



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Online Payment

Have you tried paying your moorage statement online with the online payment tool? Last fall this service was updated with some big changes which included:

- **The ability to register your information so you do not have to type it in each time you pay.**
- **Pay now, or schedule a payment for a future date.** (Go on vacation without worrying about making your payment on time.)
- **Pay with credit/debit card, savings, or checking account.**
- **Your receipt is emailed so no more wondering if the payment went through.**

To try the new online payment tool, just visit our website at www.portofbellingham.com and select Pay Your Bill on the right side of the page.

Safety

Please remember that docks can be slippery in the winter due to wet and freezing conditions. Even if portions of the harbor appear dry, ice and moisture can remain in shaded areas near tall vessels, structures, and pilings. The harbors have provided

buckets of traction sand and scoops at the ramps for customers who wish to sand their finger floats. We encourage everyone to pay close attention when walking the facilities and to stay at home during snowy and icy conditions.



Update on Roeder Avenue Improvements

As we mentioned in the December/January newsletter, The City of Bellingham is planning improvements to Roeder Avenue. Work began the week of January 14th with road crews removing trees and repairing sidewalk damage in advance of road construction. For the next couple months, expect impacts from road work if you are visiting Squalicum Harbor. The project is expected to be completed by Memorial Day weekend. More information is available on the City of Bellingham website at: www.cob.org/gov/projects/Pages/2017-Overlay--Roeder-Avenue.aspx or by contacting City of Bellingham Public Works at (360) 778-7900.

Be Whale Wise

In December, a 40 foot gray whale was spotted swimming amongst the boats inside Blaine Harbor. Harbor customers who got to see this gentle creature up close will not soon forget this once in a life-time opportunity. This encounter was a good reminder about the protocol for whale encounters when we're out

boating in the Salish Sea. According to the website, **BE WHALE WISE**, vessels shall stay at least 200 yards away from whales and vessels shall not be positioned within 400 yards of the path of whales. More information on guidelines for whales and other marine wildlife can be found at www.bewhalewise.org/new-regulations

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BLAINE HARBOR

17TH ANNUAL

Wings Over Water Bird Festival

MARCH 15TH -17TH

Wings Over Water Northwest Birding Festival celebrates the incredible variety of migratory birds that flock to our pristine coastal areas. Birding is one of America's fastest growing outdoor activities and the Blaine and Birch Bay areas are located on the Pacific Flyway making them one of the country's premier bird viewing areas. For more infoamtion about this event visit wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com/



TIDE ^{TO} Table SEAFOOD DINNER

The Working Waterfront Coalition is hosting the Tide to Table - Valentine's Salish Feast dinner on Saturday February 16th from 5-9:30 pm at the Bellingham Yacht Club. This premier gala dinner features Drayton Harbor oysters, black cod and Salish Sea sockeye salmon and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at tidetotablesalishsea.brownpapertickets.com or by email at laurie@openaccess.org

Wild Seafood Exchange

The Port of Bellingham is proud to be the title sponsor of the Wild Seafood Exchange February 13, 2019 in Bellingham. The Wild Seafood Exchange brings together West Coast independent commercial fishers to exchange information and improve products they bring to market. To register or learn more about this one day conference visit the website at: wildseafoodexchange.com



BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Identify your dinghy

The United States Coast Guard is asking for your assistance in reducing unnecessary search and rescue missions. Dinghies lost off the beach or docks during high tides or winds and boats drifting off their moorings may initiate unnecessary emergency responses to unmanned vessels. The Coast Guard recommends using extra lines to tie up your vessel, replacing worn and weathered lines, and storing them safely away from the water during storms. They also recommend writing your name and contact information on dinghies, canoes and kayaks.

All American Marine Launching

In February and March, All American Marine will be utilizing the Squalicum boatlaunch to launch two new vessels built at their new fabrication building on Hilton Avenue. These vessels took approximately one year to construct and utilize the talents and expertise of our local marine trades. Boatlaunch patrons should pay close attention to signage and avoid parking in the yellow haul route through the boatlaunch parking lot.

Boathouses

As you may be aware both Blaine and Squalicum provide a limited amount of moorage for privately owned boathouses. To help customers interested in selling, subleasing, or buying a boathouse, the harbor office keeps a binder of boathouses for rent or for sale. If you're interested in renting a boathouse or considering purchasing a boathouse and need more information on available listings, contact the harbor office.

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You can contact your Marina Advisory Committee Representatives by calling either the Blaine or Squalicum Harbor offices.

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