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MARINA NEWS

INSURANCE RENEWALS

You may have received a letter recently from us stating that we do not have a current insurance policy on file for you. Your policy may be in effect, but we did not receive a copy of the renewal from your insurance agency.

Please make sure when your policy renews to get a copy to us. You can bring it in and we can make a copy or you can fax it to: 360-332-1043. If you have any questions, please call the Harbor Office at 360-647-6176.

PRESSURE WASHING DOCKS

Thank you very much for your cooperation while the staff pressure washes our docks. Some of you have requested a day's notice so that you can move your boat out of the way, which is not a problem. Please contact the Harbor Office to find out when we will be washing your dock. As you can see at Gate 1, the staff is doing a fantastic job getting the floats clean.

SQUADRON BASIC BOATING COURSE OFFERED

The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, in partnership with Bellingham Technical College (BTC), is offering a public boating course, beginning Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in BTC's Haskell Center, Rooms 108 A & B.

The comprehensive eight-week course teaches navigation and charting of local coastal waters, boat handling skills, and safety tips for both sailors and power boaters.

For a \$65 fee, students receive instruction, a course manual and chart plotter. Participants can earn college credit as well. Many insurance companies offer a discount on boat insurance to those who complete the course. To register, call BTC at (360) 752-8350; ask for Item #4560-4. For additional information, contact Chris Backus at (360) 715-1984 or email at hepsabeth@msn.com.

BLAINE HARBOR HATS HAVE ARRIVED

We just received our new order of Blaine Harbor hats. The hats come in two colors khaki or blue with the Peace Arch logo. The price is \$13.03 per hat including tax. Come in now to pick one up--just in time for Opening Day!

SQUALICUM HARBOR CHARTERFEST 2006

If you have ever considered chartering a dream boat (maybe bigger than the one you already own) for that special vacation, but didn't know where to begin or what Squalicum Harbor charter companies have to offer, here's your chance! Everyone is invited to come aboard and tour some of the many yachts of all shapes and sizes available for charter at Squalicum Harbor.

The Port of Bellingham and local charter companies are excited to present the second annual *CharterFest* at Squalicum Harbor. *CharterFest* will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, at the Gate 3 Visitor Dock, near the Bellingham Yacht Club.

Both motoryachts and sailboats will be on display and representatives from the charter companies will be on hand to answer questions and even book that dream vacation of cruising the San Juans or touring the Inside Passage. Participating yacht charters include:

- Bellhaven Charters
- Bellingham Yachts
- Northwest Explorations
- Par Yacht Charters
- San Juan Sailing/San Juan Yachting

To help keep kids safe while touring boats at *CharterFest*, children's life jackets will be available to borrow, at no charge, from the Squalicum Harbor Office.

HARBOR RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Port of Bellingham Commissioners recently adopted the Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Blaine and Squalicum Harbors for 2006. No modifications or amendments were made. If you don't have a copy of the January 2005 version, please be sure to pick one up at the Harbor Office, as you are responsible to know these standards and practices. It is also available on our website: www.portofbellingham.com in the Marinas section. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



UPCOMING EVENTS

IYC Regatta April 29-30

Join the International Yacht Club for this fun-filled, exciting Regatta that starts on Saturday, April 29, and wraps up with a trophy ceremony on Sunday, April 30. Drayton Harbor Maritime will kick-off the annual event with a breakfast on Saturday morning. On Sunday, at the conclusion of the race, the Port will host a barbecue for the award ceremony. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Bezubiak at 604-538-4067 for details.

Opening Day May 6th

The International Yacht Club will hold their annual ceremony starting the boating season. The ceremony is held on the promenade, under the flag pole. Contact the Harbor Office for times. We want to wish everyone a safe and fun boating season.

Fishermen's Memorial May 7th

The Fishermen's Memorial is open to all who would like to come and bless our commercial fleet for a safe season, and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. The memorial service starts at noon and will be on the sawtooth dock. After the service, there will be refreshments served in the Boating Center.

Plover Ferry Summer Schedule Starts May 26th

Drayton Harbor Shellfish District Open House and Oyster Feed June 10

Get ready to do some shucking at this annual event which takes place at the Blaine Boating Center from 10 am to 2 pm.

Customer Appreciation June 24th

Mark your calendar for our Customer Appreciation lunch at the Blaine Harbor Boating Center on Saturday, June 24th from 11:30-2pm. Once again, there will be drawings for fabulous prizes! You are great customers--please join us so we can say *thank you!*

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

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| Donald Bower | Vic Duppenthaler | Mark Gumley |
| Hamilton Hayes | Jeffrey Hegedus | John Hollstein |
| Ryan Kapp | Stan Larson | Tim Mumford |
| Sandra Palm | Raleigh Province | Michael Reed |
| Mike Rusk | Jim Splaine | Roger Van Dyken |

MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Port of Bellingham would like to welcome two new members to the MAC, Hamilton Hayes and Raleigh Province. Both were appointed to serve three-year terms beginning March 1, 2006. Hayes is an active member of the Squalicum Yacht Club and Province, employed at Tri State Marine, will represent a marine-related business.

NEW DOWNTOWN MARINA OPEN HOUSE

The Port of Bellingham's Marina Advisory Committee hosted an open house about the planned new Bellingham downtown marina on March 28. Well over 100 citizens attended the event and it was a great opportunity for people to learn more about the new marina the Port of Bellingham will be constructing in the former Georgia Pacific treatment lagoon. The information provided at the event is available on our webpage at www.portofbellingham.com in the Waterfront Redevelopment section. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Marina Advisory Committee for hosting this event.

PORT HOSTS MARINA DESIGN CHARETTE

The Port of Bellingham hosted an all-day Marina design charette on March 28th. Local environmental leaders, engineers, marina designers and Port staff met to explore alternative marina design concepts for the new Bellingham downtown marina. The day proved to be very productive and the Port would like to thank those that attended. The marina design concepts developed were made available to the public at the MAC-hosted Open House that evening.

The next MAC meeting will be on April 11 at 6 pm in the Harbor Center Conference Room, 1801 Roeder Avenue. Visitors are always welcome at the MAC meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

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