



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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✱ APRIL & MAY 2013 ✱

HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

ANNUAL MOORAGE PAYMENTS CHANGED APRIL 1

We want to remind our customers who pay their moorage annually that the new policy, adopted Dec. 5, 2011, shifted all annual moorage renewals to the same renewal date on April 1, 2013. To help make this transition, as annual moorages came due over the past year, we prorated annual moorage amounts through March 2013. At the end of this phased-in period, all moorage accounts paying annually were adjusted to renew in April.

This phasing process was adopted to ensure our customers had time to make changes and prepare financially

for the new annual payment system. If you received an annual bill for moorage this month, and you no longer wish to pay your moorage annually, please contact the Harbor Office and we will change your account to monthly moorage.

Also, please remember that if you elected to pay your bill with our checking account auto-pay (ACH), your account balance will be automatically charged. If you would like to pay your account in another way, you must contact the Harbor Office and either pay or cancel your ACH before April 12.

USE BEST PRACTICES TO KEEP WATERS CLEAN

As the traditional start of the boating season approaches, we would like to remind our customers that our marinas are Clean Marina certified facilities, meaning we follow best management practices to protect our waters from pollution.

We encourage our customers to report oil spills to the Harbor Office as soon as possible, in addition to reporting them to the National

Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

Timely reporting of oil spills allows Harbor staff to respond with clean-up materials to help contain the spill and prevent additional spillage.

A list of clean boater Best Management Practices are available at the Harbor Office and online: www.portofbellingham.com/greenboating

IYC HOSTS REGATTA IN BLAINE APRIL 20-21

Hosted by Blaine's International Yacht Club, this action packed two day regatta draws competition from the U.S. and Canada. The public is invited to watch the racers. For more information, or to register, visit the IYC's website at www.iycbc.ca and click on race news.

BOATING SKILLS CLASSES

Several local organizations offer training and classes to improve boating skills and seamanship.

Sail and Power Squadron class information: www.boatingisfun.org. For US Coast Guard Auxiliary Classes, email k.wellington28@gmail.com.

The Port also maintains a list of boating organizations at www.portofbellingham.com/goboating.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE



EXPLORE BOATS FOR SALE AND CHARTER

Start planning now for the 2013 summer boating season by attending 8th Annual CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor April 27-28. Sailboats and yachts for sale, charter, or both will be on display to climb aboard and explore. Representatives from local companies will be on hand to answer questions. To keep kids safe while touring boats, children's life jackets will be available to borrow, at no charge, from the Squalicum Harbor office.

The event runs 10am-4pm Saturday, April 27, and 10am-3pm Sunday, April 28. Free parking and admission. More information at www.portofbellingham.com/charterfest

BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE

The Bellingham Yacht Club will host its annual open house on Saturday, April 27, from 10am-8pm, during and immediately after CharterFest.

Club members and officers will be on hand to answer questions and talk about the club's social programs, cruises and the junior sailing program. For more information, contact event co-chair Gary Baker at (360) 441-5683.

GATE CODES CHANGING IN MAY

The bi-annual change of gate codes will take place on May 6. Please come visit us in the Harbor Office for new gate codes.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

May 4 Ceremony The International Yacht Club will hold their annual ceremony on the Blaine Harbor Promenade under the flag pole. Everyone is welcome, contact the Blaine Harbor Office for times, (360) 647-6176. The staff at Blaine Harbor wish everyone a safe and memorable boating season.

May 4 Ceremony and Blessing of the Fleet Start the day with a brief ceremony and blessing of the fleet at the Semiahmoo Marina, hosted by the Semiahmoo Yacht Club. The event will include a sail by and salute, followed by a members luncheon at Loomis Trail Golf Course. For more information, and activity times, email vcommodore@semiahmooyc.com.

May 5, 1:30pm The Fishermen's Memorial and Blessing of the Fleet will be held in the Blaine Boating Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual gathering supporting our commercial fishing fleet, wishing them a safe and successful season, and paying tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. Refreshments will be served after the event. Contact the Blaine Harbor Office for more information, (360) 647-6176.

WEST MARINE HOSTS FLARE SHOOT

May 25, 10am-noon - Boaters can practice shooting different types of emergency flares and learn about the effectiveness of the different types of signaling devices. This event is open to the boating public, and will take place at Blaine Marine Park. Call West Marine for more information, (360) 332-1918.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

OPENING DAY OF BOATING MAY 4 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

7-11am Opening Day Breakfast – Open to all, Hosted by Squalicum Yacht Club. Stop by the Squalicum Harbor Yacht Club, 722 Coho Way, and enjoy cheese omelets, sausage, pancakes and coffee. Suggested donation: \$5 per person. All donations benefit a Bellingham charity. SYC Bridge officers and members will be on hand to share information about the club and its activities.

7-11am Ninth Annual Gear Swap – Open to all, Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club. Gather old gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else you may have put it for the 9th Annual Corinthian Yacht Club Gear Swap. The swap will be outside the Squalicum Yacht Club near the gate at SeaView North Boatyard. \$5 donation for each booth to support the Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center. Any questions please call Bruce Henninger, event organizer, at (360) 733-4097.

Noon Blessing of the Fleet – Open to all, Theme is “Derby Days”

1pm Boats Away for Parade – Open to all vessels. For information or questions contact Bellingham Yacht Club Fleet Commander Mick Corcoran at micksails@aol.com.

1:30pm Boats Rendezvous at Bellingham Cruise Terminal for Parade Start – follow lead boat “Black Foot”. Great shore viewing of the parade can be found at Boulevard Park and Taylor Street Pier.

SQUALICUM BLESSING OF THE FISHING FLEET

May 11, 10am Everyone is welcome to come and join this annual gathering to support our commercial fishing fleet, wishing them a safe and successful season, and paying tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. The event will take place at Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor. Call the Harbor Office for information, (360) 676-2542.

DO NOT USE LOADING ZONE FOR PARKING

The loading zone at Gate 12 is for drop off and pick up of gear and equipment, and should not be used for standard vehicle parking. Long-term parking is available in the underground parking lot adjacent to the Hotel Bellwether.

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