



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

JUNE & JULY

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

Independence Day Festivities at Both Harbors

BELLINGHAM WATERFRONT

Live music, children's activities, an art show and one of the largest fireworks displays in the region will be presented at Zuanich Point Park, alongside Squalicum Harbor, during the Haggen Family 4th of July Celebration. Food and other vendors will also be on site selling their wares. The festivities start at 11am, and the annual Independence Day fireworks display will start at approximately 10:30pm.

Haggen has been the primary sponsor of the Bellingham fireworks display since 1995. The Port is a proud sponsor of this event, along with the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to festivities at Zuanich Park, the Port of Bellingham will again

open a portion of the former **GEORGIA PACIFIC MILL SITE PIER** for the public can enjoy the fireworks show and get a sense of how the site will change and be redeveloped. The Central Avenue entrance to the site, next to the Granary Building on Roeder Avenue, will open to pedestrians at 9:30pm. Because of the undeveloped nature of the site, there is no vehicle access and no parking on the GP site. Spectators can walk down to the site from numerous downtown parking lots. The Port will provide port-a-potties and trash and recycling, but no indoor or covered area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.haggen.com/grow-community/events/haggen-family-4th/

DOWNTOWN BLAINE & BLAINE HARBOR

Blaine's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration brings thousands of people to the city for a full day of activities that include a pancake breakfast, a parade at noon, an arts and crafts fair with over 80 vendors, a 'Show and Shine' car show, live entertainment, and plenty of good food. The event is sponsored by Blaine Harbor and the Blaine Chamber.

Get your spot in Blaine Marine Park for a community picnic and jazz concerts. Ride the historic Plover Ferry from Blaine to Semiahmoo Spit, where you can make an afternoon and evening of it with a salmon BBQ and a perfect spot to watch the fireworks over Semiahmoo Bay.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit www.blainechamber.com

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Tips for a Successful Boating Season

- Make sure to get your 2014 Washington State registration sticker displayed correctly aboard your vessel to prevent fines. The sheriff's office will be inspecting vessels at both harbors in the coming weeks, and issuing citations for expired registration stickers.
- Remember to stop by the Harbor Office and update your contact information.
- Please observe the 2-bar rule on our dinghy racks. If your "dinghy" needs more than 2 bars, store it aboard your vessel or take it home.
- 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.
- Keep your pet on a leash and pick up after your pet for the safety and consideration of all harbor users.
- Free vessel inspections are available through the U.S.C.G Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron. For more information, visit Bellingham Power Squadron at www.boatingisfun.org or the U.S.C.G. AUX. Flotilla 11 at www.BLIAUX.com
- The marinas are No Discharge Harbors. Empty your porta-potti or holding tank at one of the pump-outs located at both harbors. Operating instructions are available at each pump-out station.

Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the Life Jacket Loaner Program for kids. A limited number of lifejackets for infants, children, and young teens can be borrowed by filling out a simple form. Please return the lifejackets as soon as possible, so they are available for the next borrower.

BELOW: In May, approximately 15 MacGregor sailboats rendezvoused at the Blaine Harbor visitor dock for their annual event. The weekend was spent visiting dockside and sailing around beautiful Semiahmoo Bay. Each day ended with a pot-luck dinner in the Blaine Conference Room. Blaine Harbor Staff would like to thank the MacGregors' for a memorable weekend and we look forward to their visit in 2015.



Blaine Harbor

DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS BRINGS FUN, FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST

This year Drayton Harbor Days is Saturday and Sunday August 2-3. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun at Blaine Harbor. Activities include:

- Street Fair with children's games and activities.
- The Prestigious George Raft Race, a competition of homemade rafts made of recycled materials, is open to everyone. The first place winner will have their name added to the Prestigious George Raft Trophy for the next year.

- Vintage Steamboat Rendezvous
- Historic Plover Ferry rides
- Tour the tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftan
- Outdoor movie in the park (weather permitting).

FOR MORE INFORMATION on any of these activities, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce online at www.blainechamber.com/events.html

Squalicum Harbor

BELLWETHER MARKET NOW OPEN

Squalicum Harbor has a new market featuring groceries, craft beer, wine, ice, and whatever else you need. The Bellwether Market is located at #8 Bellwether Way on the Bellwether peninsula. Call in your order and Market staff will have it ready for you to pick up.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE AN ORDER, call (360) 255-5828 or email bellwethermarket@hotmail.com

Check Your Personal Flotation Device

Now is the time to inspect your life jackets and personal flotation devices (PFDs). Don't forget to service your inflatable PFDs as some parts become non-functional over time. Follow the suggested service schedule contained in the manufacturer's handbook to maintain your PFD. If you have an inflatable PFD and don't know how to service it, take it to where you bought it (or the nearest chandlery) and ask them for guidance.

Safety Ladders Installed at Blaine and Squalicum Harbor



We have installed dock safety ladders at both harbors. We encourage everyone to consider their personal safety around the water and to wear a life jacket with a loud whistle when working and playing around the water.

Keep track of your time in the U.S.

Most of our Canadian customers are aware that it is important you keep track of your time in the US for potential immigration and tax purposes. To make visiting the US trouble free, we recommend taking a moment to educate yourself on border regulations and the new Entry/Exit Initiative between the US and Canadian border services. For more information, stop by the Blaine Harbor Office or call us at (360) 647-6176.

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