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## HARBOR NEWS

### More Inner Harbor Repairs Planned for this Summer

Boaters should expect to see maintenance and structural upgrades to Gates 6 through 10 at Squalicum Harbor this year and next. The first phase of work, completed in 2008 and 2009, focused on electrical systems. The next phase will address structural repairs.

This work has been scheduled and budgeted for as part of a long-range look at our dock replacement and repair schedule. Boater moorage fees pay for the upkeep and maintenance of marina facilities and Port staff has worked to make sure repairs are phased in to address problems.

In early 2006, Harbor Staff began re-evaluating our dock replacement schedule. This schedule, a part of the moorage rate formula, showed a significant portion of Squalicum Harbor's Inner Harbor mooring facilities, Gate 6 through 10, coming up for replacement beginning in 2013 at a significant cost. Although it was clear the docks were showing their age, staff wasn't convinced that these mooring facilities needed to be replaced on the 25-year replacement cycle as originally planned.

In response, the Port performed a condition survey on Gates 6 through 10 in the summer of 2007 to determine if targeted, cost-effective repairs could be made to these mooring facilities to extend their life another 15 years. The structural and electrical systems on the docks were thoroughly evaluated and a report was generated documenting existing condition, outlining targeted life extension repairs and cost. The results: Gates 6 through 10 were in relatively good order considering their age. It became clear that repair and maintenance work could be completed to extend their life all at a significant cost savings to the boaters when compared to total replacement.

This process has helped better define the existing state of our facilities, has helped ensure a high level of service, helped define and program preventive maintenance for other mooring facilities at Squalicum, Blaine and the future Downtown Marina. It also has lowered our overall life cycle costs. If you have any questions about this project or any others, you may contact Harbor Staff at (360) 676-2542.

### **ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED ON PORT PROPERTY**

### BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

#### *Marina Advisory Committee Sets June 8 Meeting Date*

The next MAC meeting will be at 6 pm on June 8 at the Squalicum Harbor Office. Visitors are always welcome at MAC meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Squalicum Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

#### *Gates to Remain Open During Daylight Hours*

As we head into our busy summer boating season, the gates will once again be reopened during daylight hours. Squalicum Harbor is a community marina that can be enjoyed by all, and opening the gates during the day facilitates community involvement. The Squalicum Harbor staff would like to thank our boating community for their cooperation. We look forward to another great boating season.

#### *Bellwether Construction Update*

The Bellwether Gate project has been underway now for several months. The first building is nearing completion. Boaters can expect to see a lot of construction activity as crews enter the final stage of completing the building.

As you are aware, parking can be a bit challenging at times in the Gate 12 area. As a result, we would like to remind our Gate 12 boaters that the underground parking garage is available for long-term parking while you are out boating. Thank you for your support and flexibility during this project.

### 4th of July Festivities Planned for Zuanich Point Park

The Harbor will be quite busy this year on the 4th of July with a day-long community event, the Haggan Family 4th of July Festival at Zuanich Point Park. The Port is a main sponsor of the event, and we hope you enjoy the activities planning for Independence Day.

We would like to notify our boaters of some potential impacts so that we can better accommodate your boating plans. Parking will be limited due to the large crowd. If you are planning to visit your boat on Sunday, July 4, we suggest you come down before the event starts at 11 am. Also, please note that the parking lot between the

#### HAGGEN FAMILY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

- Activities run from 11 am - dusk at Zuanich Point Park, with fireworks show at 10:15 pm over Bellingham Bay
- Fun, free and family-friendly
- Kids Zone
- Live music
- Vendors of arts, crafts, food and more

[www.bellingham.com](http://www.bellingham.com) for more information

Squalicum Boathouse and Webhouse 1 will be closed in preparation for the event starting Friday, July 2. The Gate 5 parking lot and the parking spots along the promenade to Gate 7 will be open.



## Sublease and Loan-a-Slip Programs Offer Flexibility for Permanent and Visiting Boaters

When planning your summer cruising adventure, take a moment to review the sublease and loan-a-slip programs. Both offer flexibility, and may provide you with cost savings while you are away.

**Sublease:** If you are gone for more than one month, and pay your moorage monthly, the sublease program may benefit you. To sign up, swing by the Harbor Office and fill out the necessary sublease paperwork.

We advertise the availability of your slip for you, and people who need temporary moorage can then sign up for your slip. Keep in mind that you are responsible for

paying all moorage fees *until* someone signs up to sublease your slip. If we do temporarily assign your slip, the moorage customer subleasing from you pays the monthly moorage and electricity.

You would pay the Port a \$50 setup fee and a \$15 sublease fee for the first month, and a \$15 sublease fee every month after that. You can sublease your slip to another boater for up to 12 months.

**Loan-a-Slip:** The Loan-a-Slip program allows the Harbor staff to assign visitors, for up to two weeks per calendar month, in your slip while you are gone. If your slip is assigned during the entire time

you designate, 50% of all moorage fees collected will be credited back to your account.

We ask that you give us advance notice of your return so that your slip will be ready for your arrival.

Both moorage programs are designed to provide flexibility and options for our permanent and visiting customers and must be administered through the Harbor Office.

For questions or more information about what program would work best for you, stop by the Squalicum Harbor Office or call us at (360) 676-2542.

## Boating Season Tips and Reminders

The busy season is upon us and we are seeing a lot more activity in our harbor. The Squalicum Harbor staff wants to make sure everyone has an enjoyable boating experience. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- The gate code is for boating customers. Keeping the gate code out of the wrong hands is everyone's responsibility.
- Be sure the gate closes behind you when visiting the harbor after-hours. Propping the gates open after hours allows access to non-boating customers.
- Please return all dock carts to the top of the ramp when you're finished using them. Your fellow boaters thank you.
- Keep the dock around your vessel clear of debris, this allows for safe access to and from your vessel.
- Please keep your pet on a leash at all times.
- The vessel speed limit in the harbor is 4 knots or no wake, whichever is less.

## Parents: Free Life Jacket Loaner Program for Children Under the Age of Eighteen

Here's how the Life Jacket Loaner Program works: If a boating family discovers they don't have enough properly fitting children's life jackets on board, they can simply visit the Squalicum Harbor office and sign out an infant, child, or youth jacket for the day or the weekend at no charge. When they've finished boating for the day, they can return the jackets to the same location. The Harbor Office summer hours are 8 am - 7 pm, every day.

This program is a partnership with the Squalicum Yacht Club who was awarded a kit of 12 life jackets, to be dispensed at the Squalicum Harbor Office, allowing hundreds of children to stay safer on the water.



Check out the Department of Ecology's Washington Waters – Ours to Protect at:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/washington\\_waters/](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/washington_waters/)

### MARINA ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES

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

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