the Bellingham Cold Storage. The new storage yard will continue to support our Whatcom County commercial fishing fleet by providing storage for gear close to the harbor. The new storage yard is expected to be completed by the end of December.

Leaving for the Holidays?

Please remember to prepare your boat for winter conditions prior to the busy holidays or vacation travel. If you are leaving town, please make sure that the harbors have updated contact information for your vessel's caretaker so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

Roeder Avenue Road Improvements

The City of Bellingham is planning upcoming work to resurface Roeder Avenue from the Whatcom Waterway Bridge to Squalicum Parkway. Work is expected to begin in January or February 2019 and be completed by Memorial Day weekend 2019. Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions during construction and heavy paving work will take place at night to reduce traffic impacts. More information is available at the City's website: www.cob.org/gov/projects/Pages/2017-Overlay---Roeder-Avenue.aspx



Holiday Events

BELLINGHAM

Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade -
December 1st 5:30-9 p.m. Registration from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Bellingham Yacht Club.

MORE INFORMATION see www.byc.org for more information and event details.

Holiday Port Festival at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal -

December 7-9th Friday noon – 8 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Judge gingerbread houses, enjoy kids art activities and seasonal music and dance performances at this family fun event.

MORE INFORMATION see www.portofbellingham.com/141/Holiday-Port for more information.

BLAINE

Harbor Holiday Light Festival -

December 1st & 2nd. Community tree lighting on Dec 1st at 4:30 p.m.

MORE INFORMATION see www.blainechamber.com for more information and event details.

International Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade on Semiahmoo Bay -

December 1st. Boats leaving the dock at 4:30 p.m. Lights on at 5:30 p.m.

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WINTER WEATHER

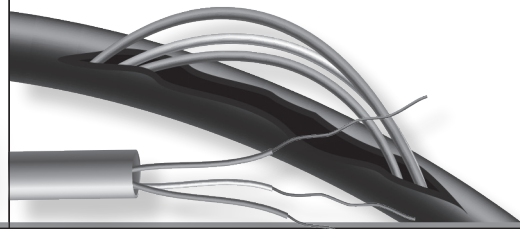
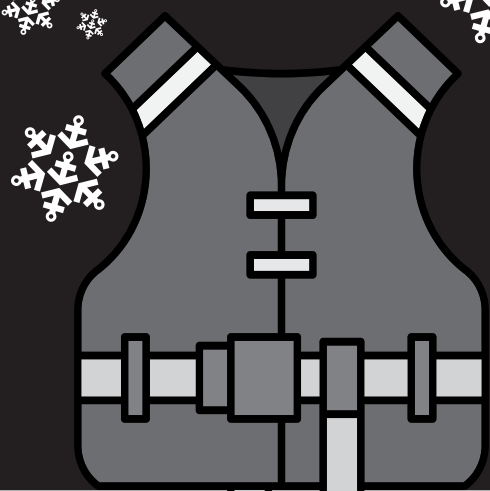
We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for winter time conditions in advance and use caution during inclement weather. Check your dock lines, secure halyards and canvas and remove your sails. Make sure the Harbor Office has updated phone numbers in the event we need to contact you. Check the October newsletter for additional ideas on winterizing your boat.

Freezing temperatures bring snow and ice. The harbor provides buckets of traction sand and scoops located at the top each ramp. We also have a

limited number of shovels to remove snow from your boat. Please return the sand buckets and shovels as soon as possible. Also, please disconnect hoses from the spigot at your slip to prevent expensive freeze damage. If extended periods of freezing weather are expected, the dock water lines may be shut off for the duration of the freeze. Boaters and liveaboards requiring water should plan on keeping water tanks full. The harbor will restore water as soon as threat of freeze damage passes.

Marina Safety - Shore Power Cords

During the colder months many boaters rely on their shore power to supply electricity to their boats. This is a reminder that only marine rated power cords are permitted on the docks. Keep your cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, prevent it from draping into the water, and ensuring the cord wires are not pinched or crushed. Cords and connectors should be inspected often and replaced when damage or corrosion is discovered. Boat US recommends that plugs with brown discoloration at the base of the blades or a worn nickel coating or pitting should not be used. Boat US also recommends inspecting your vessel's shore power inlet at least every 5 years. A qualified marine electrician would be able to assist boaters with any questions and repairs.

DOCKSIDE SAFETY

Anytime you are around the water, make it a habit to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with a loud whistle attached. The water is cold year-round and a PFD buys you time while you try to self-rescue or call for help. Both harbor offices participate in the PFD loaner program for children who need to borrow one temporarily. Remember that dock ladders are located throughout both marinas. Make note of their locations as you walk down the dock. From the waterside, the slips with ladders are marked with a yellow and black arrow pointing towards the next slip with a ladder in it. Please keep the ladders clear from dock lines and other obstructions. Do not forget that many boats have ladders on their transom or swim-step. Do not be afraid to use the most convenient means of rescue in an emergency!

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