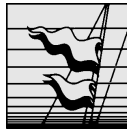


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MARINA NEWS

NEW WHATCOM REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Port of Bellingham and City of Bellingham will be holding public information meetings on the waterfront redevelopment site during the month of April. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about the New Whatcom planning work and next steps which will include:

- Conducting an Environmental Impact Statement for the entire project
- Moving ahead on the site master planning
- Launching a Waterfront Planning Academy

The meetings will be at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Avenue in Bellingham on:

- Wednesday, April 4, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18, 6 - 8 p.m.

The Public Scope Hearing for the Environmental Impact Statement will be Wednesday, April 25, 6 - 9 p.m. at the Bellingham Municipal Court Building, 2014 "C" Street. This is a formal public hearing and the public will have the opportunity to give oral testimony on the types of issues that should be studied in the EIS.

OIL SPILLS

Over the past few months, we have seen an increase in oil release into the Harbor. We would like to remind you that Blaine Harbor is a *No Discharge* harbor and we take spills very seriously. We want you to be educated on what to do if it happens to you and who you need to notify.

If you accidentally spill into the water, it is required by Washington state law that you notify the National Response Center at (800)424-8802 or (202)267-2675. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

- How much and what type of product entered the water
- If the source of pollution has been stopped
- What methods you are using to try to clean it up

The National Response Center then makes the local jurisdiction calls to the Department of Ecology and U. S. Coast Guard. These agencies want to see that you are proactive and taking care of the situation. The harbor staff is available to assist you and provide the materials needed to clean up the spill, if, in fact, it is recoverable.

We have produced small cards with all the information and phone numbers that you need to know in case of a spill. These are available at the harbor office. Stop by and pick one to keep with you or on your boat. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (360)647-6176.

FLASHING LIGHTS PART OF BOUNDARY BAY'S FUTURE

The International Boundary Commission will be removing the towers on the Blaine and Point Roberts sides of Boundary Bay. The old towers will be replaced with yellow flashing lights to help boaters better navigate the waters between the Canadian and U.S. border.

Other markers to be changed to yellow flashing lights are the 80-foot tower adjacent to the Peace Arch and existing offshore markers, like the tower mounted on the concrete block inside Semiahmoo Bay. According to the commission, this will help boaters to determine their location more precisely by lining up the row of flashing lights. The work is scheduled to start this summer.

MARINE DRIVE UPDATE

The paving of Marine Drive near Gate 3 is about to begin. According to Steve Banham, the City of Blaine's Public Works Director, the paving of Marine Drive over the area across from the Gate 3 parking lot will take place in April. In addition to the newly paved road, there will be walkways for pedestrian access and the big trenches on the south side of the road will be filled in as rain gardens. Additional parking for Marine Park will also be added.

SEMAHMOO BAY INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

The ninth annual regatta is a fun-filled, two-day event on April 28 and 29, 2007, which includes racing in the West Marine Canada/US Challenge, TD Canada Cup Distance Races, the Van den Bourne Memorial race, and the White Rock Cup. There will be a dinner Saturday night in White Rock and a free barbecue for all participants on Sunday afternoon at the Blaine Harbor Boating Center.

Moorage is complimentary for the visiting participants on the day(s) of the race. For more information, contact Malcolm Fletcher, Regatta Chair, at (604)531-3603, or visit the website at www.iycbc.ca/regatta.asp.

NEW FISH PROCESSOR IN TOWN

A new seafood processor will be taking over the lease of KC Fish, Co. located on Sigurdson Avenue in Blaine Harbor. The new company, Cypress Island Seafood, LLC, will be processing Dungeness crab, shrimp, albacore tuna, salmon, halibut, and bottom fish.

We welcome them and wish them great success!



SQUADRON BASIC BOATING COURSE

The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron's Basic Boating Course begins on April 3, from 7 - 9 p.m., at Bellingham Technical College's Haskell Center. 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.

To register, call the college at (360) 752-8350 and ask for item #4560-4. The \$65 course fee includes an instruction manual and chart plotter. Students will need dividers and NOAA Chart 18421 (Strait of Juan de Fuca to Strait of Georgia), available at the BTC bookstore or at local marine stores. Participants can earn college credit and may qualify for lower boat insurance rates. For more information contact Jill Hummel at (360) 756-8052 or tjhummel@aol.com.

SUMMER SUBLEASES

If you are going to be away from the harbor this summer, you might want to consider subleasing your slip. This is a great way to possibly save some money on your moorage by letting someone else use your slip while you are gone. We currently have a waiting list for all sizes, so contact the harbor office for more information at (360) 647-6176.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Have you signed your copy of the Best Management Practices agreement? Blaine Harbor is committed to preserving and enhancing the environment through proper management of activities which occur at this facility.

In accordance with the Department of Ecology and the Federal Clean Water Act, we established the Best Management Practices, which we hope will ensure the safekeeping of our harbor and marine environment. We recently mailed reminders to some of our customers who have yet to sign the agreement.

After reviewing our files of current moorage customers, we discovered that customers prior to 2005 did not sign them at the time of the original moorage agreement. We thank you very much for your time in signing and returning the agreements to us.

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

Mark Gumley	Hamilton Hayes	Jeffrey Hegedus
John Hollstein	Ryan Kapp	Stan Larson
Paul LaVelle	Tim Mumford	Sandra Palm
Raleigh Province	Michael Reed	Jim Splaine
Roger Van Dyken		



The Port of Bellingham and local charter companies are excited to present the third annual *CharterFest* at Squalicum Harbor. *CharterFest* has grown to a 2-day event and will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15, 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. Other events planned include boating safety and education information booths.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| April 14-15 | CharterFest, Squalicum Harbor |
| April 28-29 | Semiahmoo Bay International Regatta |
| May 5 | Opening Day of Boating Season |
| May 6 | Fishermens Memorial, Blaine Harbor |
| May 13 | Sweet Road Artisans Mother's Day Art Tour, Blaine |
| May 27 | Ski to Sea Race & Festival, Whatcom County |

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MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, at the Harbor Center Building, at Squalicum Harbor, 1801 Roeder Avenue, at 6 pm. Visitors are always welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

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