



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

Summer EVENTS

The communities of Blaine and Bellingham are both planning
Fourth of July Firework displays!

BELLINGHAM

Blast Over the Bay Fourth Of July

The Port of Bellingham and Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce are proud to present the **Blast Over the Bay Fourth Of July Fireworks Display!** Show starts at approximately 10:30 pm. Traditional viewing areas, such as Zuanich Point Park will have restricted parking and people are encouraged to avoid these locations. There will be no daytime events or activities as in past years.

BLAINE

Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration

The Blaine Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. Plans are underway to host the annual antique car show and street fair in downtown Blaine. The fireworks display over Semiahmoo Bay starts at approximately 10:15 pm.
www.blainechamber.com/annual-events/

The health and safety of our community members is the Port of Bellingham's top priority. Here are the ways the community can enjoy and safely watch the Fireworks displays:

- Fireworks will be launched between 200-500 feet in the air and can be viewed from many locations throughout the City.
- People are encouraged to find viewing locations where they can watch from their vehicle or outdoor areas where social distancing of 6 feet of separation can be maintained.
- Parking will be restricted at traditional viewing areas and people are encouraged to avoid these locations.
- Social distancing will be encouraged at traditional firework viewing locations such as Zuanich Point Park in Bellingham and Blaine Harbor.
- Per recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask while watching fireworks outside in uncrowded locations.

We are excited to celebrate with you!
#KeepCalmandSparkleOn

Renew Your Vessel Registration

Washington State vessel registrations expire June 30, 2021. Be sure to renew your registration and correctly display your registration sticker aboard your vessel.

More information on the proper display of registration can be found at www.dol.wa.gov



Long-term Parking at the Harbor

Help us keep parking as available and convenient as possible. If you are planning to leave a vehicle for more than 3 days, please check-in with the harbor office. Staff will direct you to the most appropriate area for long-term parking.



Continued Vigilance During the Health Emergency

We ask all visitors to the Marina to please be considerate and give your fellow boaters the appropriate social distance in the gatehouses, restrooms, and dock ramps. Please use good judgement and continue to practice social distance, wear a face covering when required, and wash your hands regularly. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we all try to follow the current guidance from health authorities.

Gate 1 Holding Tank Pump-out Update

Over the winter, the Gate 1 pump-out float, near the fuel dock, was replaced with new equipment. Due to permitting, this project will be completed in two phases to comply with "in water work windows". Next year new piling and a ramp landing float will be added, which will give our customers more opportunity to easily tie to the dock.

In order to prevent damage by the exposed piling, cleats have been provided on the starboard side of the float, furthest away from the fuel dock. For now, boats must tie up on the less preferable side of the dock until the project is fully completed. We will add more signage to the dock to make this more clear during the busy summer months.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We hope you are as excited as we are to see these harbor upgrades.

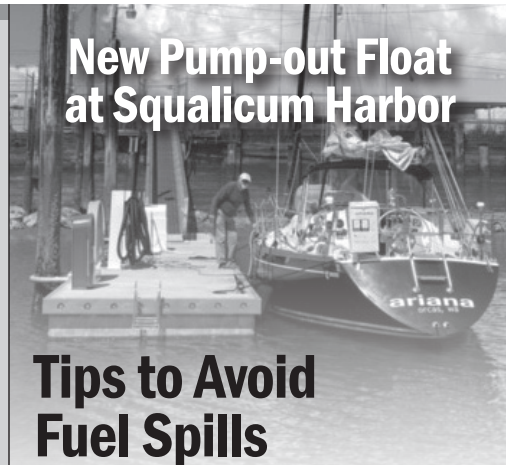
#squalicumharbor #boatingseason

DON'T TOUCH Marine Mammals



This time of year we often receive reports of baby seals that appear to be abandoned. Please do not touch or approach the mammal as it may cause the mother to abandon it. If you find a newborn seal pup or a stranded or deceased marine mammal, call the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 360-966-8845 and stay at least 100 yards from it. More information about reporting a marine mammal stranding and volunteer opportunities is available at www.wmmsn.org.

New Pump-out Float at Squalicum Harbor



Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

- Do not top of fuel tanks. Leave some room for fuel expansion. As the air temperature warms up expanding fuel can leak out of caps and fuel fittings and find its way into your bilge or the water.
- Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.
- Make sure to adjust the vent on your portable fuel tank to allow built up pressure to escape.
- Disconnect your hoses from your outboard when not in use.
- If you see a spill, please report it to the harbor office immediately.

Sublease Your Slip

If you are going to be out cruising for a week or more this summer, the Port offers two programs that allow you to save a few moorage dollars while make your slip available to visiting boaters. If you are cruising for a month or more, the sublease program allows you to sublease your slip for up to 12 months. Tenants must complete a sublease form at the harbor office. If you are cruising for up to one month, the Loan-A-Slip program, allows you to make your slip available for up to two weeks per months. One-half of the moorage of the moorage charges collected will be credited towards your moorage account. Call for more information and additional program details.

Welcome aboard Aaron Bisson

May 1st Aaron Bisson took the helm at Squalicum Harbor as the new harbormaster. Aaron replaces Kyle Randolph who moved to be closer to family. Aaron brings with him a strong background in the marine industry with experience as a commercial fisherman and with operations at the Port through his time as a marina services representative and facilities technician. Welcome aboard Aaron!

Fuel dock discount at Blaine

We'd like to remind you the Semiahmoo Marina fuel dock, in Blaine, offers a 20 cent/gal discount on fuel purchases by Port of Bellingham moorage customers. To redeem your discount, simply present a copy of your current Port moorage statement before making a fuel purchase. The fuel dock is open daily from 8am to 4:30pm and can be contacted directly on VHF channel 68 for the quickest service. If you don't have a VHF radio, you can reach them at 360-332-0440. Updated fuel prices are available at www.semiahmoomarina.com.

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