

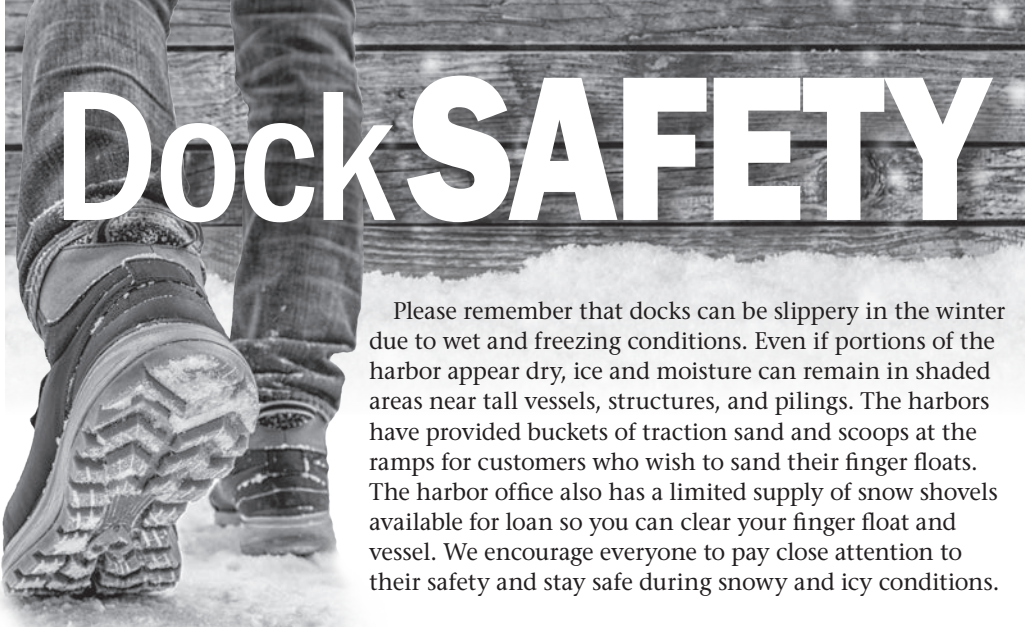


PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



Dock 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. The harbor office also has a limited supply of snow shovels available for loan so you can clear your finger float and vessel. We encourage everyone to pay close attention to their safety and stay safe during snowy and icy conditions.

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 2021. 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.

CHECK Your Boat

This is a friendly reminder to check your vessel often during the winter. Strong winds can quickly damage your vessel and we recommend regular examination of all your vessel's equipment and gear. If you own a sailboat, don't forget to appropriately secure your roller furling and head sails. 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.



Identify your dinghy

Dinghies and kayaks lost off beaches or docks during high tides or storms may initiate unnecessary search and rescue missions. The Coast Guard recommends securing your small boat with good line or storing it safely away from the water during storms. They also recommend writing your name and contact information on all dinghies, canoes and kayaks so the owner can be contacted promptly when found.

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Marina Fire Safety

Marina fires are extremely dangerous and can spread rapidly. There are many steps boaters can take to help reduce the risk of marine fires. Regularly inspect electrical, fuel, and heating systems. Use only marine approved electrical devices and never leave equipment, including heaters, unattended. Employ professionals to work on your vessels systems. Have USCG approved fire extinguishers on board and know how to use them. Maintain vigilance as you walk the docks. If something seems wrong, report it to the harbor office immediately. Please take a moment to review our informative online Marina Fire Safety brochure at: www.portofbellingham.com/firesafety. Your fellow boaters appreciate your safety efforts!



Both harbors participate in outreach programs to help educate the public about storm water. We have installed markers near our storm water drains as a reminder that only rain water 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 storm water 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.



Dogs

We strive to be a dog friendly facility, however there are still a number of dog owners who leave their animal's feces on the docks without picking it up. Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog. It's simply the right thing to do. Pick up bags are provided free of charge throughout the facility. Please remember to keep your dog on a leash throughout the Harbor; many boaters have noted dogs running free on the docks, which pose safety concerns for both the dog and people on the docks.

Blaine Harbor Moorage Available

Blaine Harbor has moorage available immediately for vessels 26 to 40 feet. If you know someone purchasing a boat or looking to move it closer to home, please feel free to mention Blaine Harbor and send them our way.

WATER MAY BE TURNED OFF IN WINTER

Water service to the docks could be shut-down with little notice to prevent freeze damage. Please plan ahead for temporary water outages during the winter months. We will endeavor to restore water as soon as possible.

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You can contact your Marina Advisory Committee Representatives by calling either of the harbor offices.
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