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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

KEEP OUR HARBORS CLEAN!

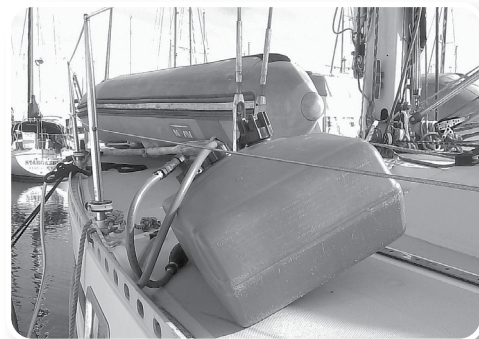


Holding Tank Pump-outs

Thank you to all our customers for helping us keep our marine waters clean and safe by using the holding tank pump-out and adopting best management practices to eliminate discharges and pollution. If you are new to boating or haven't had a need to use the sanitary holding tank pump-outs, please feel free to contact the harbor office and staff would be happy to walk you through the steps of operating our equipment to pump-out your vessel's holding tank. Visit pumpoutwashington.org for more information on pumping out and a list of locations.

Keep your pet welcome

Both marinas have been buzzing with activity this summer and we've noticed an increase in the number of four legged family members on the docks. We would like to remind everyone that the docks and floats are not the appropriate place to take your pet for a potty break. If an accident happens, it is the pet owner's responsibility to pick up your pet's droppings and rinse any urine off the dock. Letting your pet pee on dock boxes, hoses and shore-power cords is just plain bad form. Please take your pet to the appropriate upland areas and pick up your pet's droppings immediately out of consideration for others. We ask you to keep your pet leashed and under control at all times and please do not leave your pet unattended aboard your vessel if they bark in your absence. Nuisance pets may be requested to be removed from the harbor.



Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

Help us prevent accidental fuel discharges into our marine waters by observing the following best management practices:

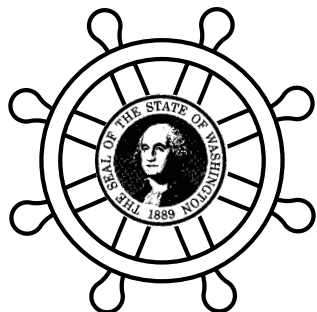
- **DO NOT top off fuel tanks. Leave some room for fuel expansion. Expanding fuel can leak out of caps fuel fittings, and vents finding its way into your bilge or marine waters.**
- **Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.**
- **Make sure to adjust the vent on portable 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 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. If you suspect someone is dumping household garbage, please notify the harbor office with a description of the vehicle and the license plate number so staff can follow-up on the report.

INCENTIVES TO GO GREEN

The Port is partnering with local organizations to bring you Energize Whatcom, an opportunity for businesses in rural Whatcom County to make big energy efficiency and solar upgrades! To learn more about expert advice and financial incentives available to help your business save energy and reduce costs visit sustainableconnections.org/programs/energy-efficiency-and-renewables-2/energize-whatcom/



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

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.

Parking at the harbor

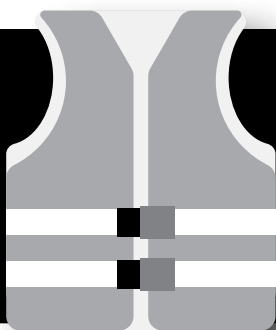
Please help us keep parking available for those in need and abide by parking signage at the harbor. The harbor loading zones are intended to provide convenient access for customers with short-term needs. If you're planning to be gone more than 3 days, please check-in at the harbor office and staff will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

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.



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 are available at the harbor office on a first come first serve basis. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next young boaters in need of a lifejacket.

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