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## MARINA NEWS

### SUBLEASE AND LOAN-A-SLIP MOORAGE PROGRAM

The cruising and sailing season has finally arrived! 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 advertise the availability of your slip for you. People looking for temporary moorage can then sign up for your slip. Keep in mind that you are responsible for paying all moorage fees until someone signs up to sublease 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 setup fee and a \$15 sublease fee the first month, and only a \$15 sublease fee every month after that. You can sublease your slip to another boater for up to 12 months.

**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 more information about what program would work best for you, stop by the Squalicum Harbor Office or call us at 360-676-2542.



Calling all backyard grillmasters! Fresh seafood is once again available at Squalicum Harbor. In June and July, look for fresh spot prawns and fresh Dungeness crab. Fresh sole and flounder will also be available throughout the summer. For location and times visit [www.portofbellingham.com](http://www.portofbellingham.com) and click on "Dock-Side Seafood Sales" on the home page under *Links*. The website will be updated often with seafood availability, hours and company information.

### GATES WILL REOPEN DURING THE DAY

As many of you are aware a few months ago the decision was made to temporarily lock the gates 24-hours a day, seven days a week. This was in response to a string of unfortunate criminal activity that took place throughout the harbor. Locking the gates was simply a short-term measure used as a crime deterrent.

As we head into our busy summer boating season, the gates will once again be opened during daylight hours. The benefit of having a community marina that can be enjoyed by all is one of the many reasons Squalicum Harbor is such a special place and opening the gates during the day allows this to happen. The Squalicum Harbor staff would like to thank our boating community for their cooperation and we look forward to another successful boating season.

### BOATING SEASON REMINDERS

The busy season is upon us and we are seeing a lot more activity in our harbor. The Squalicum Harbor staff wants to make sure everyone has an enjoyable boating experience. Here are a few helpful reminders:

- The gate code is for boating customers. Keeping the gate code out of the wrong hands is everyone's responsibility.
- Be sure the gate closes behind you when visiting the harbor after-hours. Propping the gates open after hours allows access to non-boating customers.
- Please return all dock carts to the top of the ramp when you are finished using them. Your fellow boaters thank you.
- Keeping the dock around your vessel clear of debris allows for safe access to and from your vessel.
- Keep your pet on a leash at all times.

### 4TH OF JULY

Come to Squalicum Harbor by foot or by boat to enjoy the 4th of July fireworks show over Bellingham Bay. Parking is limited so get down to the harbor early. Zuanich Pt. Park is an excellent vantage point for the show. If you do drive down, please be patient when you head for home because you'll have plenty of company on the waterfront roads leading to and from the harbor.

**REMEMBER:** Fireworks of any kind are not allowed at Squalicum Harbor or on any Port property.



## SURVEY TEAM WALKS THE DOCKS

On June 16th, you may notice teams of volunteers walking the docks from 10am - 12pm. They will be looking for an invasive species called a tunicate. To do this, they will examine the sides of docks and pull up ropes encrusted with algae and other living creatures.

Tunicates are filter feeders that attach to hard surfaces for all of their adult life. Some look like mats and others look like sea cucumbers. Invasive Tunicates have been found at Blaine and Semiahmoo Marinas and at Larabee Park. They foul all types of boating and aquaculture gear and can displace non-native filter feeders, disrupting the marine ecosystem. It's very important that they are found as soon as they become established, so we can minimize the damage they do.

If you see volunteer dock walkers on Saturday, June 16th, feel free to ask them questions and find out more about these organisms. If we have really piqued your interest, come to the training at the Squalicum Yacht Club that morning at 9 am.

This program is sponsored by the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee and RE Sources for Sustainable Communities. For information call Wendy Steffensen of RE Sources at (360) 733-8307.

## KIDS LOANER LIFE JACKETS

The Squalicum Yacht Club and Squalicum Harbor are working together to help keep kids safe while on the water by participating in the Boat U. S. foundation 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 simply visit 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 for the day, they can return the jackets to the same location. 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 safer on the water.

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

Mark Gumley	Hamilton Hayes	Jeffrey Hegedus
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# BAY FEST

Saturday, July 14

10 am to 5 pm

## Zuanich Point Park at Squalicum Harbor

The Port of Bellingham presents the second annual BayFest - an exciting waterfront festival celebrating our maritime heritage. Check out the many and diverse marine-oriented fitness and recreation organizations, clubs and products offered in our region:

- Marine-Related Booths & Educational Exhibits
- Boats and Watersports Equipment Displays
- In-water boats on display and demos
- Bellingham Bay Tours available aboard the M.V. Fairhaven
- U.S.C.G Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks
- Live Music & Entertainment
- Specialty Food Vendors

Admission to BayFest and parking is free. For more information and complete schedule of events visit the calendar section at [www.portofbellinham.com](http://www.portofbellinham.com) or call Ann Grimm at (360) 676-2500. Vendor opportunities are still available--call for more information.

## NEW WHATCOM SITE TOURS

During BayFest, the Port will offer guided bus tours of the New Whatcom site (former Georgia Pacific). The tours run from 11am to 4 pm, are free and space is limited. Get your free ticket for the tour at the Port's exhibit at the Squalicum Boathouse. More information and updates on the waterfront will also be on display at BayFest.

## MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, at the Squalicum Boathouse, 2600 Harbor Loop, 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.

### Squalicum Harbor Office Office Hours

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