



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

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.



New Access Control System for Harbors

Early February, the Port Maintenance Crew will begin installing a new Access Control System at Squalicum Harbor. This system, will replace the current combination locks on the facility doors and gates with a software-controlled access system that has the option to use a key-fob or a smartphone app to gain entry. As the hardware is installed, Harbor

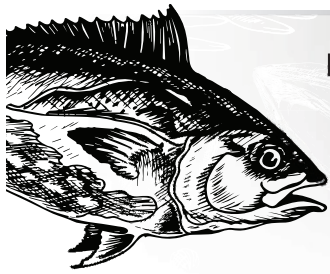
Staff will be contacting customers to get set up with new key fobs. Once the project is completed at Squalicum Harbor, the Port Maintenance Crew will begin installation at Blaine Harbor. The project is anticipated to be completed by April 30, 2020.



Let the WINDS BLOW

This is a friendly reminder to check your vessel often and closely examine your mooring lines and fenders as well as your sails and canvas work during your visit. High winds associated with our winter weather can quickly damage your vessel and sails. Please ensure your vessel is always securely moored and your canvas covers and roller furled head sails are secured. If you plan on travelling, arrange to have someone regularly check your vessel so any potential for damage is minimized. And don't forget to update your contact information with the harbor office.





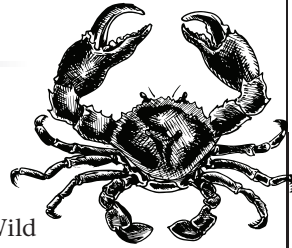
TIDE^{TO}Table SEAFOOD DINNER

The Working Waterfront Coalition is hosting a fundraising dinner on Saturday February 15, 2020. The Tide to Table – A Valentine's Salish Feast will be held from 5-9:30 p.m. in The Marina Room at the Bellingham Yacht Club at 2625 S. Harbor Loop Drive in Bellingham. This premier gala dinner features Drayton Harbor oysters, black cod and troll caught Alaska king salmon and includes a silent auction. More information is available at www.whatcomworkingwaterfront.org/calendar/tide-to-table-a-valentines-salish-feast



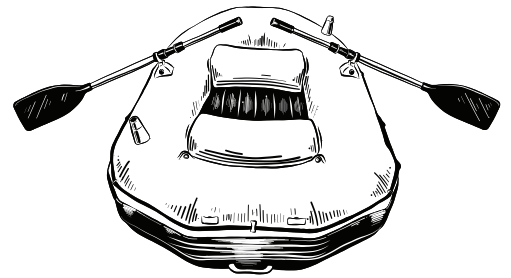
Wild Seafood Exchange

The Port of Bellingham is proud to be the title sponsor of the Wild Seafood Exchange February 27, 2020 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



Both harbors participate in outreach programs to help educate the public about stormwater. We have installed markers near our stormwater drains as a reminder that only rainwater and snow melt are permitted to flow down the drain. Anything else such as paints, oils, fuels etc. are not to be placed into the drains. If you spot a spill in the parking lot or someone dumping

anything into a stormwater drain, please let the harbor staff know immediately so preventative measures can be taken. Likewise, if you have a chemical or substance that you are not sure how to dispose of, please contact the Harbor Office or stop by during business hours. Our harbor staff would be happy to provide you information to make sure your item is disposed of properly.



Identify your dinghy

The United States Coast Guard is asking for your assistance in reducing unnecessary search and rescue missions. By labeling your dinghy or floatable device. 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.

Annual Moorage Due in April

A reminder to our annual moorage customers that moorage statements will be sent out on April 1st and payments are due before the last day of April 2020. Moorage payments can be made online at the Port's website in addition to making payments at the harbor office during business hours. If you would like to change from monthly to annual moorage, please contact the harbor office before April 30th. Reminder: If you are on auto-pay and you wish to pay by another method, you must pay before the 15th or the moorage will automatically be charged on your credit card or your checking account.

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