



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



BELLINGHAM

Haggen Family 4th of July

Haggens, and the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce invite you to Squalicum Harbor and Zuanich Point Park to participate in the Annual 4th of July celebration. Come and enjoy activities for the whole family. There will be kids games, live music, food trucks, a beer garden, fireworks and gorgeous views over the bay. As usual, parking will be limited and we encourage boaters to come before noon in order to secure a parking space within the harbor.

BLAINE

Old Fashioned 4th of July

This celebration offers a full day of family fun including live entertainment, and plenty of good food. Get your spot early at Marine Park for the perfect view of the firework display over Semiahmoo Bay. <https://www.blainechamber.com/annual-events/>

Drayton Harbor Days, August 3 & 4

This family fun event includes a street fair, pirate themed children's activities, tours of the tall ship Lady Washington, and a fun homemade raft race. More information at <https://www.blainechamber.com/annual-events/>

Learn to Sail Program

Learn to sail from US Sailing certified instructors during the Bellingham Yacht Club's summer sailing program June 17 thru August 23rd. More information and registration details at their website: learntosail.byc.org

Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the Boat U.S. Foundation Lifejacket Loaner Program for Kids. A limited number of lifejackets for infants, children and young teens can be borrowed by filling out a simple form at the harbor office. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available to the next boater in need.



Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

- Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.
- Do not top of tanks. Leave some room for fuel expansion. Expanding fuel can leak out of caps and fuel fittings and find its way into your bilge or the water.
- Make sure to adjust the vent on your portable fuel tank to allow built up pressure to escape.
- Disconnect fuel hoses from your outboard when not in use.
- If you see a spill, please report it to the harbor office immediately.

Webhouse #1 Relocation Project at Blaine Harbor

This summer, the Port is relocating Webhouse #1 to make room for future expansion in the Blaine Marine Industrial Area. In addition to the new weblocker being built near the boatlaunch, the Port is making stormwater and asphalt improvements around weblockers 2 & 3, and constructing a graveled walkway from Gate 1 to the boatlaunch. Impacts to our weblocker and Gate 1 customers

are expected to occur between June and mid-August while the stormwater and paving work is constructed around the new weblockers. Construction of the weblocker is expected to be completed mid-November. As details on the construction schedule become available, we will provide updates to our moorage and upland storage customers about this exciting project.

Please Return Dock Carts

Please help your fellow boaters by returning dock carts to the top of the ramps and ensuring the carts are clean and free of trash and debris. If you see an unused cart, feel free to help your neighbor by returning it to the top of the ramp.



Renew Your Registration

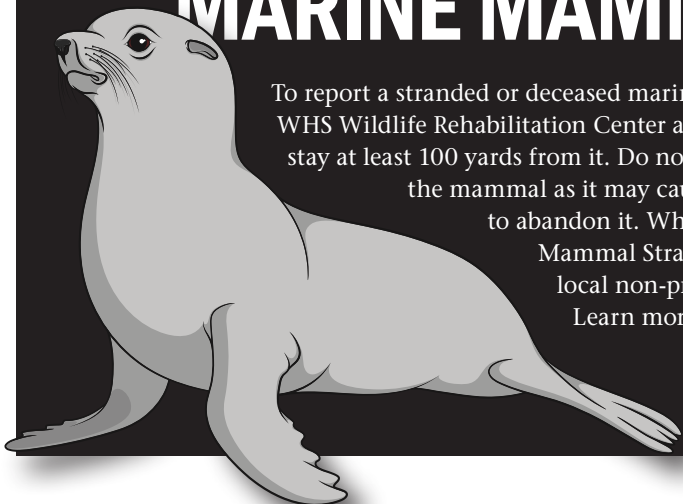
Make sure to get your Washington State vessel registration sticker correctly displayed aboard your vessel to prevent fines. Boaters from outside the United States should also make sure that their mooring permit is correctly displayed and visible from the dock. More information on the proper display of registration can be found at <http://www.dol.wa.gov>

Security Awareness

Please help us keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the harbor office. Please do not give out gate codes. If someone is asking for the gate codes, send them to the harbor office. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers listed on the bottom of the page. In an emergency, call 911 immediately.

DON'T TOUCH STRANDED MARINE MAMMALS

To report a stranded or deceased marine mammal call the WHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 360-966-8845 and stay at least 100 yards from it. Do not touch or approach the mammal as it may cause the mother to abandon it. Whatcom Marine Mammal Stranding Network is a local non-profit organization. Learn more at wmmsn.org



Only Rain Down the Drain

This is a reminder that only rainwater and snow melt are permitted to flow down the stormwater drains. Paints, oils, fuels, and chemicals are not to be placed in the drains. If you have a substance that you are not sure how to handle,



please contact the Harbor Office for resources on proper disposal. Likewise, if you spot a spill in the parking lot or someone dumping anything into a stormwater drain, please let the harbor staff know immediately so preventative measures can be taken.

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

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