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HARBOR NEWS

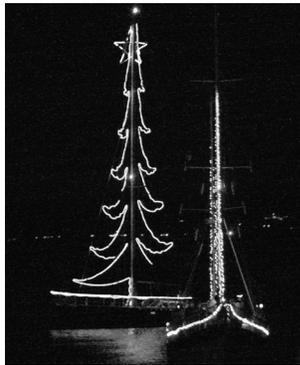
Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

HOLIDAY BOATING EVENTS

Blaine Christmas Light Parade

The Blaine International Yacht Club is hosting its annual Christmas Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 5:30pm. All boat owners are invited to decorate their boats and participate. Muster to the south west of White Rock Pier and plan for two passes of White Rock Pier and one pass of Semiahmoo Resort.

IYC social at Big Al's Diner at 8:30pm following the parade. Contact IYC Port Captain Mike Skulsky 604-240-7978 or 604-858-1717 for more information.



Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting its annual Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7. Boats away at 5:30pm. All boaters are invited to participate, but should contact BYC for details at www.BYC.org or (206) 733-7390.

The public can view the parade from the Bellwether Peninsula, Boulevard Park and the

Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

HOLIDAY PORT BRINGS FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO THE BELLINGHAM WATERFRONT DEC. 6-8

This year's Holiday Port Festival will kick off the holiday season with lots of free activities on the waterfront. Enjoy music, singing and dancing, horse-drawn wagon and fire truck rides, a gingerbread house contest display, complimentary cookies and cider, and much more.

Bring a non-perishable food item for our annual food drive to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank, and consider making a bid on one of the gingerbread houses in our silent auction, with all money benefitting the Red Cross. All activities are at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Ave., Bellingham. Activity times vary, call (360) 676-2500 or visit the website: www.portofbellingham.com/holidayport for details.

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday, Dec. 6, noon – 8pm

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11am – 5:30pm

Sunday, Dec. 8, 11am – 5pm

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

NEW CODES FOR ALL GATES, MAKE SURE INSURANCE AND CONTACT INFORMATION IS CURRENT

Gate codes changed in November. Get the new code at the Harbor Office and be sure to update your phone number, email address and contact information so we can reach you in an emergency. Also, please make sure the Harbor Office has a current copy of your vessel insurance.

PREPARE HOSES FOR FREEZING TEMPERATURES

As the thermometer begins to dip, remember to disconnect your hose from the spigot to prevent freezing and breaking. Check the back page of this newsletter for more winter weather tips.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Please make every effort possible to clean up after your dog. We provide bags for waste pick up throughout both harbors. This has been the single largest complaint of tenants this year. Remember, it is your dog, and it is your responsibility to keep the harbor free from dog waste.

FIND PUMPOUT LOCATIONS ANYWHERE IN WASHINGTON STATE

Holding tank pumpouts are located throughout the state.

To find a pumpout location in the state, visit www.parks.wa.gov/boating/pumpout/ and search by marina, city, county, or body of water.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

ENJOY BLAINE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING, OTHER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Share in the magic of Blaine's Holiday Harbor Lights annual tree lighting ceremony in downtown Blaine at Harbor View Plaza (H Street and Peace Portal Drive) at 4:30pm Dec. 7. Santa Claus arrives by fire truck to visit with children at 5pm. For more information about this family friendly event, visit www.blaineholidayharborlights.com.

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!

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Razz Construction has begun multiple projects within both the inner and outer basins of Squalicum Harbor.

This includes the installation of many new dock boxes, and the installation of "Up and Out" safety ladders. Continued whaler replacement is also a component in this project, but will likely not begin until late December, and an exact date has not been set.

We appreciate your patience during this time of repair and installation while we work together to improve our facility.

PREPARE GASOLINE FUEL TANKS FOR WINTER STORAGE

For boaters with gasoline powered equipment, there are a few important considerations to address as you prepare to put your boat away for winter. Many fuel stations now provide fuels blended with ethanol, which requires special consideration as you winterize your boat.

If you have portable tanks, use up as

much fuel as you can before you put the boat away. Consider transferring any remaining fuel to other gasoline powered equipment that will allow you to use up the fuel as quickly as possible.

Boats with built-in gas tanks that cannot be emptied should have fuel stabilizer added to them and be filled

as full as possible without spilling, to allow for expansion as the temperature fluctuates. Full tanks reduce the amount of moisture-laden air which could cause condensation on the interior walls of your fuel tank.

More information is at www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/ethanolwinter.asp

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEWAGE PUMPOUTS TO WATER QUALITY

In 2011, Washington boaters prevented more than four million gallons of sewage from contaminating Washington's waters by using Clean Vessel Act pumpout facilities, according to the Washington State Parks Department.

Both Blaine and Squalicum Harbors do not permit the discharge of sewage in harbor waters. Consider these tips when using marine sanitation devices aboard your vessels:

- If your vessel is equipped with a Y-valve, ensure it is secured to permit sewage to flow into your holding tank.

- Empty and flush your holding tank often to discourage the build up of sludge.

- Familiarize yourself with the pumpout cart before using it to pumpout your holding tank.

- Having the right materials on hand makes the job go easier and often, more pleasant. Consider making a kit of

materials you require when using the pumpout, including rubber gloves.

- Consider using the upland restroom facilities when possible to reduce the need to pump out your holding tank.

- We ask that you empty the pumpout cart after each use so it is ready for the next boater to use.

- Report any damage, broken fittings, or missing parts to the Harbor Office as soon as possible.

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