



HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

AVOID HEAT-RELATED FUEL SPILLS

Now that the sun has reappeared, we'd like to remind our boaters to be careful when leaving portable gas tanks and hoses in the hot sun.

Every summer we respond to outboard-style fuel tanks and hoses leaking due to the expansion of fuel in the summer sun. We all want to be good stewards of the environment. Please take the necessary steps to

plan ahead and prevent fuel spills. All fuel spills must be reported to the USCG's National Response Hotline at 1-800-424-8802 and the Harbor Office.

Reporting spills in a timely manner ensures that clean-up measures can be initiated as soon as possible which will help keep our harbors clean.

TWO BAR RULE FOR DINGHY RACKS

Harbor staff have observed an increasing number of kayaks and canoes stored on dinghy racks around the harbors. These racks were provided with the intention that each dinghy would utilize two bars. If you are storing a kayak or canoe that requires more than two bars, we ask that you take it home or store it on your boat. We

would like to remind customers to label their dinghies in an easy to see location with means to identify ownership. Staff will inventory racks to ensure they are being used for their intended purpose. Canoes or kayaks that do not meet the 2 bar criteria and derelict or abandoned dinghies will be removed and impounded.

TIPS FOR HARBOR SECURITY

- Check your boat often or arrange for someone familiar with your boat to look after it while you are away. Make sure they check the bilge for water and petroleum products as well as vessel security.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your car or on your boat. Secure doors, hatches, motors and loose items that are attractive to thieves.
- Make sure your billing address and contact information is updated at the Harbor Office.
- Please be aware of your surroundings at all times. Report suspicious behavior immediately. Call 911 and the Harbor Office.
- After hours security can be reached by cellphone: **Blaine Harbor Security (360) 303-7110** **Squalicum Harbor Security (360) 739-8131**.
- Do not give out gate codes or open the door for someone you do not recognize. Send them to the Harbor Office. Your fellow boaters thank you.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

NEXT MAC MEETING SCHEDULED

The next Marina Advisory Committee meeting will be at 6pm on Sept. 11 in 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.

HARBOR-RELATED TIPS

Be sure to correctly display your 2012 Washington State registration sticker and registration numbers to avoid fines. Visit www.dol.wa.gov for more information.

- Report derelict fishing gear at www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/derelict, or by calling 1-855-542-3935.
- Consider making your slip available to visiting boaters through the Port's loan-a-slip or sublease program. Contact the Harbor Office for more information.
- The marinas are **No Discharge** harbors. Empty your porta-potty or holding tank at one of the pump-outs located throughout the harbor. Operating instructions are at each pump-out station. Contact the Harbor Office if you have any questions.

GARBAGE FACILITIES FOR BOATERS ONLY

Garbage receptacles at Port mooring facilities are for boater-generated garbage only. From time to time, we come across household trash left in dumpsters. If you suspect that someone may be dumping trash illegally, please contact the Harbor Office as soon as possible so we can contact the people involved.

DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS RETURNS AUG 4 - 5

Drayton Harbor Days at Blaine Harbor will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun, tall ships, steam and vintage boats, art and craft vendors, mini regatta, the Prestigious George Raft Race, Plover ferry rides and more.

For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce at www.blainechamber.com.



An entry in the Prestigious George Raft Race 2011

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

MOORAGE AVAILABLE IN BLAINE

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability for slips 26 to 40 feet and a very short wait for other size slips. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat or moving their boat closer to home, send them our way!

MARINE DRIVE UPGRADES SCHEDULED

Upgrades to Marine Drive are scheduled to begin later this month. The City of Blaine received a \$468,000 state transportation grant for design and construction work, and the Port of Bellingham and the City of Blaine will both provide \$26,000 in matching funds. Expect short lane closures while crews resurface the road and improve sidewalks and bike paths connecting Blaine's Wharf District and downtown Blaine.

BLAINE FUEL DOCK SHUT DOWN AUG. 15 - SEPT. 15

The Blaine Harbor fuel dock, operated by Port tenant Blaine Marina Inc., will be closed for approximately 30 days while the Port of Bellingham completes bulkhead repairs adjacent to the fuel dock. During the closure, boats will be able to fuel at the Semiahmoo marina. Blaine Marina Inc. expects to be back in operation around September 15. Blaine Marina Inc. can be reached at (360) 332-8425.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

2012 PITCH REGATTA SEPT. 1-2

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting their 38th Annual Pitch Regatta September 1 - 2. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events. Registration information is 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: Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht, should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boat, and avoid cutting across boats that are racing. Spectator boats should place themselves well away of the upwind mark and well downwind of the downwind mark.

If you are going to be out of the Harbor 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 to find moorage for visiting racers.

GATE 3, F AND G DOCK REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Construction crews are in the final stages of completing work to FE and FW. We hope to begin moorage assignments on these two docks very soon. In the meantime, in areas damaged by the March 30 fire, dock materials have been ordered and other repairs are being made on GE and GW. We hope to have GE and GW up and running this fall.

HARBORMASTER MIKE ENDSLEY IS LEAVING

Mike Endsley has given his notice as Harbormaster of Squalicum Harbor. Mike has been employed at the harbor for 11 years – 10 of those as Harbormaster. Mike will be joining his wife's marketing business and enjoying more time with their girls. Mike's last day on the job will be August 31. We wish him well on his new adventure.

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

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