



PORT OF BELLINGHAM  
*Washington State*

APRIL & MAY 2023

# HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening Day  
**EVENTS**

**SATURDAY | MAY 6**

## Blaine

**International Yacht Club** Join the Officers of the International Yacht Club at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole at 11:00 AM. For more information about the IYC, visit their website at [www.iybc.ca](http://www.iybc.ca).

## Bellingham

**Bellingham Yacht Club** Member's reception at 9:30 AM, public ceremony at 10:45-11:45 AM at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:00PM. Registration required only for boat parade. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Corinthian Yacht Club** Marine Swap Meet 7 AM to 11 AM at Squalicum Harbor near the SYC Clubhouse. Suggested \$10 donation to support the Bellingham Bay Boating Center. More information 360-319-6827

**Squalicum Yacht Club** stop in for breakfast at the SYC Clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop Way from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or 2 for \$15 which benefits the food bank and Maple Alley Inn. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Fishermen's Memorial Events at Both Harbors

Join us to wish our commercial fishermen a safe and successful season while remembering those lost at sea. Everyone welcome.



### BLAINE

**Sunday May 7th 1:30pm.** Service and celebration at the Boating Center followed by a reception. Call 360-647-6176 for more information.

### BELLINGHAM

**Saturday May 13th 11:00am** Service and celebration at Zuanich Park followed by a reception at the Squalicum Boathouse. Call (360) 510-5544 or visit the Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association on Facebook for more information.



## Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day Friday May 19th

This annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles just prior to the official launch of the 2023 Safe Boating Campaign. Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtag [#wearyourlifejacketatworkday](#) and tag the Safe Boating Campaign [@boatingcampaign](#)



## 30 Day Cancellation of Moorage

Effective March 1, 2023 the moorage cancellation notification has changed from 15 days to 30 days. This will provide staff adequate time to re-assign slips in a timely manner allowing as many community members as possible to have access to the marina. As a reminder, all moorage cancellations must be in writing and can be accepted either at the harbor office or by email. Please feel free to contact the Harbor Office if you have any questions.

## Annual Moorage Due in April

Annual moorage customer will see the renewal on their April moorage statement. Payment must be received before the end of April or your moorage will revert to monthly. The annual moorage discount for 2023 is 5% which is based on the rate of a five-year treasury bill plus 1%. If you have registered for automatic payments and you wish to pay your balance by another means, please let the harbor office know before April 14th to make the change. Also, if you would like to change from monthly to annual moorage, please contact the Harbor Office before April 30th.

## National Safe Boating Week May 20-26

National Safe Boating Week promotes awareness for boating safety and education. Some ways to participate include:



- Review the Washington State Parks Adventures in Boating Handbook [HERE](#).
- Study and pass a state approved Boater Education Safety Program [HERE](#).
- Complete an annual vessel safety check. Both the USCG and U.S. Power Squadron offer courtesy vessel safety checks. Visit the harbor office for more details.
- Wear a life jacket. Both harbor offices participate in the life jacket loaner program for children. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next boater in need.

Visit the Washington State Parks Boater Safety website [HERE](#).

## Electrical Rate Increase

The marinas individually meter our moorage customers' electrical usage and include the charge with their bi-monthly statement. After an extensive review, staff found that the electrical kWh rates have not adequately kept up with the rates billed by the Port's electrical service providers. The new rates will be reflected on the June 2023 statement which will include the bi-monthly power usage for the months of April and May.

## Report Suspicious Behavior

Please help keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office. Please be prepared to provide some details such as a description of the suspect, a vehicle license plate or vessel name and registration number. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers listed on the back of this newsletter. In an emergency, call 911 immediately!

## Net Mending at the Dockside Market

***If you have considered renting the Fishermen's Pavilion for a spring net repair project, now is your chance!***

To help facilitate use of the facility and promote interaction with the public on our working waterfront, an anonymous donor has pre-paid the daily use fee for three commercial fishers to repair nets during the Saturday Dockside Market. The next three fishers who register to use the Fishermen's Pavilion will only have to pay the Washington State Leasehold Tax to use the space during the day. For more information, please contact the Squalicum Harbor Office.

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