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MARINA NEWS

ONGOING AND UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

As many of you are well aware, Squalicum Harbor has seen quite a bit of construction activity during the last few winter months. Some of these projects that have been underway will be wrapping up soon. Stay tuned for information on more exciting improvements on the way.

Promenade Improvement Project: Upgrades and improvements from Harbor Center to Gate 8 are underway. By the end of April, we are expecting to have this projected nearly completed. Over the next month, you will see the addition of newly planted landscape. Although the new lights and colorful banners will be installed last, we hope to have this project completed by the opening of boating season.

Gate 8 Garbage Enclosure: Construction of the new garbage enclosure is expected to begin in April. This new facility will be similar in design and character to the new enclosure in the Gate 9 parking lot. Construction is expected to be completed by early May.

Gate 8 Sealcoat and Patch: The Gate 8 parking lot repair project is underway and will last until the end of April. Upgrades will include the asphalt patching of several areas of disrepair, a new sealcoat, and new parking lot striping. The Gate 8 parking lot will be shut down for a period of time during this construction project to help facilitate the repairs. As information becomes available on this closure, it will be posted at the parking lot and in the Harbor Office. We are anticipating this project to be completed before the 2006 boating season.

NEW SQUALICUM HARBOR OFFICE HOURS

Spring is officially here and effective April 2nd, the Squalicum Harbor Office will be open from 8 am to 7 pm, 7 days a week until fall.

SPRING EVENTS

April 22 - Junior Sailing Event

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting a free sailing expo for sailors age 8 and up at Bloedel Donovan Park. For more information, visit www.byc.org or email juniorsailing@byc.org.

May 28 - Ski to Sea

Bellingham and Whatcom County's favorite festival! View the mountain bike/kayak hand-off at Zuanich Point Park or Tom Glenn Common at Bellwether on the Bay or watch the winners ring the bell at the finish line—where it all ends in Fairhaven at Marine Park. Information Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce: www.bellingham.com or (360) 734-1330.

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.

FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS OFFERED AT CHARTERFEST

As a public service, Vessel Safety Examiners from Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron will offer free Vessel Safety Checks at Squalicum Harbor (Gate 3) on Saturday, April 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Inspection appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tom Dalgliesh at (360) 366-3348 or tom@columbiagames.com to make an appointment or for further information.

OPENING DAY OF BOATING SEASON, MAY 6TH

Opening Day of Boating Season festivities are shaping up to kick off another great year of boating. The Port of Bellingham hopes everyone will have a safe and enjoyable time. We would like to remind our boat owners to take responsibility for their guests, and make every effort to keep the festivities on their boats or in licensed premises.

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It's important to also note that in order to provide safe activities for everyone, the walkways and floats must remain clear and accessible at all times. If you plan to barbecue, please keep it on your vessel. The Squalicum Harbor staff wishes you all a safe and enjoyable 2006 boating season.

Schedule of Events:

Opening Day Breakfast

Hosted by Squalicum Yacht Club

The Squalicum Yacht Club is inviting everyone to stop by and enjoy cheese omelets, sausage, toast and coffee. Suggested donation: \$4 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Bellingham Food Bank. SYC Bridge officers and members will be on hand to share information about the club and their activities.

First Annual Gear Swap

Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club

CYC invites you to gather that gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else you may have put it for their first annual gear swap! The swap starts at 7 am and will be located outside the Squalicum Yacht Club near Seaview North Boatyard's gate. A \$5 donation for each booth is requested to support the WWU sailing program at Lakewood. The gear swap will end at 11:00 a.m., in time for the Bellingham Yacht Club's Opening Day Ceremonies.

Opening Day Ceremonies

Theme: *Carnivale*

Hosted by Bellingham Yacht Club

The traditional Opening Day Ceremonies and Blessing of the Fleet will be hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club. The festivities will take place as follows:

Noon: Blessing of the Fleet (outside the BYC in the parking lot near Gate 3).

1 pm: Boats Away for Parade (Open to all vessels)

1:30 pm: Boats rendezvous at Bellingham Cruise Terminal for Parade Start

Great shore viewing of the parade can be found at Boulevard Park and Taylor Street Pier. For information or questions contact Bellingham Yacht Club Fleet Commander Terry Robertson at 360-510-2803.

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

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| Donald Bower | Vic Duppenhaler | Mark Gumley |
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| Ryan Kapp | Stan Larson | Tim Mumford |
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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 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 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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