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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.

### CITY TAKES OVER OWNERSHIP OF THE FIREBELLE

The Port and the City of Bellingham recently signed an agreement that transferred ownership of the *Firebelle* to the Bellingham Fire Department. The *Firebelle* will remain moored in its current location and the Bellingham Fire Department will continue operating it in Squalicum Harbor and surrounding waters. All of the docks in Squalicum Harbor and Blaine Harbor have a dry stand pipe system that enables fire fighters to fight fires from the dock. Note that this is a separate water system from the potable water system.

### OPENING DAY IS MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

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. 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 2007 boating season. (See back page for the schedule of events and more information.)

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.

As a public service, Vessel Safety Examiners from Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron and U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary from Flotilla 11 will be offering free vessel safety checks during *CharterFest*:

**Gate 9** – 9 am. to noon (U.S.C.G. Auxiliary)

**Gate 3** – 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Sail & Power Squadron)

Inspection appointments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information contact:

Peter Border, FSO-VE, (360) 733-8187 (U.S.C.G. Aux.)

Merle Herrett, (360) 354-7026 or email: m\_e\_h@msn.com

### MARINA SECURITY

Over the past few weeks, some Squalicum Harbor customers have experienced a high number of thefts. As a temporary security measure, all gates are now locked 24-hours a day until further notice. The Harbor Office would like to thank our boating community for its continued diligence and we would like to take this opportunity to provide a few helpful tips to make your customer experience enjoyable.

- When visiting your vessel after hours, make sure the security gate closes behind you.
- The gate code is for boaters and those associated only, please be responsible with the gate codes.
- Get to know your neighbors and report any suspicious activity to the Harbor Office.





## OPENING DAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Opening Day Breakfast, 7 - 11 a.m.**

Hosted by Squalicum Yacht Club

Everyone is invited 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.

- **Second Annual Gear Swap, 7 - 11 a.m.**

Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club

CYC invites you to gather that gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else for their second annual gear swap! Last year's gear swap was a great success - lockers were cleaned out and bargains were found! The swap will be located outside the Squalicum Yacht Club near Seaview North Boatyard's gate. There is a suggested \$5 donation for each booth, to support the Maritime Heritage Society. The gear swap will wind up, if needed, at 11:00 a.m. in time for the Bellingham Yacht Club's Opening Day Ceremonies.

- **Opening Day Ceremonies and Parade, Noon**

Hosted by Bellingham Yacht Club

Theme - "The Great Cartoons Afloat Show"

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 Ceremony (Open to all)

**1 p.m.:** Boats Away for Parade (Open to all vessels)

**1:30 p.m.:** Boats rendezvous at Bellingham Cruise Terminal for Parade Start, to follow lead boat *Sunstar*.

**Great shore viewing** of the parade can be found at Boulevard Park and Taylor Street Pier. For more information or questions contact Ken Malseed, Bellingham Yacht Club Fleet Commander at (360) 733-1411.

## 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.

**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 LeVelle	Tim Mumford	Sandra Palm
Raleigh Province	Michael Reed	Jim Splaine
Roger Van Dyken		

## 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.

## NEW SQUALICUM HARBOR OFFICE HOURS

Spring has sprung and beginning April 1st, the Squalicum Harbor Office will be open every day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## GATE CODES CHANGING

Squalicum Harbor will be changing the gate codes to help ensure boater security on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Squalicum Harbor Office to obtain your gate code information. Please identify yourself and give the Harbor staff your current account number. Please do not share your code with people who do not have boats in the harbor. Keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity to the Harbor Office.

## 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) 676-2542.

### Squalicum Harbor Office

722 Coho Way (360) 676-2542

After Hours (360) 739-8131

### Office Hours

8 am - 7 pm

Dan Stahl, Director of Marine Services

Mike Endsley, Harbormaster

Dave Warter, Operations Supervisor

Andy Peterson, Moorage Coordinator

### Marine Service Representatives

Patty Paus

Greg Hoffman

Lynda Lamoureaux

Arnold Korbmacher

Paul Knippel