



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

APRIL & MAY 2018

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

NEW WIFI Hotspot

We are pleased to announce that both harbors are offering a complimentary WIFI hotspot for basic emails and internet searches. Working closely with the Marina Advisory Committee, the Port has made limited access available to boaters and visitors in the proximity of the harbor office. Stop by the harbor office for the access code.

Port Sponsors Lighting Fair

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, 10AM TO 3PM

Low cost LED lights will be available from Puget Sound Energy's Lighting Program at the Port of Bellingham's administrative office at 1801 Roeder Ave in Bellingham WA. Light bulb and water conservation devices are available for sale. Cash, Check, & Credit are accepted.



Fishermen's Memorial Events at Both Harbors

Join us to wish our commercial fishermen a safe and successful season while remembering those lost at sea. Everyone welcome.

BLAINE, SUNDAY MAY 6, 1:30PM

Service and celebration followed by light refreshments. Call 360-647-6176 for more information.

BELLINGHAM SATURDAY MAY 12TH, 11AM

Service and celebration at Zuanich Park followed by a seafood barbecue and live music at the Squalicum Boathouse. For more information, or to volunteer, call (360) 510-5544.

Blaine

Join the Officers of the International Yacht Club for the Opening Day ceremony at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole. Afterwards, boaters are invited to muster in Semiahmoo Bay at noon for the commodore's sail past. For more information about the IYC, visit their website at www.iycbc.ca.

Bellingham

SQUALICUM YACHT CLUB

Everyone is invited to the 13th annual Opening Day Breakfast 7am to 11am in the clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop Way. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person which benefits a Bellingham charity. Visit www.squalicumyc.org. In conjunction with this event, the Corinthian Yacht Club

will be hosting their annual marine swap meet from 7am-11am in the parking lot directly in front of the SYC clubhouse.

BELLINGHAM YACHT CLUB

Public ceremony at 11:30am at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:30pm. For more information visit www.byc.org.

Semiahmoo Bay Regatta

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY APRIL 28-29TH

Sailors from the U.S. and Canada enjoy friendly competition at this sailing regatta sponsored by the International Yacht Club at Blaine Harbor. Visit the IYC website at www.iycbc.ca for more information.

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Boating Safety and Security

National Safe Boating Week May 19th-25th

National Safe Boating Week promotes awareness for boating safety and education. According to US Coast Guard statistics:

- 80% of boating deaths due to drowning
- 83% of victims NOT wearing a life jacket
- 701 reported deaths in 2016; 12% increase from prior year
- 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had no boating safety instruction

There are many ways to have fun on the water this season while boating safely. Help us spread the word to friends, family, and neighbors:

- Enroll in a boating safety course. Washington State law requires that vessel operators have satisfied the requirements of the Boater Education Safety Program.

- Review the Washington State Parks Adventures in Boating Handbook, which provides general information about safe vessel operation and laws. The booklet can be viewed free online at: www.boat-ed.com/washington/handbook/book.html
- Complete an annual vessel safety check. Both the USCG and U.S. Power Squadron offer courtesy vessel safety checks. Visit the harbor office for more details.
- Wear a life jacket. Both harbor offices participate in the life jacket loaner program for children. Please return the borrowed life jackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next boater in need.

For more information of boater safety, visit the Washington State Parks Boater Safety website at: parks.state.wa.us/450/Boater-Safety

Report Suspicious Behavior

Reported crime is increasing and we need everyone's help to keep our facilities safe and sound.

- Please do not give out the gate codes. Send anyone you don't know to the harbor office.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight as this can be attractive to thieves.
- Check your vessel often and secure all hatches, lockers, doors and windows.
- Record the serial numbers of all items to help police identify and recover your property.
- Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office.
- If you are a victim of a crime please make a report to the local police department immediately, even if you report it to the harbor office.
- If you witness a crime or suspicious behavior immediately provide the harbor office and police with good description of the suspect and vehicle license plate number.
- After hours, contact harbor security at the phone numbers provided on the back of this newsletter.
- In an emergency, call 911 immediately!

It takes all of us working together to solve these issues. Thank you for your vigilance.

Tsunami Sirens at Both Harbors

The State Emergency Management Division has now completed installation of the All Hazards Alert Broadcast sirens (AHAB) at both harbors. In the event of an emergency, emergency management officials may activate the siren and issue instructions. The sirens will be tested at noon on the first Monday of each month. During a test, the siren will play Westminster Chimes followed by a voice test. During an actual emergency, the siren will sound a wail followed by a voice message. More information on the siren can be found at: mil.wa.gov/uploads/pdf/Publications/tsunami-ahab-flyer-final.pdf

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day May 18th

Join harbor staff on this fun opportunity to educate coworkers and friends on just how easy wearing a life jacket can be. Wear your favorite life jacket for a group flash-mob style picture at the harbor flag pole. Harbor staff will be taking a group picture at 12:15pm and sending it in



to show our support. If you can't make the group picture, snap a picture of yourself wearing your life jacket and share on it social media with the hashtags #lifejacket2work and #safeboating. Photos may be shared on the Ready, Set, Wear It! Facebook page or submitted directly to the NSBC at outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org.

Sea Skills Marine Safety Expo May 12th at Blaine Harbor

The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron is holding its annual Sea Skills Marine Expo at Blaine Harbor on Saturday May 12, 2018. Come learn boating and safety skills including hands-on training with marine distress flares. Or spend time

browsing at the street fair and sample delicious food from local food vendors. More information will be posted at the harbor as plans are for this event are finalized.

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MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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