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MARINA NEWS

INTERNATIONAL YACHT CLUB WANTS YOU!

The folks at the International Yacht Club (IYC) are inviting boaters in the area to join their organization.

Formed over 45 years ago, the IYC has provided services and camaraderie to boaters from the Lower Mainland and Pacific Northwest alike. With over 80 current members the IYC is small enough that folks get to know one another very quickly, yet is big enough to offer some terrific benefits and services.

Members are split evenly between sail and power and club activities cater to both styles of boating. The majority of members moor their craft in either Blaine or Semiahmoo harbors.

Members of IYC benefit from a number of the services the Club offers. A few of these include:

- Monthly meetings with dinner served and interesting speakers to educate or entertain.
- 7 to 8 organized "cruises" for both power and sail boats. The highlight, "Retiree's Cruise" in June is for anyone who can get away for a fun filled week in June, whether officially retired or not.
- The traditional Christmas lights sail past in front of Blaine and White Rock.
- The Commodore's Ball in the early winter kicks off the festive season
- A very active racing program for sailors, with races every other weekend through the fall, winter and spring.
- The Semiahmoo Bay Regatta, which is one of the premier regattas in the Pacific Northwest.
- Reciprocal privileges at dozens of other yacht clubs throughout BC and Washington that include free, or greatly reduced, guest moorage rates when you feel a night in a marina might be just what you need. This feature alone can easily pay back your annual dues at IYC.

The exciting thing is that all these benefits are available to you right now and at a very reasonable price. Annual membership dues are currently \$125 CAD, with an initiation fee of \$125 applicable your first year.

For more information or an application form please visit IYC's web site at www.internationalyachtclub.ca or call Bob Harris at 604-541-7309.

PORT DOCKS & MOORING IN FAIRHAVEN

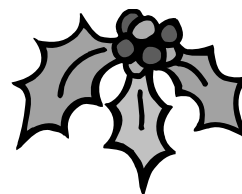
Since the departure of Padden Creek Marine, the use of all the Ports docks, and mooring lines / buoys in Fairhaven, are under the watchful eye of the Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

During the winter months from October 31st – May 1st, the linear moorage system and mooring buoys are closed due to the arrival of rough winter weather. The boat launch floats, restroom facilities and the buoys will all be back in use on or near May 1st, 2007.

Further, due to increased security at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, all vessels must have prior authorization to moor at any dock at the facility regardless of activity. This is to ensure all proper safety procedures are being followed. For more information about this or any other issue related to the Bellingham Cruise Terminal you may contact the terminal staff at 360-676-7567.

HOLIDAY PORT FESTIVAL & GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Once again, the Port of Bellingham is proud to present this traditional community holiday event which runs December 1, 2, and 3, 2006, at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. Over 30 groups with 1,100 performers will ring in the sounds and sights of the season. In addition to the Gingerbread House Contest there will be free horse drawn wagon rides, art activities for the kids provided by the Whatcom Children's Museum and complimentary gingerbread cookies and cider. For complete schedule information: www.portofbellingham.com and click on the Holiday Port link under "Latest News and Events."



LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

This year, the International Yacht Club will hold their Lighted Boat Parade with the Christmas Sail Past on December 2nd. They will parade around Drayton Harbor, Semiahmoo Bay and into White Rock. The parade begins around 4 pm and a prime viewing location to watch is on Marine Drive.