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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



Bellingham Youth Regatta

AUGUST 3RD AND 4TH, 2019

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting this annual regatta which is part of the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit Summer Series Championship. The regatta is open to boats of the C420, CFJ (non-spinnaker), Lasers (Standard, Radial, 4.7), 29er and Optimist (including Optimist Green fleet) classes whose crews have not yet reached their 19th birthday. In recent years, this

Bellingham event has been the largest attended NWYRC regatta with over 75 youth sailors, racing in 60 single and double handed boats. If you're out on the water, please keep an eye out for boats participating in this event.

LIFEJACKET LOANER PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the Boat U.S. Foundation Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids. A limited number of lifejackets for infants, children and young teens can be borrowed by filling out a simple form. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for young boaters in need of a PFD.

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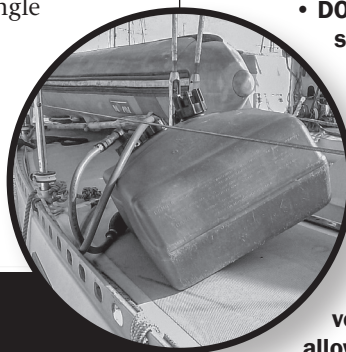
Parking at the harbor

Please abide by the parking signage at the harbor. The 30 minute loading and 2 hour parking zones are intended to provide convenient access for customers with short-term needs. If you're planning to be gone more than 3 days, please check-in at the harbor office and staff will direct you to the appropriate area for long-term parking and provide you with a long-term parking permit.

Please return dock carts

Please help your fellow boaters by returning dock carts to the top of the ramps and ensuring the carts are clean and free of trash and debris. If you see an unused cart, feel free to help your neighbor by returning it to the top of the ramp. Your good deed helps keep carts available at the top of the ramp.

Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

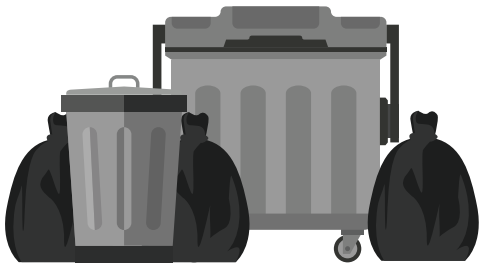


- **DO NOT top off fuel tanks. Leave some room for fuel expansion.** Expanding fuel can leak out of caps fuel fittings, and vents finding its way into your bilge or marine waters.
- Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.
- Make sure to adjust the vent on portable fuel tanks to allow built up pressure to escape.
- Disconnect outboard fuel hoses when not in use.
- If you see a spill, please report it to the harbor office immediately.

Harbor improvement projects updates

BLAINE HARBOR RELOCATION WEBHOUSE #1

Construction work is well underway on the relocation of Webhouse #1 which makes room for future expansion in the Blaine Marine Industrial Area. The concrete foundation has been poured and wall framing is anticipated to begin the first week of August. The removal of old asphalt around Webhouse 2 & 3 was timed to take advantage of downtime with our local commercial fishing fleet. Repaving is anticipated to take place during the first week of August during which time access to Webhouses 2 & 3 will be restricted for approximately 24 hours. Harbor staff will coordinate the access restriction as more details on the paving schedule become available. We appreciate your patience and understanding as this exciting project moved forward.



Harbor Garbage and Recycling Services

In addition to household garbage and recycling, the harbors are able to assist customers by collecting small amounts of customer generated used engine oil, spent antifreeze, bilge water, and old gasoline and diesel fuel. The harbor staff is also able to provide you resources for the disposal of additional items such as paint and chemicals. To help manage our garbage and recyclables, we'd like to remind everyone that only boating-related trash can go in the dumpsters. Please do not bring trash from home.

Renew your registration and avoid fines

Make sure to get your Washington State vessel registration sticker correctly displayed aboard your vessel to prevent fines. Boaters from outside the United States should also make sure that their mooring permit is correctly displayed and visible from the dock. More information on the proper display of registration can be found at www.dol.wa.gov

Holding Tank Pump-outs

Harbor staff has received many comments from boaters about finding full pump-out carts. This is a reminder that the pump-out cart should be returned empty and ready for the next user. If you are unsure how to operate the cart, contact the harbor office and staff would be glad to offer a demonstration.

We'd like to remind boaters that holding tank pump-outs are intended to handle boat sewage and toilet paper. Paper towels and wet wipes do not break down and will clog piping and pumps. Please help us spread the word about the use of pump-outs and keep our marine waters clean and healthy.

Rules of the Road

As you are entering or exiting the harbor please do so cautiously and at a safe speed. Make sure you line up to the entrance squarely, favor the right side of the channel so that you can pass port-to-port with any oncoming vessels, and go slow enough that you don't cause a wake that can interfere with the maneuverability or safe moorage of nearby vessels. If visibility is impaired or in times of inclement weather it's advised that boaters give one prolonged horn blast before entering/exiting a harbor to make nearby boats aware of your presence.

Keep your pet welcome

- Please keep your pet leashed and under control at all times.
- Please help us preserve water quality and respect shared dock spaces by taking your pet to the appropriate upland area for bathroom breaks.
- Nuisance pets may be requested to be removed from the harbor.



- Please clean-up after your pet's mess. If accidents happen on the dock, please clean it up immediately. Letting your pet urinate on your neighbor's dock box or shore power cord is not acceptable.
- Please consider your neighbors and don't leave your pet unattended aboard your vessel if they bark in your absence.

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