



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

DECEMBER & JANUARY

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Squalicum Boatlaunch

In December, construction crews will begin work to widen the center lanes by moving one of the floats further to the West. This work will allow the launch to accommodate larger vessels at the boat launch permitting our Marine Trades to tackle larger boat building and repair projects. Periodic access restrictions may occur, but at least one launch lane will be available to boat launch users at all times. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Blaine Harbor Gate 1 Dock Box

The contractor is scheduled to begin replacing dock boxes mid-December on Gate 1. As soon as the contractor provides a work schedule harbor staff will begin contacting customers in a timely manner to allow you an opportunity to remove items from your dock box. We'll do the best we can to provide a work window for each lateral. Dock boxes will have to be emptied. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we complete this work.



Upcoming Events

BELLINGHAM

Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade -

December 3rd 5:30-9:00 pm
Registration begins at 3:30pm until 5:00 pm at the Bellingham Yacht Club.

MORE INFORMATION and event details are available at www.byc.org.

Holiday Port Festival & Gingerbread -

December 2th-4th at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. The festival is open Friday noon - 8pm and Saturday & Sunday from 11 am - 5:00 pm.

MORE INFORMATION got to www.portofbellingham.com/141/Holiday-Port

BLAINE

Harbor Holiday Light Festival -

December 3rd & 4th. Community tree lighting on Dec 3rd at 4:30pm.

MORE INFORMATION and event details are available at www.blainechamber.com

International Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade on Semiahmoo Bay -

December 10th. Boats leaving the dock at 4:30 pm. Lights on at 5:30pm.

MORE INFORMATION by emailing at: bruceblandy@gmail.com

UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The **SQUALICUM AND BLAINE HARBOR OFFICES** will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.
The **PORT OF BELLINGHAM ADMINISTRATION OFFICES** will be closed on December 25th and January 1st.

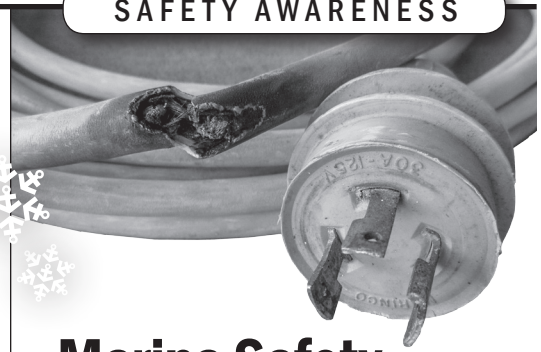
WINTER WEATHER

We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for winter time conditions in advance and use caution during inclement weather. Check your dock lines, secure halyards and canvas and remove your sails. Make sure the Harbor Office has updated phone numbers in the event we need to contact you.

Freezing temperatures bring snow and ice. The harbor provides buckets of sand and shovels are located at the top each ramp. The



harbor office has a limited number of shovels if you want to shovel snow off of your boat. Please return the sand buckets and shovels when you're done. Please disconnect hoses from the spigot at your slip to prevent expensive freeze damage. If extended periods of freezing weather are expected, the dock water lines may be shut off for the duration of the freeze. Boaters and liveaboards requiring water should plan on keeping water tanks full. The harbor will restore water as soon as threat of freeze damage passes.



Marina Safety - Shore Power Cords

During the colder months many boaters rely on their shore power to supply electricity to their boats. This is a reminder that only marine rated power cords are permitted on the docks. Help keep you cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, keeping the cord from draping into water and ensuring the cord wires are not pinched or crushed. Cords and connectors should be inspected often and replaced when damage or corrosion is discovered. Boat US recommends that plugs with brown discoloration at the base of the blades or a worn nickel coating or pitting should not be used. Boat US also recommends inspecting your vessel's shore power inlet at least every 5 years. A qualified marine electrician would be able to assist boaters with any questions and repairs.

Boating Informational Sessions

The White Rock Power and Sail Squadron is hosting presentation by the BC Coast Pilots on January 19, 2017 at 1900hrs at the White Rock Elks Hall, 1469 George Street, White Rock BC. The presentation will provide recreational boaters with some insight on commercial marine traffic in our local waters.

MORE INFORMATION is available by emailing: cps.vantylor@gmail.com

On November 19th, Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo Yacht hosted well attended presentations by the US Coast Auxiliary and US Customs and Border Protection (CBP). This is a reminder that some CBP rules have changed. Canadians with foreign flagged pleasure boats cruising frequently between the U.S and Canada may want to consider applying for an annual Cruising License. Canadian registered vessel over 30' in length that in previous years were required to purchase a CBP User Fee Decal, should no longer purchase that annual decal unless they/their vessel does not qualify for a CBP Cruising License.

Please contact the CBP Small Reporting Line at **1-800-562-5943** for more information.



Report Suspicious Behavior

Please help keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office. Please do not give out the gate codes. If someone asks for the gate code, send them to the harbor office. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers below. In an emergency, **call 911 immediately!**

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ENVIROSTARS



MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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