



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

CHANGES COMING FOR ANNUAL MOORAGE PAYMENTS

On December 5, Port of Bellingham Commissioners adopted changes to the annual moorage payment policy. The old policy allowed customers to pay moorage annually any month during the year at the existing moorage rate. The new policy shifts all annual moorage renewals to the

same renewal date effective April 1, 2013. To help make this transition, as annual moorage comes due in 2012, we will prorate your moorage amount through March 2013. The annual moorage accounts that renew January through March 2012 will not see their annual moorage prorated

until they renew in 2013. At the end of this phased-in period, all moorage accounts paying annually will be adjusted to renew in April. This phasing process ensures our customers have time to make changes and prepare financially for changes in the annual payment system.

CHARTERFEST SHOWS OFF BOATS FOR SALE OR CHARTER

Start planning now for the 2012 summer boating season by attending the 8th annual CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor April 21-22. Sailboats, yachts and trawlers will be on display from 11am-5pm each day to climb aboard and explore, with boats available for sale, charter or both. Representatives from local companies will be on hand to answer questions.



Participating companies include:

- Bellhaven Charters
- Bellingham Yacht Sales & Charters
- Blue Heron Yacht Sales
- Lake Union Sea Ray
- NW Explorations
- San Juan Sailing
- San Juan Yachting

To keep kids safe while touring boats, children's life jackets will be available to borrow, at no charge, from the Squalicum Harbor Office.

SLIPS AVAILABLE IN BLAINE

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability for 26 and 30 foot slips and a very short wait for 36 and 40 foot slips. Contact us at (360) 647-6176 or blaineharbor@portofbellingham.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

BOATING FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN CLASS

Presented by the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, the Boating for Women by Women class is a chance to learn new skills and meet like-minded women boaters. Experienced women boaters will lead discussions on topics that include tips and tools, docking and anchoring skills, and handling emergencies. There is a \$35 fee to cover food and program costs. Visit www.boatingisfun.org for details and to RSVP.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY CLASSES

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering several boater education opportunities in the coming months. Either of these courses will help you fulfill your Washington State boater education requirement. One day, eight-hour, About Boating Safely (ABS) classes will be held April 14, May 19 and June 16. In addition, an 8-week Boating Skills and Seamanship class will begin February 15 from 6:30-8:30pm at the St. Lukes Education Center in Bellingham. For information or registration, contact John Milczewski at 360-739-1310 or by email: john@bli.net.

NEXT MAC MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 14

The next MAC meeting will be 6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the Squalicum Harbor Office, 722 Coho Way. Visitors are always welcome at MAC meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

10TH ANNUAL WINGS OVER WATER FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BLAINE

This popular free event includes viewing stations, seminars, exhibits, live raptor displays, kids activities, walking field trips of Semiahmoo Spit and Blaine's Marine Park, Plover Ferry Nature Cruises and more.

The event is from 10am-5pm on March 17. Activities are centered around the Blaine Middle School cafeteria, 975 H Street. For information, visit: www.blainechamber.com/wow.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – GATE 3 IMPROVEMENTS

Construction is well underway on the Gate 3, F and G dock replacement project. The contractor is now working to complete the dredging phase of the project. As you may be aware, a large crane barge has been dredging in the Gate 3 area. The material is then being offloaded on the old Georgia Pacific property where it is dewatered, processed for handling, and trucked to its interim placement on the Cornwall Avenue Landfill. Meanwhile, floats and piling are being manufactured at a production facility in Ferndale. Construction crews are also installing new electrical transformers in the Gate 3 parking lot. The next phase of the project will be piling installation, which we expect to see soon.

If you have any questions or comments about this important project, please do not hesitate contact the Harbor Office.

PORT REDUCES RATES FOR WATERFRONT MEETING AND EVENT FACILITIES

Community-owned waterfront meeting and event locations just got a little more affordable for local businesses and community groups with the introduction of new lower rates, some as low as \$20 per hour, at the Port of Bellingham's meeting and event facilities.

Among the changes, weekday rates have been reduced at some of the Port's most popular facilities. Rent the Dome Room

at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal or the Squalicum Boathouse for as low as \$40 per hour, or the Blaine Boating Center for as little as \$20 per hour.

These rate reductions are in addition to the economic development discount the Port introduced for all its meeting facilities in 2010. That special rate provided a 25 percent discount for reservations related to local business economic

development use, things like employee trainings, product development and demonstrations.

For more information on rates and facilities, including virtual tours of most rental locations, call the Meetings and Events Department at (360) 676-2500 ext. 386 or visit the Port's website at www.portofbellingham.com/meetingrental

PREPARE YOUR VESSEL FOR WINTER WEATHER WITH THESE TIPS

Slippery conditions - Always use extreme caution while walking the docks during freezing temperatures. The docks can be very slippery.

Shovels and sand - During snowy weather shovels are available for check-out at the Harbor Office. Buckets of sand will also be made available at the bottom of the ramps

for your use around your mooring area.

Space Heaters - Keep in mind that space heaters can be dangerous and costly to operate. It's imperative that your space heater has a tip-over switch and a thermal cut out. Space heaters, furnaces and engine block heaters can all contribute to higher electric bills.

Watch Out for Your Neighbors - When checking your boat, be mindful of the neighboring boats as well. If you see something out of order, or a potential hazard, contact the Harbor Office.

Hoses - Remove your hose from your faucet and store it out of the way to prevent faucet damage and trip hazards.

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