



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER | **APRIL & MAY 2024**

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPENING DAY

SATURDAY MAY 4

Blaine

International Yacht Club Join the Officers of the International Yacht Club at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole at 11:00 AM. For more information about the IYC, visit their website at www.iybc.ca.

Bellingham

Squalicum Yacht Club stop in for breakfast at the SYC Clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop Way from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or 2 for \$15 which benefits local non-profits. Raffle prizes include dining, marine supplies and local boatyard services. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Visit www.squalicumyc.org.

Corinthian Yacht Club Marine Swap Meet 7 AM to 11 AM at Squalicum Harbor near the SYC Clubhouse. Suggested \$10 donation to support the Bellingham Bay Boating Center. More information 360-319-6827

Bellingham Yacht Club Member's reception at 9:30 AM, public ceremony at 10:45-11:45 AM at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:00PM. Registration required only for boat parade. Visit www.byc.org



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 5th, 1:30 PM

Service and celebration at the Boating Center followed by a reception. Call 360-647-6176 for more information.

Bellingham

Saturday May 11th, 11:00AM

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

30 Day Cancellation of Moorage

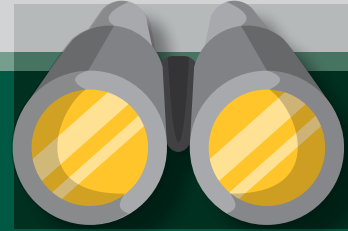
Effective March 1, 2023 the moorage cancellation notification has changed from 15 days to 30 days. This will provide staff adequate time to re-assign slips in a timely manner allowing as many community members as possible to have access to the marina. As a reminder, all moorage cancellations must be in writing and can be accepted either at the harbor office or by email. Please feel free to contact the Harbor Office if you have any questions.

Annual Moorage Due in April

Annual moorage customer will see the renewal on their April moorage statement. Payment must be received before the end of April or your moorage will revert to monthly. The annual moorage discount for 2024 is 5% which is based on the rate of a five-year treasury bill plus 1%. If you have registered for automatic payments and you wish to pay your balance by another means, please let the harbor office know before April 14th to make the change. Also, if you would like to change from monthly to annual moorage, please contact the Harbor Office before April 30th.

Report Suspicious Behavior

Please help keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior **immediately** to the harbor office. Please be prepared to provide some details such as a description of the suspect, a vehicle license plate or vessel name and registration number. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers listed on the back of this newsletter. In an emergency, call 911 immediately!



National Safe Boating Week May 18-24th

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.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Study and pass a state approved Boater Education Safety Program.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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.

Visit the Washington State Parks Boater Safety website.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day FRIDAY MAY 17

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 2024 Safe Boating Campaign. Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtag **#wearyourlifejacketatworkday** and tag **@boatingcampaign**



Pump-Out Protocol

We've recently responded to rags or sanitary wipes clogging our sewage pump-outs. While many of these wipes are advertised as sewer or septic friendly, in reality they are often materials that do not break down like toilet paper. These products are not flushable and jam pumps and clog pipes causing breakdowns. Please dispose of these types of products with your garbage rather than allowing them to clog the dock plumbing. **Thank you!**

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