



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

Holiday Events

BELLINGHAM

Bellingham Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade

DECEMBER 2ND | 6PM

All boaters are invited to participate in the Lighted Boat Parade and registered participants are welcomed at the holiday party afterward at the Bellingham Yacht Club. Best viewing from Boulevard Park and the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. Registered boats should rendezvous near the Bellingham Cruise Terminal at 6pm. For event details and registration

[CLICK HERE.](#)

Holiday Port Festival

DECEMBER 2ND - 3RD | 11AM - 5PM

The annual Holiday Port Festival returns to the Bellingham Cruise Terminal Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd from 11am to 5pm. The festivities include performances by local music and dance groups, a snow globe display in the Dome Room during the boat parade, photos with Santa Claus, yummy treats for purchase from Sugar & Spice food truck, and over 48 Gingerbread House entries in the annual contest. Port of Bellingham staff will be handing out free cookies and cider to festival goers throughout the weekend. Find more information on the Port website

[CLICK HERE.](#)

BLAINE

Holiday Harbor Light Festival

DECEMBER 2ND | 9AM-7PM

Join in the community tree lighting, caroling, and seasonal family fun festivities on the G-Street Plaza (at the intersection of G-Street and Peace Portal Way). For event details [CLICK HERE.](#)

Blaine Lighted Boat Parade

DECEMBER 2ND | 5PM-7:30PM

The International Yacht Club of BC will be leading a Lighted Sail Past at White Rock Pier on Saturday December 2nd (weather permitting). Decorated Boats will depart from Blaine Marina at 5:00 pm and "Light Up" at White Rock Pier at 5:30pm. Any boats interested in joining are invited to RSVP to iycbc.ca@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

Prepare for Winter Weather

We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for wintertime conditions and use caution during inclement weather. Check your bilge pumps, dock lines, secure halyards and canvas, and remove your sails. Make sure the Harbor Office has updated phone numbers in the event we need to contact you. Check the October Marina newsletter for additional ideas on winterizing your boat.

Freezing temperatures bring snow and ice. The harbor provides buckets of traction sand and scoops located at each ramp. We also have a limited number of shovels available to borrow for you to remove snow from your boat. Please return the sand buckets and shovels as soon as possible. Also, please disconnect hoses from the spigot at your slip to prevent expensive freeze damage to the spigot. If extended periods of freezing weather are expected, the dock water may be shut off for the duration of the freeze. Boaters and liveaboards requiring water should plan on keeping water tanks full. The harbor will restore water as soon as threat of freeze damage passes.



Blaine and Squalicum Harbor Offices Going Cashless

Effective January 1, 2024 the Blaine and Squalicum Harbor Offices will no longer be accepting cash. Forms of accepted payment include **CHECK** and **CREDIT CARD**. Customers also have the option to setup their account for autopayment by credit card or **ACH** through your bank account. You may have noticed that all Squalicum Harbor shower and laundry facilities now accept credit cards and Blaine Harbor is in the process of transitioning to cashless vending. This change was in response to the increasing cost to repair and/or replace damage caused by vandalism and theft. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

BELLINGHAM
DOCKSIDE
MARKET

DOCK to TABLE

Dockside Safety

Make it a habit to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with a loud whistle attached. If you fall in, a PFD buys you time while you try to self-rescue or call for help. Remember that dock ladders are located throughout both marinas. Make note of their locations as you walk down the dock. From the waterside, the slips with ladders are marked with a yellow and black arrow on the end of the finger floats which point towards the next slip with a ladder in it. If you moor next to a ladder, please keep it clear of dock lines and other obstructions. Do not forget that many boats have ladders on their transom or swim-step. Do not be afraid to use the most convenient means of rescue in an emergency!



MARINA SAFETY Shore Power Cords

This is a reminder that only marine rated power cords are permitted to connect your vessel to shore-power. Keep your cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, preventing it from draping into the water, and ensuring the cord wires are not pinched or crushed. Cords and connectors should be inspected often and replaced when damage or corrosion is discovered. Boat US recommends that plugs with brown discoloration at the base of the blades or a worn coating or pitting should not be used. Boat US also recommends inspecting your vessel's shore power inlet at least every 5 years. Consult a qualified marine electrician if you have any questions about your electrical system.

BELLINGHAM DOCKSIDE MARKET

Visit the Bellingham Dockside Market in Squalicum Harbor at the Fishermen's Pavilion (2955 S. Harbor Loop Drive) for the freshest seafood direct from local fishing families! The market is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10am to 2pm. To receive a product availability email 24 hours prior to market day, write to dockside@portofbelllingham.com. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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