

# HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

## SQUALICUM'S ZUANICH POINT PARK HOSTS INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Vaughn Kreestoe performs at the 2010 event. The Port partners with the Chamber of Commerce and Haggen to put on this celebration, which includes live music, vendors, an art show and fireworks at dusk. Go to [www.bellingham.com](http://www.bellingham.com) for more information.

The harbor will be quite busy this year on the 4th of July. 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 larger than normal crowds.
- Come early if you plan to visit your boat on July 4.
- The parking lot between the Squalicum Boathouse and Webhouse 1 will be closed in preparation for the event from Sunday, July 3, through the morning of July 5.
- The Gate 5 parking lot and the parking spots along the promenade to Gate 7 will remain open.
- No fireworks allowed on Port property.

## BLAINE'S OLD FASHIONED 4TH HAS FUN FOR EVERYONE

Independence Day festivities include:

- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade
- Arts & Crafts Street Fair
- Show 'n Shine car show
- Live Entertainment
- Plover Ferry Rides
- Fireworks at Marine Park

For more information, log on to [www.blainechamber.com](http://www.blainechamber.com)



Festivities include a community parade at noon.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### TIPS AVAILABLE TO REDUCE POLLUTION

A list of Boater Best Management Practices (BMP's) is available at the Harbor Office and on our website, search for Best Management Practices. These BMP's are intended to be practical and affordable actions that can reduce pollution and lessen our impact on the environment. Please take a moment to review these BMP's and think of ways you can incorporate them in your boating habits.

### LOANER LIFEJACKETS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AT HARBOR OFFICES

Blaine and Squalicum harbors participate in the Boat US Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids. The harbor office was supplied a limited number of infant, child and youth life jackets. These can be borrowed from the Harbor Office at no charge by filing out a simple form. Please remember to return lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available to the next user.

### KEEP ALL DOCKS CLEAN AND CLEAR

The docks and finger floats are not intended for the storage of items like crab pots, boarding steps, hoses, and dinghies that can become trip hazards. In particular, boarding steps should be small enough to be stored aboard your vessel to allow your dock-mate ample room on the finger float.

Dinghies and tenders not stored about your vessel can be stored in the racks on a first come first serve basis. All dinghies stored in dinghy racks must be identified with an owner's name easily identifiable. Staff will be checking the racks for abandoned dinghies

## SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Squalicum Harbor staff would like to thank you all in advance for your cooperation during these exciting construction projects. If you have any questions about these projects, please call us at (360) 676-2542.

**Inner Harbor Structural Repairs:** Extensive structural repairs will be made to sections of Gates 7, 9 and 10 beginning in July. This work will include new structural wood whalers, thru rods and weldment repairs. This project is expected to last through the end of August. Letters will be sent soon for customers currently moored in the affected areas.

**Sawtooth Pier Repairs:** Phase one structural repairs were made to the Sawtooth pier last year. We will soon start phase two of this project, which includes electrical upgrades and a new asphalt deck. This project is currently scheduled to end by the end of July. During construction, boaters should expect periods where this facility may not be accessible. We will work closely with the contractor throughout the project to identify areas that can be used on a case by case basis. For Sawtooth moorage during the month of July, contact the Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

**Gillnet Loading Zone Repairs:** Crews will also make structural repairs to the Gillnet Loading Zone, the pier to the east of the Sawtooth. A portion of this pier has been shut down for several months due to safety concerns, and this project will replace several structural components that run along the face of the pier, allowing it to return to full service. We anticipate this project starting in July and ending in August. During the project, areas of the Gillnet Loading Zone will remain open for boaters while other sections will be shutdown to facilitate repairs.

**Webhouse 2 Electrical Upgrades:** During the month of July, extensive electrical upgrades will take place at Webhouse 2. The scope of this project includes demolition of the old electrical infrastructure, trenching to accommodate upgraded electrical service from the transformer, and installation of new electrical power centers and lights throughout the facility. Harbor Staff is working closely with all Webhouse 2 tenants to minimize the impacts of this project.

**Boat Launch Parking Lot:** This summer, the boat launch parking lot will get a new sealcoat and will be re-stripped. During this project, certain areas of the boat launch parking lot will be shutdown in order for crews to complete their work. Signage will designate which areas are immediately affected by this project.

## BLAINE HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

### CHECK WITH HARBOR STAFF FOR LONG-TERM PARKING IN AUGUST

If you're planning on an extended boating vacation this summer, please check-in at the Blaine Harbor Office before you leave. We are hosting Drayton Harbor Days events in the parking lot near the Boating Center Aug. 6-7 that will impact parking. Harbor staff will be able to direct you to 'long-term' parking nearby.

### PLOVER FERRY SERVICE STARTS MAY 27

The M/V Plover foot ferry between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo will begin regular operations starting Memorial Day weekend, May 27, through Sept. 5. Hours are Friday and Saturday, noon-8pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm. Total passage time is about 50 minutes. Suggested donations are \$3 for adults and \$1 per child. For more information, visit their website at [www.draytonharbormaritime.org](http://www.draytonharbormaritime.org)

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