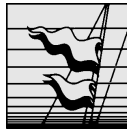


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MARINA NEWS

SNOW POLICY

As you are aware, we were hit pretty hard at the beginning of winter with a snow and ice storm. We were caught a little off guard, which prompted us to write a policy that will help us respond more quickly.

We have purchased a load of sand to keep on hand and when the threat of snow or ice accumulation is imminent, 5-gallon buckets of sand will be placed at the bottom of each ramp for you to use at your discretion. Staff will lend out snow shovels, if you would like to shovel snow off of your slip. Keep in mind that de-icer cannot be used over water.

Staff will shovel and clear the gangway, approaches and landings. We will also do our best to clear paths on the upland area and the Port's Maintenance Department will plow parking lots.

Unfortunately, no resources were available during the first storm to clear our parking lots. All of Whatcom County and lower BC were hit hard and most streets, parking areas, and sidewalks were not cleared. A few comments were received about the docks not being shoveled, so we sent out a survey to see how other ports in Washington handle snow removal. We could not find a marina that shovels the docks except in Alaska where snow is falling seven months out of a year and they get ten-plus feet of snow!

We want to keep you and our harbor safe when wintry conditions exist and we appreciate your patience while staff works to clear away the snow and ice around our facility.



WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT

Each time Mother Nature sends us snow, we get phone calls from customers inquiring about their boats and requesting that staff check to make sure everything is okay.

Although we try to do the best we can to help you out, in situations like this, the staff is usually very busy with other operational duties that require immediate attention to keep the facility in smooth running order.

Did you know that Blaine Harbor has several businesses that provide this service? The Harbor Office has a list of businesses that you can contact. We cannot make recommendations on a particular service, but if you would like a copy of the list, please contact the Harbor Office at 360-647-6176, and we'd be happy to send it to you.

BLAINE WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN MEETING

A community workshop at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, February 7, at the Blaine Boating Center will highlight development concepts currently in progress for the Blaine Wharf District Master Plan.

The City of Blaine and Port of Bellingham are collaborating on a City Comprehensive Plan amendment that will guide development in the Blaine Wharf District. Planning officials are working together on the Blaine Wharf District Master Plan to keep the developments and surroundings of the waterfront authentic as well as improve the connection both physically and visually between downtown and the harbor.

The Blaine Wharf District Master Plan will have a single overall design and land use concept and will provide for a mix of commercial, industrial, residential and recreational uses that are pedestrian friendly and serve the needs of both residents and visitors.

Both the port and city officials want to hear comments and suggestions on the proposed development concept and objectives for these Blaine waterfront plans. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in this informal workshop. More formal hearings are scheduled to take place later in the spring.

Additional background information and directions to the center are available on the following websites www.portofbellingham.com or www.ci.blaine.wa.us.

NEW OIL RESPONSE TRAILERS

The Port of Bellingham has received two spill response trailers awarded through the Washington State Department of Ecology Oil Spill Response Equipment Grant. Each 16 foot trailer comes stocked with absorbent materials and oil spill response equipment including 800 feet of containment boom.

The Department of Ecology is working in conjunction with local government agencies, port districts, tribes, and other public agencies in an effort to position response equipment throughout Washington State. The pre-positioned trailers will reduce response times and provide containment and clean-up resources to protect the environment.

The spill response trailers awarded to the Port of Bellingham will compliment the Port's existing equipment. For more information on the Washington State Department of Ecology's oil spill response grant program, visit their website at www.ecy.wa.gov.



BOATING CLASSES OFFERED

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering two boating classes in February. The Boating Skills & Seamanship class will start February 12 and runs through March 26 at the St. Luke's Health Education Center in Bellingham. The class will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm. Successful completion of the class will qualify attendees for the Washington State Boaters Education Card. For more information contact John Milczewski at 360-752-0391.

America's Boating Course (ABC) a one-day class for novice and experienced boaters that consists of important safety and operational instructions of handling boats in most general conditions will be held on February 24 at the Blaine Boating Center Conference Room. Graduates of this course will qualify for the Washington State Boaters Education Card. For more information contact Jo Swartos at 360-371-8096.

PORT EMAIL NEWS

Keep up on the latest Port news and events by signing up for our monthly email newsletter. There are several topics and specific information to choose from:

- Marinas
- Real Estate
- Waterfront Redevelopment
- General Port news
- Business Development

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MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 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.

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
PaulLaVelle	Tim Mumford	SandraPalm
RaleighProvince	Michael Reed	Jim Splaine
Roger VanDyken		

PARKING

A few times during the year, we scout around the parking lots and identify vehicles that don't seem to move. To keep our lots orderly and free for those who need parking, these vehicles are towed at the owner's risk and expense. We would like to remind you that only liveaboards are allowed to have two active vehicles parked in the parking lots at all times. Any other vehicles parked for a longer duration must be checked in at the Harbor Office. Vehicles that are used only for storage or are inoperable are not allowed to be parked on Port property. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

HELP THE SEA SCOUTS AND RECYCLE!

Semiahmoo Yacht Club has joined with **Cartridges for Kids®**, as an innovative way to raise funds for the Sea Scouts organization while helping the environment. Every year, millions of pounds of ink jet, laser, fax and copier cartridges as well as cell phones, laptops (include cords) and PDAs are tossed into landfills. Teaming up with **Cartridges For Kids®** will help keep these items out of the landfills and generate money for the Sea Scouts. The SYC places and monitors the collection boxes. For your convenience, there is a collection box in the Blaine Harbor Office for any of these items.

Sea Scouts are very similar to any other scout; they have the same aim, but place a special emphasis on water and maritime training within their activities to achieve that aim. Sea Scouting is organized to promote better citizenship and to improve members' boating skills and knowledge through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, and service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage.

For more information on the Sea Scouts: www.seascouts.org or our local group's site is www.ssship4096.info

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Did you know that you can make moorage payments through automatic direct payment from your United States checking account? Our Direct Payment Plan is easy and convenient. You can sign up for this service at any time. Call the Harbor Office for details.

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