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MARINA NEWS

HARBOR AWARENESS TEAM REMINDERS

Over the last several months the Harbor Awareness Team (HAT) has been working closely with the Squalicum Harbor Office. HAT volunteers work to improve communications with boaters in the interest of enhancing safety awareness and an expanded level of security. One of the greatest security measures in any marina is to know your neighbors and HAT is gathering steam to do just that. Each gate throughout the harbor will be represented by Harbor Awareness Team Captains who are currently being recruited. We are especially in need of more volunteers from the Gate 12 area. Comments, concerns, or those interested in volunteering can be sent to HAT Chair Dick Cathell at rcathell@peacehealth.org or by phone at 734-5400, ext 2458.

The boating season is upon us and we are seeing a lot more activity in the harbor. The HAT and the Squalicum Harbor staff would like to make sure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable boating experience. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- The gate code is for boaters. Please keep the gate code to yourself and those associated with your vessel. This helps ensure security after-hours.
- When visiting the harbor after-hours, make sure the gate closes securely behind you.
- Please return dock carts to the top of the ramp when you are finished using them. Other boaters will appreciate the opportunity to use the dock carts as well.
- Keep your mooring area clear of debris and miscellaneous items. Items being stored on the dock can become a safety hazard.
- When traveling to and from your boat with pets, make sure that they are on a leash. Additionally, dog scooper bags are available throughout the harbor and at the head of each ramp. Please pick up after your pets.

GATE CODES HAVE CHANGED

To help maintain boater security, the gate codes at Squalicum Harbor were changed on May 8th. If you haven't done so already, contact the Squalicum Harbor Office to obtain your gate code information. Please identify yourself and give the Harbor staff your current account number. It's important to note that this code is intended for after-hours access of Squalicum Harbor customers only. Please report any suspicious activity you see to the Harbor Office.



SUBLEASE AND LOAN-A-SLIP MOORAGE PROGRAM

The cruising and sailing season is upon us. While you're planning your summer cruising adventure, take a moment to review the following moorage programs. We might be able to save you some money while you're away from the Harbor.

Sublease: If you're gone for more than a month and pay your moorage monthly, the sublease program might be the way to go. To sign up, stop by the Harbor office and fill out the necessary sublease paperwork. We will advertise the availability of your slip for you and people looking for temporary moorage can then sign up for your slip. If we do temporarily assign your slip, the moorage customer subleasing from you pays the monthly moorage and electricity. All you pay is a \$50 set up fee and a \$15 sublease fee the first month, and only a \$15 sublease fee every month after that. Keep in mind that you can only sublease your slip for 12 calendar months, after that you must reoccupy the slip.

Loan-a-Slip: The Loan-a-Slip program allows the Harbor staff to assign visitors, for up to two weeks per calendar month, in your slip while you are gone. If your slip is assigned during the duration of time you designate, 50% of all moorage fees collected will be credited back to your account. We do ask that you give us advance notice of your return so that your slip will be ready for your arrival.

Both moorage programs are designed to provide flexibility and options for our permanent and visiting customers and must be administered through the Harbor Office. For questions or more information about what program would work best for you stop by the Squalicum Harbor Office or call us at 360-676-2542.

KIDS LOANER LIFE JACKETS

The Squalicum Yacht Club and Squalicum Harbor Office are working together to help keep kids safe while on the water by participating in the *Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids*. This program, made possible by the Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, allows boaters to borrow a child's life jacket for the day or the weekend, at no charge.

Here's how the Life Jacket Loaner Program works: If a boating family discovers they don't have enough properly fitting children's life jackets on board, they can go to the Squalicum Harbor Office and sign out an infant, child, or youth jacket for the day or the weekend at no charge. When they've finished boating, simply return the jackets to the Harbor Office. Squalicum Yacht Club was awarded a kit of 12 life jackets, to be dispensed at the Squalicum Harbor Office, allowing hundreds of children to stay more safe on the water.



NEW U.S. CUSTOMS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In January, the Federal Government announced changes in its Small Boat Reporting System for small boats arriving in the United States from Canada. These changes included having Customs staff available from 8 am to 5 pm throughout the year and from 8 am to 8 pm during the summer at five designated Pacific Northwest ports: Friday Harbor, Roche Harbor, Port Angeles, Point Roberts and Anacortes. These facilities were chosen based upon their geographic location with the goal of having regularly staffed entry locations at the points closest to Canadian waters so that boaters would clear Customs soon after entering US waters.

Blaine and Squalicum Harbor are still Ports of Entry, and our visiting and permanent customers can clear Customs in both facilities. What has changed is that Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is requiring all boaters call before they arrive in our harbors to make an appointment to be inspected and cleared by a CBP officer. Boaters are asked to make appointments no later than when arriving in U.S. waters from Canada.

In Blaine, officers will be dispatched from the Peace Arch Border Crossing offices. In Bellingham, CBP still plans to staff its office at Bellwether Way when possible. When that office is not staffed, officers will be sent from their Bellingham Airport offices.

Boaters also have the option of enrolling in an Alternative Inspection Systems Program (I-68) or NEXUS/SENTRI, which allows them to report their arrivals by phone. A CBP Officer may inspect and clear the boater by phone or the boater may be required to report to a dock for a physical inspection.

For more information about the US Customs and Border Protection program: www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure_boats.

We would like your feedback on this new process so please contact the Blaine or Squalicum Harbormasters once you've cleared Customs so that we may monitor this new system.



Calling all backyard grillmasters! Fresh seafood is once again available on Gate 7 at Squalicum Harbor. In June and July, look for fresh spot prawns and dungeness crab with salmon available later in the summer. For location and times contact the fishermen directly:

Captain Crab: 360-815-7435

Grumpy Dan's Seafood: 360-961-3668

MadJax's Seafood: 360-220-0976

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

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



SATURDAY, JULY 8 - 10 AM - 5 PM

ZUANICH POINT PARK

The Port of Bellingham presents BayFest - an exciting new waterfront festival celebrating our maritime heritage. BayFest will showcase the many and diverse marine-oriented fitness and recreation organizations, clubs and products offered in our region. Admission and parking is free.

- Live Entertainment
- Specialty Food Vendors
- Marine-Related Booths & Exhibits
- Boats and Watersports Equipment Displays
- Bellingham Bay Tours aboard the M.V. Fairhaven

Activities and Fun for the Whole Family

- Bellingham Waterfront Mile Run and 1/2 Mile Run/Walk
—Corporate Relay & Mile Challenge
—Half-Sized Kids 1/2 Mile Run
- Kayak Tours & Events And Much More!

Limited booth/display space is still available--contact Ann Grimm at (360) 676-2500 for information. For a complete schedule of events check *BayFest* in the calendar/events page at www.portofbellingham.com

OPENING DAY OF BOATING

Thanks to all of our boaters and boating groups that participated in this year's Opening Day festivities. A lot of activities took place this year and it was very exciting!

Squalicum Yacht Club's 1st Annual Opening Day Benefit Breakfast raised money for the Bellingham Food Bank, the **Corinthian Yacht Club** hosted a well attended Swap Meet, **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary** offered free vessel safety checks & had a booth at the top of Gate 3 that offered boater educational materials, and the **Bellingham Power Squadron** also offered vessel safety checks and educational information.

MAC MEETING

The next MAC meeting will be on June 13 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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8am - 7pm

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