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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Winter Power Bills

As we care-take our boats over the dark days of winter, many boaters watching their power bills are often surprised by how much power it actually takes to keep their boat warm and dry. Since most boats are not constructed with insulated windows, cabins or hulls it's not easy to compare your boat's power bill with your home heating bill. As a reference, a typical space heater can cost as much as \$90 per month.



Blaine Moorage Available

Blaine Harbor currently has a selection of 26 foot to 60 foot slips available. If you are looking for an opportunity to change your view or you know someone looking for moorage, please send them our way!

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Annual Moorage
Due in April

A reminder to our annual moorage customers that moorage statements will be sent out on April 1st and payments are due before the last day of April 2018. Moorage payments can be made online at the Port's website in addition to making payments at the Harbor Office during business hours. If you would like to change from monthly to annual moorage, please contact the harbor office before April 30th. **REMINDER:** If you are on auto-pay and you wish to pay by another method, you must pay before the 15th or the moorage will automatically be charged on your credit card or your checking account.

WINTER WEATHER PREPARATION

We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for wintertime conditions 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. Check the October newsletter for additional ideas on winterizing your boat.

Freezing temperatures bring snow and ice which may make walking surfaces slippery. The harbor provides buckets of traction sand and scoops

located at the top each ramp. We also have a limited number of shovels to remove snow off of your boat. Please return the sand buckets and shovels as soon as possible. Also, 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.

Tsunami Sirens Installed in Harbor

The State Emergency Management Division has now completed installation of the All Hazards Alert Broadcast sirens (AHAB) at both harbors. The sirens are tested at noon on the first Monday of each month. During a test, the siren will play Westminster Chimes followed by a voice test. During an actual emergency, the siren will sound a wail followed by a voice message. More information on the siren can be found at: mil.wa.gov/uploads/pdf/Publications/tsunami-ahab-flyer-final.pdf



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. Keep your cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, prevent it from draping into the 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.

ONLY RAIN Down the Drain

Both harbors participate in outreach programs to help educate the public about storm water. We have installed markers near our storm water drains as a reminder that only rainwater and snow melt are permitted to flow down the drain. Anything else such as paints, oils, fuels etc. are not to be placed into the drains. If you spot a spill in the parking lot or someone dumping anything into a storm water 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 Harbor Office or stop by during business hours. Our harbor staff would be happy to provide you information to make sure your item is disposed of properly.



Holding Tank PUMP-OUT SURVEY

Washington State's Clean Vessel Act Program and Washington Sea Grant are asking for boater input regarding impact and effectiveness of education and outreach activities of the Pump-out Washington Campaign -- a partnership between Washington State Park's Clean Vessel Act Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Washington Sea Grant.

Pump-out Washington's primary task is to increase awareness and use of marine sewage pump-out station in Washington by engaging directly with boaters and marina operators. Please take a moment to complete their online survey at: www.catalyst.uw.edu/webq/survey/aaronb5/341131

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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 listed on the back of this newsletter. In an emergency, call 911 immediately!

Dinghy Rack Update

Thank you to all the boaters who have taken steps to identify their dinghies stored in the dinghy racks. As a reminder, dinghies stored in the dinghy racks must be kept in good condition and the ownership must be clearly identifiable with the owner's name or primary vessel's name. To make as many racks available to our customers, dinghies requiring more than two bars will not be permitted. Staff will remove and impound dinghies that fail to meet the basic storage requirements.

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