



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BELOW: Boaters at Blaine Harbor prepare for the lighted boat parade. See details for this year's events on back.



New Insurance Requirements

Our last newsletter introduced the new insurance requirements adopted by the State of Washington in Second Substitute House Bill 2457 (2SHB 2457). The new requirements can be searched online at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/> by entering the applicable RCW. The insurance requirement for moored vessels is found in RCW 53.08.480 which requires vessel owners to provide marine insurance with coverage of liability limits of at least three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence and include, at a minimum, general, legal, and pollution liability. RCW

79.100.170 requires any individual or company that purchases or otherwise receives a used vessel greater than sixty-five feet in length and more than forty years old must secure a marine insurance policy with coverage for pollution liability and vessel removal.

The Port of Bellingham will be adopting the new insurance requirements in our Harbor Rules, Regulations and Procedures. We suggest contacting your insurance provider to determine if your current policy meets the new State requirements.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Prepare for The Freeze

Please disconnect hoses from spigots to prevent freeze damage. In the event of a freeze the harbors may turn off the water to the docks to prevent expensive damage to the water lines. We will do our best to restore water service as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!

Marina Fire Safety

Marina fires are extremely dangerous and can spread rapidly. Regularly inspect electrical, fuel, and heating systems. Use only marine approved electrical devices and never leave equipment operating, including heaters, unattended. Employ professionals to work on your vessels systems. Have USCG approved fire extinguishers on board and know how to use them. Maintain vigilance as you walk the docks. If something seems wrong, report it to the harbor office immediately. Please take a moment to review our informative online Marina Fire Safety brochure at: www.portofbellingham.com/firesafety. Your fellow boaters appreciate your efforts!

New Harbor Management Software

In January the harbors will begin transitioning to a new marina management software. The most noticeable difference to our customers will be the new look to our monthly moorage statements which will be easier to read. Other features will include the future ability to set-up an automatic payment by credit card and emailed statements. These features will be implemented after we have migrated data over to the new software. Stay tuned for future announcements on the availability of these features.



Blaine Harbor

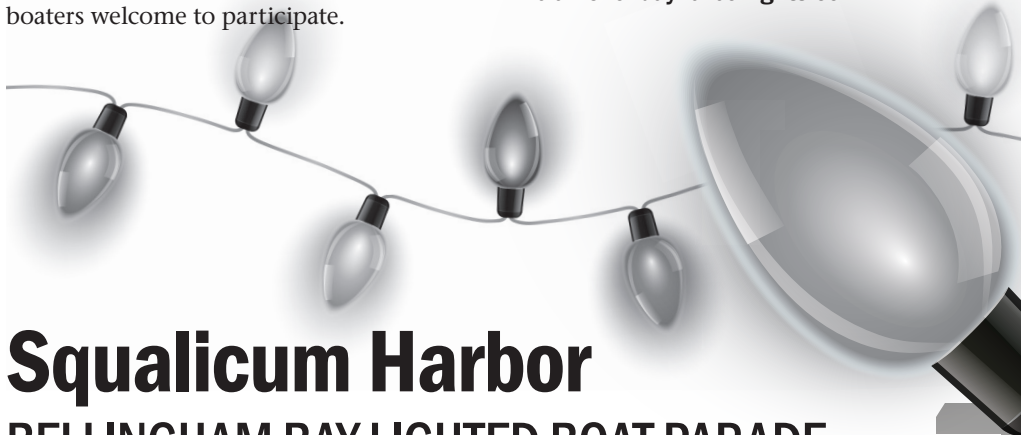
BLAINE LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

The Blaine International Yacht Club is hosting its annual lighted boat parade on Saturday December 6th. Participants should muster to the southwest of the White Rock Pier at 5:30pm and plan for two passes of White Rock Pier and one pass of Semiahmoo Resort. All boaters welcome to participate.

HARBOR HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL

Share in the magic of Holiday Harbor Lights annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Blaine at Harbor View Plaza (H St. and Peace Portal) on Saturday December 6th at 4:30 pm. Santa Claus arrives by fire truck to visit with children at 5pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this family friendly event visit www.blaineholidayharborlights.com.



Squalicum Harbor

BELLINGHAM BAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting the annual lighted boat parade on Saturday December 6th. Registration is 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Yacht Club, where instructions will be provided. Boats away is at 5:30 p.m. and rendezvous at the Ferry Terminal for the start around 6:00pm. **FOR MORE INFORMATION**, visit www.byc.org

REPAIR WORK AT SQUALICUM HARBOR CONTINUES

New Gate 3 Docks

Regular harbor visitors will have noticed the pile driver installing new piling on G-East to accommodate new open moorage. The project included the addition of nine 48 foot and three 42 foot slips. The removal of 28 creosote piling and construction of the new floats was quickly accomplished by Razz Construction. Replacing these floats to provide new moorage opportunities for our customers has been a priority and we are excited to have this project completed.

Gate 5 C & D Dock Whaler Replacement

In November, crews finished installing new wood whalers and bull-rails on the C & D docks. These 56 and 60 foot finger floats are used by the commercial fishing and charter fleets and this work will ensure the full life usefulness of these floats. Thank you to all our customers who were impacted by this work.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Gate Codes Changed

Gate codes changed in November. Get the new code at the harbor office and update your phone number and contact information so we can reach you in an emergency.

Leaving for The Holidays?

Please remember to prepare your boat for the winter conditions prior to the busy holidays or vacation travel. If you are leaving town, please make sure that the harbors have updated contact information for your vessel's caretaker so that we can reach them in the event of an emergency.

Security Awareness

Please help us keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office. In an emergency, contact 911 immediately!

Gate 3 Fire-line

On November 6th, the Port Commission approved upgrades to the Gate 3 fire line which will provide additional water capacity to help fight boat fires and accommodate the City of Bellingham requirement for fire sprinkler systems in multiparty boathouses. The project will require digging in the Gate 3 parking lot and work on the main dock to install a new 8" HPDE water line with connections for the boathouse sprinkler systems. Harbor staff will work with contractors and customers to minimize the effects of this very important safety project.

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