



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Bellingham Yacht Club
Opening Day Parade in
Bellingham Bay

Opening Day EVENTS

SATURDAY | MAY 2ND

Blaine

International Yacht Club The Opening Day Ceremony at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole has been postponed due to travel restrictions at the border. The Blaine Harbor Staff looks forward to welcoming the International Yacht Club back to Blaine Harbor and wishes everyone a fun and safe Opening Day.

Bellingham

Squalicum and Corinthian Yacht Clubs. Everyone is welcome to browse the Marine Swap Meet and Gear Sale sponsored by the CYC in the Gate 3 parking lot. Then Join the SYC in their clubhouse for coffee, pastries and warm conversation. Both events open from 7:30am to 11am. Visit www.squalicumyc.org and www.cycbellingham.org for more information.

Bellingham Yacht Club Traditional ceremony at 11:30am at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:30pm. For more information visit www.byc.org. All BYC sponsored activities comply with Covid-19 regulations and members and the public are asked to help meet the requirements.

Please be aware that these future events may be cancelled or modified in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. For the most current information about these events, please visit the websites or call the phone number listed.



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 2ND, 1:30PM.

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

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SATURDAY MAY 8TH, 11:00AM

Service and celebration at Zuanich Park followed by a reception at the Squalicum Boathouse. For more information, or to volunteer, call **(360) 510-5544** or visit the Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association on Facebook.

Ready to get on the water? JOIN THE CLUB!

The **Bellingham Yacht Club** is now open to members Friday and Saturday evenings and is **welcoming new members** by waiving the initiation fee through May 20, 2021 as well as prorating annual dues for the remainder of 2021. From races to cruising to youth programs and socializing informally and at our waterfront facilities, members enjoy boating and the company of fellow members to the fullest.

"There is tremendous pent-up demand for boating activities, the use of our terrific waterfront facilities and the camaraderie of new and longtime members," said Shaun Thompson, BYC Commodore. "We are very pleased to be opened, and while planning for the season has continued remotely, being able to grab a drink and enjoy some food surrounded by fellow boaters is a huge morale booster for all."

Sponsorship is not required, nor is boat ownership. For information about joining, visit <http://byc.org>

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day Friday May 21st

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 2021 Safe Boating Campaign. Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtag **#lifejacketatwork** or send it directly to the NSBC at outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org.



Resources for Vessel Checks

Customers who are out of the area or unable to check on their vessels may consider hiring the services of one of the many local skilled marine trades. A list of Whatcom County Marine Trades can be found on the Port of Bellingham's website at: <https://www.portofbelllingham.com/513/Marine-Trades-Directory> or by calling or emailing the harbor office.



National Safe Boating Week May 22-28

National Safe Boating Week promotes awareness for boating safety and education. Some ways to participate include:

- Review the Washington State Parks Adventures in Boating Handbook online at: <https://www.boat-ed.com/washington/handbook/book.html>
- Study and pass a state approved Boater Education Safety Program. More information at <https://parks.state.wa.us/442/Mandatory-Boater-Education>
- 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>



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