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MARINA NEWS

2007 PITCH REGATTA

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting their 34th annual Pitch Regatta the weekend of September 1st and 2nd. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events. Registration information is available at www.byc.org or call at 360-733-7390.

Watching the Regatta

If you plan to watch the racing action from your boat here are some helpful tips that can make your spectator experience and the racers experience safe and enjoyable.

- Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht.
 - Spectator boats should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boat.
 - Spectator boats are best placed well clear of the start and finish line and in no case should be in front or behind the start/finish line.
 - Spectator boats should place themselves well away of the upwind



mark and well downwind of the downwind mark. These marks are exciting positions to watch a race from.

- Spectator boats should avoid cutting across boats that are racing.

If you are going to be out of the Harbor August 31st through September 3rd and would like to loan your slip out to a visiting race participant contact BYC's Fleet Captain at fleetcaptain@byc.org. The Squalicum Harbor Office and BYC are working together in an attempt to find moorage for visiting racers so please contact BYC as early as possible.

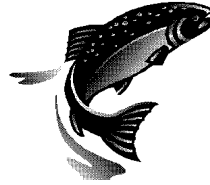
FREE WATERFRONT BUS TOURS

Most people in Bellingham and Whatcom County have never actually been on the site of the old Georgia Pacific pulp and chemical plant. In July, during the Port's BayFest celebration, nearly 400 people took part in the Port's free guided bus tours of the redevelopment site. These tours took people to the mill site, the foot of Cornwall Avenue and to the Bellingham Shipping Terminal.

If you missed those tours, there is another opportunity to climb aboard a bus from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Bellwether on the Bay TM during the Sand in the City TM celebration. Stop by and enjoy the celebration and sign up for a tour.

GREEN BOATING PRACTICES

We love taking opportunities to educate our boating community on practices that can minimize the impact on the marine environment and to give you tips on how you can be good stewards when out on the water.



Below are some tips taken from the Whatcom County Shore Stewards News, June 2007, Newsletter. The article was originally written by Scott Chase, Island County Shore Stewards Coordinator, and edited and updated for Whatcom

County by Cheryl Lovato Niles, Shore Stewards Coordinator for Whatcom County.

Don't Spill a Drop

One of the most common contributors to spills is the practice of "topping off the tank." Fuel vent overflow from a 25-gallon tank can be as much as 2 cups of fuel. Warm weather expands the volume of the fuel in your tank, and a nearly full tank on a boat that is rocking with the waves will often spill fuel from the vent. A good practice is to fill your tank to 90% of capacity.

Bilge Over Troubled Waters

The bilge collects a number of different fluids: drips from an oil change, leaks from a loose fitting, fuel, anti-freeze, etc. These are sometimes pumped overboard by automatic pumps. Any amount of discharge of grease, fuel, oil, soaps, detergent, bilge cleaners and degreasers is illegal and can bring a hefty fine. Even "biodegradable" cleaners increase the harmful effects, as cleaners just spread the pollution over a larger area of water, harming even more fish and marine life. If it discolors the surface water, it is pollution!

Bottoms Up

Paint scrapings and many boat solvents and cleaners are toxic to fish and wildlife. When boats are hauled out of the water for painting and cleaning, much of what comes off the boat can end up in the water.

Use a "drop-cloth" or tarp to collect residue from sanding, painting and cleaning. Use hard antifouling paint or one of the new "non-fouling paints." Don't buy more paint than you use; reseal and keep for use at a later date. And if you scrub the hull while the boat is in the water, use a soft brush, as hard brushes can scrape off bits of paint that end up polluting the water.

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GREEN BOATING PRACTICES (continued from Front Page)



Sand in the City
FESTIVAL

Aug. 3, 4 & 5

All Decked Out

Many products sold to clean boats contain toxic chemicals. Read the labels and avoid cleaners that include bleach. Look for cleaners that are non-toxic and phosphate free.

Don't Let it Go to Your Head

You collect the human waste from your boat's "head" in a holding tank, to ensure that the sewage doesn't make it into the water. What about the water used for washing your clothes and dishes, or in the sink and shower? If it does not go into the holding tank, be sure to use safe alternatives for all your washing. If you can't find soaps and detergents that meet your needs in the local chain grocery store, check a marine store or a store that carries organic and natural products.

Whatcom County Shore Stewards is a program of the WSU Beach Watchers, and is made possible by funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency and Washington State administered by the Puget Sound Action Team and the Northwest Straits Commission. Website: www.shorestewards.org

LEASHED DOGS WELCOME

It's important for us to remind everyone that Squalicum Harbor is a leash friendly facility. Dogs make wonderful sailing companions but keep in mind that they must be on a leash while away from the vessel anywhere in the harbor. Our harbor staff and tenants thank you.

NO WAKE ZONE

The speed limit for vessels in the Harbor is 4 knots or no wake, whichever is less. It's very important for you to be mindful of this as you make your way in and out of Squalicum Harbor. Going too fast in and out of the Harbor can cause damage to your neighboring boats and our mooring facilities. Please report violators to the Harbor Office and your Harbor staff will gladly follow up.

MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next MAC meeting will be on September 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.

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

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A competition to sculpt 200 tons of sand into some amazing creations and you're not even at the beach! Add master sand sculptors, a giant children's sandbox, great food, and some arts and craft vendors and what do you get? The second annual Sand in the City™ at Bellwether on the Bay™--a free community event to benefit the Marine Life Center.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, August 3 - 10 am to 8 pm

(\$5 per family suggested donation)

10 am to 4 pm – Team Sand Sculpting Competition

2 pm to 6 pm – Children's Face Painting

3 pm to 6 pm – KAFE 104.3 Live Remote

5 pm to 6 pm – Team Competition Awards

All Day – Build Your Own Creation in the Giant

Sandboxes, Music, Food, Arts and Crafts and Vendors

Saturday, August 4 - 10 am - 8 pm

(\$5 per family suggested donation)

10 am to 5 pm – Watch Master Sand Sculptors in Action

11 am to 4 pm – Waterfront Redevelopment Bus Tours–
sign up at the Port of Bellingham Booth

12 pm to 1:45 pm – Quickdraw String Band

2 pm to 3:45 pm – Ann Schaad & David MacVittie

4 pm to 5:45 pm – Feed n Seed

5 pm to 5:45 pm – Children's Face Painting

All Day – Team Competition Sculptures on Display, Build
Your Own Creation in the Giant Sandboxes, Music, Food,

Arts and Crafts and Vendors

Sunday, August 5 - 10 am - 6 pm

(\$5 per family suggested donation)

10 am to 5 pm – Watch Master Sand Sculptors in Action

12 pm – 1:45 pm Bellingham Youth Jazz Band

2 pm to 3:45 pm – Mhuri Marima

4 pm – 6 pm – Saltwater Octet

4 pm – People's Choice Award Ceremony

All Day – Team Competition Sculptures on Display, Build
Your Own Creation in the Giant Sandboxes, Music, Food,

Arts and Crafts and Vendors

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