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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



MacGregor Yacht Club Regatta
May 17-20th at Blaine Harbor

Opening Day EVENTS

Saturday May 4, 2019

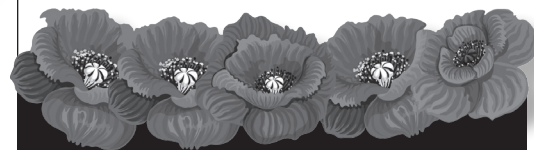
BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Roeder Avenue Paving APRIL 5-6TH

The City of Bellingham plans to pave Roeder Avenue during the evenings of April 5th and 6th. More information is available on the City of Bellingham website at: <https://www.cob.org/gov/projects/Pages/2017-Overlay---Roeder-Avenue.aspx> or by contacting City of Bellingham Public Works at (360) 778-7900

Blaine Harbor Changing Gate Codes

Blaine Harbor will be changing gate codes on April 5th. We will be providing the new gate code by email. As a reminder, please do not share the gate code with people you do not know.



Fishermen's Memorial Events at Both Harbors

Join us to wish our commercial fishermen a safe and successful season while remembering those lost at sea. Everyone welcome.

BLAINE, SUNDAY MAY 5TH - 1:30PM

Service and celebration followed by light refreshments. Call (360) 647-6176 for more information.

BELLINGHAM, SATURDAY MAY 11TH - 11AM

Service and celebration at Zuanich Park followed by a seafood barbecue and live music at the Squalicum Boathouse. For more information, or to volunteer, call (360) 510-5544.

Blaine

Join the Officers of the International Yacht Club for the Opening Day ceremony at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole. Afterwards, boaters are invited to muster in Semiahmoo Bay at noon for the commodore's sail past. For more information about the IYC, visit their website at www.iycbc.ca.

Bellingham

Squalicum Yacht Club Everyone is invited to the Opening Day Breakfast 7am to 11am in the clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop Way. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person which benefits local charities. Visit www.squalicumyc.org.

BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

Public ceremony at 11:30am at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:30pm. For more information visit www.byc.org.

IYC Invitational Long Distance FUN Sailing and Racing Event April 26-28th

In lieu of the Semiahmoo Bay Regatta, the International Yacht Club is hosting a FUN sailing race to Sucia Island. Participants are encouraged to rendezvous at Blaine Harbor on April 26th for a pre-race gathering. Visit the Blaine Harbor Office or the IYC website at www.iycbc.ca for more information.

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BOATING SAFETY Special Edition

National Safe Boating Week May 18th-24th

National Safe Boating Week promotes awareness for boating safety and education. According to US Coast Guard statistics:

- 76% of boating deaths due to drowning
- 84.5% of victims NOT wearing a life jacket
- 81% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had no boating safety instruction

Access to more accident data and facts can be found at: <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/get-the-facts/>

There are many ways to have fun on the water this season while boating safely. Help us spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors:

- Review the Washington State Parks Adventures in Boating Handbook, which provides general information about safe vessel operation and laws. The booklet can be viewed free online at:

<https://www.boat-ed.com/washington/handbook/book.html>

- Enroll in a boating safety course. Washington State law requires that vessel operators have satisfied the requirements of the Boater Education Safety Program.
- Complete an annual vessel safety check. Both the USCG and U.S. Power Squadron offer courtesy vessel safety checks. Visit the harbor office for more details.
- Wear a life jacket. Both harbor offices participate in the life jacket loaner program for children. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next boater in need.

For more information of boater safety, visit the Washington State Parks Boater Safety website at: <https://parks.state.wa.us/450/Boater-Safety>

Shore Power Cord Safety

Frequently inspecting your marine rated shore power cord is an important but sometimes overlooked maintenance task. 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. If you have any questions about your dockside power receptacle, please contact the harbor office as soon as possible.

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day May 17th

Hosted by the National Safe Boating Council, this annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles just prior to the official launch of the Safe Boating Campaign. Wear your life jacket,

snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtags **#lifejacket2work** and **#safeboating**.

Photos may also be shared at the Ready, Set, Wear It! Facebook page or submitted directly to the NSBC at outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org.

Sea Skills Boater Training at Blaine Harbor May 11

The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, is holding its annual rendezvous and Sea Skills Boater Training at Blaine Harbor on Saturday May 11, 2019. Dockside mini-seminars will cover valuable boating skills. Classes start every

hour from 1-4pm on visitor dock at Gate 2. Training on use of marine distress flares will take place from 10:00 AM to noon in Blaine's Marine Park. More information on the event is available at the harbor office.

Dock Safety Ladders

Both Blaine and Squalicum Harbors have dock safety ladders throughout the harbor. The ladders are easy to use and can be deployed by someone in the water by simply grasping the bottom rung and pulling it down into the water. From the waterside, ladder locations are marked with yellow arrows on the ends of finger docks which point the direction of a ladder installed nearby. As you walk to and from your boat please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the location of safety ladders on your dock and other opportunities for self-rescue such as ladders on nearby boats. We encourage everyone to consider their safety around the harbor and wear a life jacket with a loud whistle attached so you can attract attention in an emergency. Please contact the harbor office if you have any questions.

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