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HARBOR NEWS

BYC Gearing Up for 37th Annual PITCH Regatta

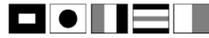
The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting their 37th Annual Pitch Regatta the weekend of Sept. 4 - 5. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events. Registration information is available at www.byc.org or call at (360) 733-7390.

Watching the Regatta

If you plan to watch the racing action from your boat here are some helpful tips that can make your spectator experience, and the racers experience, safe and enjoyable.

- Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht.
- Spectator boats should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boat.
- Spectator boats are best placed well clear of the start and finish line and never in front or behind

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the start/finish line.

- Spectator boats should place themselves well away from the upwind mark and well downwind of the downwind mark.
- Spectator boats should avoid cutting across boats that are racing.

Loan A Slip to a Racer

If you are going to be out of the harbor Sept. 3 - 5 and would like to loan your slip out to a visiting race participant, contact BYC's Fleet Captain at fleetcaptain@byc.org. The Squalicum Harbor Office and BYC are working together in an attempt to find moorage for visiting racers so please contact BYC as early as possible.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Marina Advisory Committee Sets Aug. 10 Meeting Date

The next MAC meeting will be at 6 pm Aug. 10 at the Squalicum Harbor Office, 722 Coho Way. Visitors are always welcome at MAC meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

Reminder: No Wake in the Harbor

The speed limit for vessels in the harbor is 4 knots or no wake, whichever is less. Please be mindful of this as you make your way in and out of Squalicum Harbor. Going too fast in and out of the harbor can cause damage to your neighboring boats and our mooring facilities. Please report violators to the Harbor Office and your friendly harbor staff will gladly follow up.

Bellwether Construction Update

Construction on the first building in the Bellwether Gate project is nearing completion. Crews are busy finalizing tenant improvements to allow for tenant occupancy.

Over the next couple of weeks, boaters can expect to see moving vans unloading the belongings of the first tenants.

Crews will then begin on Building B closer to Gate 12. The Port of Bellingham would like to thank all of our tenants for their flexibility and cooperation during this exciting project.

Free Kids Art Activities and Outdoor Showing of 'The Goonies' Planned for Bellwether Family Fun Night

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the cult classic "The Goonies" with fun children's activities and a free outdoor showing of the movie, in which a group of youngsters go in search of hidden pirate treasure.

Bellwether Family Fun Night:

Thursday, Aug. 19 at Tom Glenn Common, 16 Bellwether Way, Bellingham.

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Children's

Activities: Including puppet acting, face painting and more. All activities are free, but participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Bellingham Food Bank.

8:45 pm Raffle Drawing: Raffle tickets are free, prizes are to local Bellwether businesses.

Dusk (About 9 pm) "The Goonies:"

BELLWETHER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

- Thursday, Aug. 19, at Tom Glenn Common, 16 Bellwether Way
- 6:30 pm Children's Activities: Including puppet acting, face painting and more.
- 9 pm (Dusk) "The Goonies:" Free outdoor showing of the movie.

Information: www.portofbellingham.com/bellwetherfamilyfun.htm or (360) 676-2500.

Free outdoor showing of the movie.

Seating: Center row seating is for blankets, side row seating is for people with lawn chairs.

Food & Beverage: Enjoy dinner with your movie! Hot dogs, burgers, fish 'n chips, popcorn, candy, soda and other snacks are available for purchase. Note, no ATM on site. Outside food and beverages are permitted.





All Vessels Should Have Up-To-Date Registration and Insurance

As a friendly reminder, vessel registrations needed to be renewed by June 30, 2010. Per the Rules, Regulations and Procedures Manual, all vessels must display a current registration decal according to WA Department of Licensing regulations.

A recent inventory revealed several expired June 2010 vessel registration decals and some dating back to 2009 and prior. If you have registered your vessel but simply haven't updated your decal, please

do so in a timely manner.

As a friendly reminder, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office can issue a citation of approx. \$250 for expired vessel registration.

For information regarding the registration of your vessel, visit www.dol.wa.gov or call the Whatcom County Auditors Office at (360) 676-6740.

Please forward a copy of your renewed registration to the Harbor Office for your moorage file.

Insurance Renewals

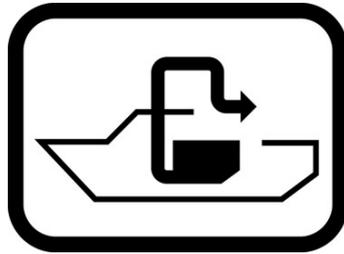
You may have received a letter from us stating that we do not have a current insurance policy on file for you. Your policy may be in effect, but we did not receive a copy of the renewal from your insurance agency. Please make sure when your policy renews to get a copy to us.

You can bring it in and we will take a copy, or you can fax it to: (360) 671-6149. If you questions, please call the Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542.

Important Reminders When Using the Pumpouts at Squalicum Harbor

Our summer boating season is in full swing. The harbor is alive with boaters readying their vessels for departure, or finishing up the final steps after returning from an extended boating vacation. This is undoubtedly also a very busy time of year for our pumpouts.

Directions have been posted at each pumpout facility to assist boaters with their operation. If you would like assistance with operating a pumpout for the first time, please contact us at (360) 676-2542 and we will be happy to give you a demonstration. Staff is available 7 days a week, from 8 am to 7 pm, to assist you. Here are some helpful pumpout reminders:



Check the Nozzle Valve – When pumping out your vessel or discharging back at the station, please make sure the valve on the end nozzle is in the open position. Leaving the nozzle in the closed position is not good for the equipment and can cause ruptures in the line.

Discharging / Operating the Motor – when discharging the pumpout, please note that



the discharge button needs to be held in the on position.

NO Petroleum Products – The pumpouts must not be used to dispose of petroleum products. Petroleum products discharged at a pumpout facility is a serious safety concern.

NO Diapers – Please dispose of diapers in the dumpsters rather than at a pumpout facility. Diapers quickly

clog our plumbing systems, making the pumpout facilities unavailable for other users.

Clogs – For safety reasons, the pumpout's motor will shut off if a clog is detected. If this happens, contact the Harbor Office immediately.

Before You Disconnect – Make sure the motor has been turned off before you disconnect the hose from your vessel.

We're Available - If you encounter a problem with a pumpout please call the Harbor Office immediately for assistance. We are more than willing to give you a hand or can call in maintenance personnel if needed.

Check out the Department of Ecology's Washington Waters – Ours to Protect at:
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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