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HARBOR NEWS

Fun for All at Drayton Harbor Days



This year Drayton Harbor Days is Saturday and Sunday August 7 - 8. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun, art and craft vendors and Plover ferry rides. Activities include:

- Street Fair with children's games and activities, 10-4 pm each day, Downtown Blaine, H Street plaza.
- Historic Plover Ferry rides, noon - 8 pm Saturday and 10 am-6 pm Sunday
- West Marine Drayton Harbor Maritime Community Sailing School Regatta is at 11 am Saturday at Gate 3. Participants will race around the Gate 3 inner harbor using the 3-meter Clancy sailboat.
- The Prestigious George

Raft Race will begin at 1 pm Saturday. The race course stretches from the Blaine Boat Launch to the Gate 2 visitor dock. Everyone is welcome to enter the race with a homemade raft made of recycled materials. The first place winner will have their name added to the Prestigious George Raft Trophy for the next year.

- Community Tug of War at Marine Park, this new activity will be at 3 pm Saturday.
- Family outdoor movie, 9 pm Saturday at the G St Plaza.

For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce online at <http://www.blainechamber.com/events.html>

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Moorage Available in Blaine Harbor

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability for 26 foot slips and a very short wait for 36 and 40 foot slips. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat or moving their boat closer to home, send them our way!

Vessel Overhang Still a Problem for Some Boats in Blaine Harbor

Blaine Harbor staff continue to monitor vessel overhang to ensure that vessels are assigned to appropriately sized slips. While some vessels simply need to be re-tied to prevent sticking out into the waterway or hanging over the dock, other boats are too long. When assigning moorage, harbor staff take the vessel's total overall length into account. This includes everything attached to the boat including, anchors, bow sprits, swim steps, dingy davits and tipped up outboard motors.

Please take your vessel's total overall length into consideration when discussing slip assignments with staff.

War on Tunicates a Success, So Far

On June 22, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and their contractor, Ballard Diving, completed their annual underwater assessment for club tunicates (*Styela clava*) at Blaine Harbor.

Tunicates are an invasive marine species that pose a serious threat to shellfish beds and marine habitat. Since the assessment and removal program began in 2006, the WDFW has been very successful at removing tunicates from Blaine Harbor waters and preventing their spread.

Regular vessel haul-outs and hull cleanings at approved boat yards are effective in curbing the spread of the club tunicate.

More information on invasive species in Washington waters can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/ans/index.htm>



Remember, Only Rain Down the Drains

Harbor-staff is working on installing markers on stormwater catch basins throughout our parking lots to help everyone understand that what happens in the parking lots can have a large impact on our marine waters. The only thing that should flow down a stormwater drain is rainwater and snow melt. Anything else such as paints, oils, fuels etc. should not go down the drains.

If you spot a spill in the parking lots or someone dumping anything into a stormwater drain, please let the harbor staff know immediately so preventative measures can be taken. Likewise, if you have a chemical or substance that you are not sure how to dispose of, please contact the Blaine Harbor Office at (360) 647-6176 or stop by between 8 am and 5 pm. Our harbor staff would be happy to provide you with information to make sure items are disposed of properly.



Parents: Free Life Jacket Loaner Program for Children Under the Age of Eighteen

We'd like to remind our boaters that the Blaine Harbor Office participates in the Boat US Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids. The harbor office was supplied a limited number of infant, child and youth life jackets.

If a boating family discovers they don't have enough life jackets aboard for their children, they can borrow a life jacket from the Blaine Harbor Office at no charge by filling out a simple form any time between 8 am and 5 pm. When finished for the day, they can return the lifejacket to the Harbor Office.

Please remember to return the lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available to the next user.



All Vessels Should Have Up-To-Date Registration and Insurance

As a friendly reminder, vessel registrations needed to be renewed by June 30, 2010. Per the Rules, Regulations and Procedures Manual, all vessels must display a current registration decal according to WA Department of Licensing regulations.

A recent inventory revealed several expired June 2010 vessel registration decals and some dating back to 2009 and prior. If you have registered your vessel but simply haven't updated your decal, please do so in a timely manner.

We'd also like to remind our Canadian boaters to make sure their WA Department of Licensing issued Identification Document is posted in a

place that is clearly visible and protected from the elements.

As a friendly reminder, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office can issue a citation of approx. \$250 for expired registration.

For information regarding the registration of your vessel, go online to www.dol.wa.gov or call the Whatcom County Auditors Office at (360) 676-6740.

Please forward a copy of your renewed registration to the Harbor Office for your moorage file.

Insurance Renewals

You may have received a letter from us stating that we do not have a current insurance policy on file for you. Your policy may be in effect, but we did not

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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receive a copy of the renewal from your insurance agency. Please make sure when your policy renews to get a copy to us.

You can bring it in and we will take a copy or you can fax it to: (360) 332-1043. If you have questions, please call the Harbor Office at (360) 647-6176.

MARINA ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES

You can contact your Marina Advisory Representatives by calling either the Blaine or Squalicum Harbor offices.

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