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HARBOR NEWS

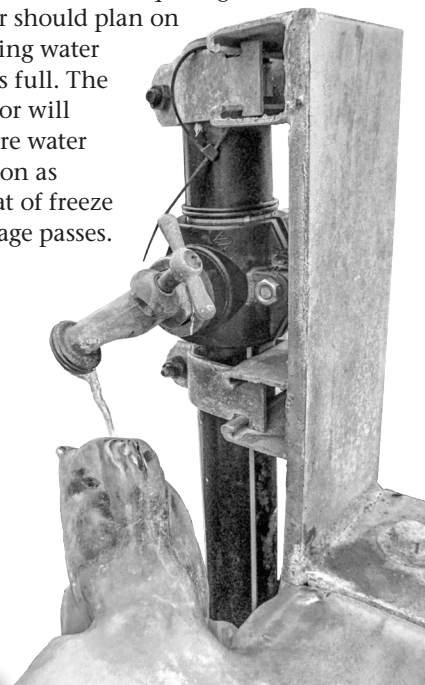
BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Winter Weather

We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for wintertime conditions in advance and use caution during inclement weather. Check your dock lines, secure halyards and canvas and remove your sails. Make sure the Harbor Office has updated phone numbers in the event we need to contact you. Check the October newsletter for additional ideas on winterizing your boat.

Freezing temperatures bring snow and ice. The harbor provides buckets of traction sand and scoops located at the top of each ramp. We also have a limited number of shovels to remove snow from your boat. Please return the sand buckets and shovels as soon as possible. Also, please disconnect hoses from the spigot at your slip to prevent expensive freeze damage. If extended periods of freezing weather are expected, the dock water lines may be shut off for the duration of the freeze. Boaters and liveaboards requiring water should plan on keeping water tanks full. The harbor will restore water as soon as threat of freeze damage passes.



BELLINGHAM

Bellingham Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade

December 7th 5:30-9pm. Lighted boats participating in the parade should plan to rendezvous off the Alaska Ferry Terminal at 5:30pm. More information and registration details are available at www.byc.org.

Holiday Port Festival at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal

December 6-8th. Friday noon – 8pm and Saturday & Sunday from 11am – 5pm. Judge gingerbread houses, enjoy free family activities and seasonal music and dance performances at this family fun event. See www.portofbellingham.com/141/Holiday-Port for more information.

BLAINE

Harbor Holiday Light Festival

December 7th 2pm – 7pm. Community tree lighting, caroling and seasonal family fun festivities on the G-Street Plaza (at the intersection of G-Street and Peace Portal Way) beginning at 4:30pm. See www.blainechamber.com for more information and event details.

International Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade on Semiahmoo Bay

December 7th. Boats leaving the dock at 4:30 pm. Muster at the White Rock Pier with lights on at 5:30pm. Monitor VHF Channel 72 during the parade. More information by contacting Mike at 604-858-1717 or visit www.iycbc.ca

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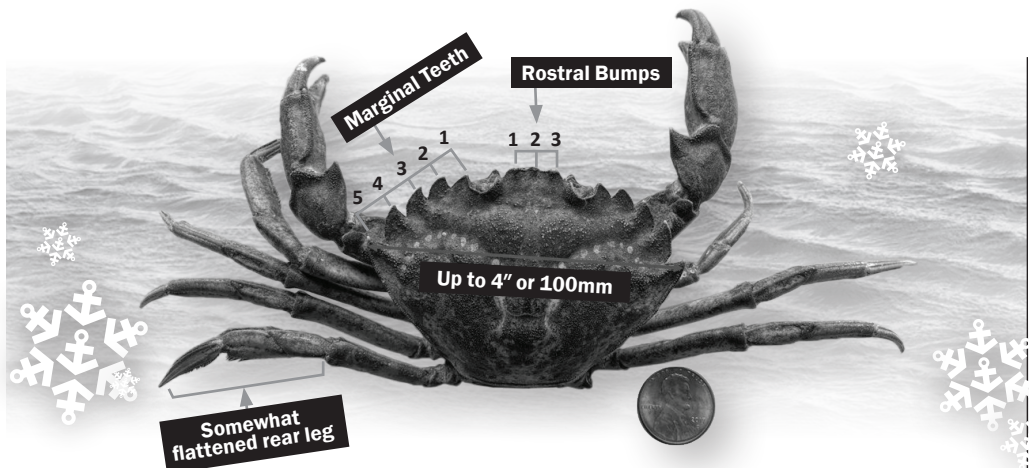
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UPDATE ON European Green Crab

Washington Sea Grant, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and partners have teamed up to lead a volunteer based early detection and monitoring program for European green crab (EGC) which is considered one of the worst invasive species to our local marine ecosystems. EGC have been detected in our Whatcom County waters from Chuckanut Bay in the south to Drayton Harbor in the North. The best way to help protect our shoreline habitat is to learn how to correctly identify them

and then report the sighting. Please keep in mind that although they are often referred to as “green crab” the color is not the distinguishing feature. Many small crabs found at the beach can be green in color and easily misidentified as the invasive species of concern. If you suspect you have found a EGC, email photos and detailed location information to crabteam@uw.edu and leave the crab where you found it. To learn more, go to: wsg.washington.edu/crabteam

SAFETY AWARENESS

Marina Safety - Shore Power Cords

During the colder months many boaters rely on their shore power to supply electricity to their boats. This is a reminder that only marine rated power cords are permitted on the docks. Keep your cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, prevent it from draping into the water, and ensuring the cord wires are not pinched or crushed. Cords and connectors should be inspected often and replaced when damage or corrosion is discovered. Boat US recommends that plugs with brown discoloration at the base of the blades or a worn coating or pitting should not be used. Boat US also recommends inspecting your vessel's shore power inlet at least every 5 years. A qualified marine electrician would be able to assist boaters with any questions and repairs.

DOCKSIDE SAFETY

Anytime you are around the water, make it a habit to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with a loud whistle attached. The water is cold year-round and a PFD buys you time while you try to self-rescue or call for help. Both harbor offices participate in the PFD loaner program for children who need to borrow one temporarily. Remember that dock ladders are located throughout both marinas. Make note of their locations as you walk down the dock. From the waterside, the slips with ladders are marked with a yellow and black arrow pointing towards the next slip with a ladder in it. Please keep the ladders clear from dock lines and other obstructions. Do not forget that many boats have ladders on their transom or swim-step. Do not hesitate to use the most convenient means of rescue in an emergency!

Leaving for the Holidays?

Please remember to prepare your boat for the winter conditions prior to the busy holidays or vacation travel. If you are leaving town, please make sure that the harbors have updated contact information for your vessel's caretaker so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

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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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