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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids

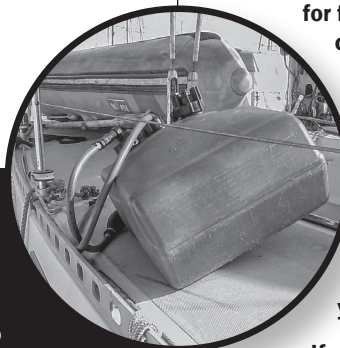
Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the Boat U.S. Foundation Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids. A limited number of lifejackets for infants, children and young teens can be borrowed by filling out a simple form at the harbor office. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available to the next boater in need.

Long-term parking at the harbor

If you're planning to be gone more than 3 days, please check in at the harbor office and staff will direct you to the appropriate area for long-term parking and provide you with a long-term parking permit.

Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

- Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.
- Do not top off tanks. Leave some room for fuel expansion. Expanding fuel can leak out of caps and fuel fittings and find its way into your bilge or the water.
- Make sure to adjust the vent on your portable fuel tank to allow built up pressure to escape.
- Disconnect your hoses from your outboard when not in use.
- If you see a spill, please report it to the harbor office immediately.



Bellingham Bay Youth Regatta

Bellingham Bay Youth Regatta, **August 11th and 12th**, is one of the seven regattas that comprise the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit (NRYRC) Summer Series Championship. This regatta is open to boats of the C420, CFJ, Lasers, 29er and Optimist classes whose crews have not reached their 19th birthday.

KarMartUSA PITCH Regatta

KarMartUSA PITCH Regatta is an annual regatta held on **Labor Day weekend**, September 1st and 2nd, on Bellingham Bay. This well-known regatta has been a part of the Pacific Northwest racing scene for more than 30 years and is a Grand Prix qualifier.

PLEASE RETURN DOCK CARTS

Please help your fellow boaters by returning dock carts to the top of the ramps and ensuring the carts are clean and free of trash and debris. If you see an unused cart, feel free to help your neighbor by returning it to the top of the ramp. Your good deed helps keep carts available and allows Harbor staff to assist customers.

Harbor improvement projects

BLAINE HARBOR RELOCATION WEBHOUSE #1

Planning is underway to accommodate business expansion in the Blaine Industrial Area by relocating Webhouse #1 to Milhollin Drive, near the Blaine boatlaunch. Construction of the new weblocker is expected to begin this fall with completion in early 2019. As plans progress, we will provide updates to our moorage and upland storage customers about this exciting project.



Keep your pet welcome

- Please keep your pet leashed and under control at all times.
- Please help us preserve water quality and respect shared dock spaces by taking your pet to the appropriate upland area for potty breaks.
- Please clean-up after your pet's mess. If accidents happen on the dock, please clean it up immediately.
- Please consider your neighbors and don't leave your pet unattended aboard your vessel if they bark in your absence.
- Nuisance pets may be requested to be removed from the harbor.

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Renew your registration and avoid fines

Make sure to get your Washington State vessel registration sticker correctly displayed aboard your vessel to prevent fines. 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

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Learn to help stranded marine mammals

To report a stranded or deceased marine mammal call the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 360-966-8845 and stay at least 100 yards from it. Do not touch or approach newborn mammal as it may cause the mother to abandon it. Whatcom Marine Mammal Stranding Network is a local non-profit organization. **LEARN MORE** at wmmsn.org

Security Awareness

Please help us keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office. Please do not give out gate codes. If someone is asking for the gate codes, send them to the harbor office. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers listed on the bottom of the back page. In an emergency, call 911 immediately.

No Paper Towels in the Pump-outs

Staff has noticed an increase in the number of maintenance issues with pumpouts due to paper towels and wet wipes, which do not break down and will clog the sewer pumps and piping. Please only flush toilet paper and boat sewage. Thank you for helping spread the word and keeping our sewage pump-outs operational.



MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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