



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

APRIL & MAY

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BELOW: Beach restoration underway at the City of Blaine's Marine Park.



Annual Moorage DUE in April

A reminder to all customers who chose to pay moorage annually that payments must be received before the end of April, 2015 or your account will revert to a monthly moorage billing cycle. Also, if your account is set-up for automatic monthly ACH payment from your checking account and you wish to pay your annual moorage by another means, you **MUST** let the harbor

office know about the change before April 10th or the payment will be automatically deducted from your checking account. Moorage payments can be made at the harbor office during business hours in addition to online payments on the Port's website.

Update your Moorage Agreement & Vessel Insurance

We would like to thank all of you who have provided us with updated moorage agreements. The new moorage agreement is in response to new moorage requirements implemented by the State of Washington. The Harbors' new moorage agreement can be found online at www.portofbellingham.com/moorageagreement. We are asking that we get a completed moorage agreement from all current customers by April 30, 2015. On March 12, the Marina

Advisory Committee hosted an open house to discuss the new State of Washington marine insurance requirements and we are planning on making information from that meeting available to all our boaters in a FAQ document available on the Port's website and at the harbor office. If you have any questions, please contact the harbor office at number listed on the back page of this newsletter.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Marine Flare Disposal

Check with the Washington State Patrol to find the nearest location that will accept expired marine flares. Don't throw marine flares in the garbage, they contain toxic materials that cannot be mixed with regular trash.

Squalicum Harbor Gate Code Changing

Gates codes at Squalicum Harbor in Bellingham will change May 4th. The new code will be available on April 15th. Please do not share the code or open the gate for strangers. Report suspicious behavior to the harbor office immediately or call 911.

Dinghy Racks

Please help us ensure that dinghy racks are available for boaters who need them. Observe the two-bar rule. Please do not store kayaks and canoes in the dinghy rack as they take valuable space away from adjoining racks, preventing others from using the racks as well. All dinghies should be labeled such that their ownership can be determined by Harbor staff. This spring, Harbor staff will be removing derelict and abandoned craft from the dinghy racks, so please help us keep this amenity tidy and clean.

Vessel registration stickers

Make sure to get your Washington State registration stickers correctly displayed aboard your vessel to prevent fines. The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office reports the fine for unregistered vessels is now \$257. 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

Spring Events at Both Harbors

Activities at Blaine Harbor

IYC SEMIAHMOO BAY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

Saturday & Sunday April 25-26

The 17th Annual International Yacht Club (IYC) Semiahmoo Bay International Regatta is April 25th & 26th with all events starting at the Blaine Harbor Marina. All sailboats are invited to join the fun! In addition to the races, a BBQ and party are planned for Saturday night at the Blaine Boating Center. For more information contact IYC Race Director Jim Gibson at (604) 538-6912 or go to www.iycbc.ca.

INTERNATIONAL YACHT CLUB OPENING DAY CEREMONY

Saturday May 2, 10:30am

Join the Commodore and Officers of the International Yacht Club for the Opening Day Ceremony at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole. Afterwards, boaters participating in the parade are requested to muster in Semiahmoo Bay at noon for the sail past. Afterwards, club members will enjoy a dinner and a dance at Peace Arch Park. Please consider becoming an IYC member for this and other fun club events scheduled through-out the year. For more information contact IYC Port Captain, Bruce Blandy at (778) 580-5952 or go to www.iycbc.ca.

FLAG CEREMONY

Sunday May 3, 1:30pm

The Semiahmoo Yacht Club will conduct its Opening Day Flag Ceremony at Resort Semiahmoo. Events include a sail past and luncheon for Semiahmoo Yacht Club members. Visit the Semiahmoo Yacht Club website at www.semiahmooyachtclub.com/

FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Sunday May 3, 1:30pm

The Fishermen's Memorial and Blessing of the Fleet will be held at the Blaine Boating Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual gathering to support our commercial fishing fleet, wish them a safe & successful season, and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. Contact the Blaine Harbor Office for more information at (360) 647-6176.

Activities at Squalicum Harbor

10TH ANNUAL OPENING DAY BREAKFAST

Saturday May 2nd

The Squalicum Yacht Club will host their 10th annual Opening Day Breakfast from 7am to 11am at their clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop (between Bellingham Yacht Club and Seaview North boatyard). Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk

and juice. SYC bridge members will be on hand to share information regarding their club and activities. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. All donations will benefit a Bellingham charity. In conjunction with this event, the Corinthian Yacht club will be hosting their annual marine equipment swap meet on from 7am-11am in the parking lot directly in front of the SYC clubhouse.



MEMORIAL, CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday May 16 11:00am

The Commercial Fisherman's Association will host the Memorial, Celebration and Blessing of the Fleet at Zuanich Park. After the ceremony, enjoy a seafood barbecue and live music at the Squalicum Boathouse. For more information, or to volunteer, call (360) 510-5544.

The Harbor Staffs wish everyone a safe and memorable boating season!

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