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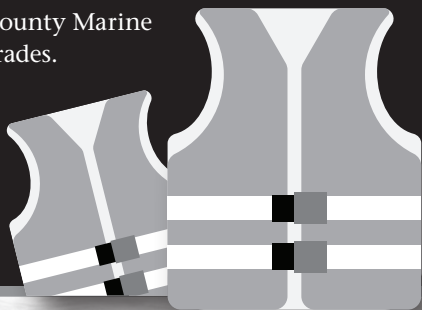
HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BLAINE HARBOR

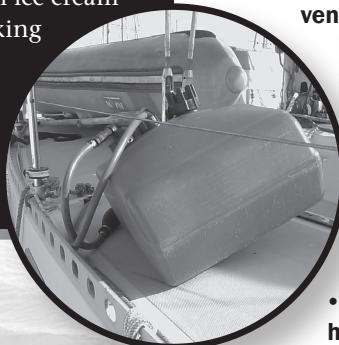
Blaine Webhouse #1 Project Completed

The Port completed the Webhouse #1 relocation project which culminated with the dismantling of the old Webhouse #1, next to the sawtooth pier, in early July. The relocation of Webhouse #1 makes way for the replacement of sawtooth bulkhead this winter and the future expansion of our Marine Trades businesses in the Blaine Industrial Area. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we completed these projects supporting our Whatcom County Marine Trades.



Moorage Available at Blaine Harbor

Our 630 slip marina in Blaine currently has moorage available for vessels 30 feet to 40 feet. Located on the shores of the historic seaside town of Blaine, Washington, the harbor features modern concrete docks, dinghy racks, new dock boxes, a waterfront playground and a moorage rate that is 4% less than Squalicum Harbor. While some of our boaters enjoy the weekend dockside life, others take advantage of some of the most productive crab and salmon fishing just minutes away in the Salish Sea. And after a fun day on the water, dining, coffee and even ice cream are available within easy walking distance. If you or someone you know is looking for moorage, we'd love to share the best kept secrets of mooring at Blaine.



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 are available at the harbor office on a first come first serve basis. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next young boaters in need of a lifejacket.

Gate Access Control Update

We are happy to announce that the new Access Control System is now up and running at both harbors. Key fob and/or card access credentials have been mailed to recreational customers while those for Canadian customers will be held for pick-up at the harbor office. If you have not received your credentials or if you experience problems unlocking your gate with your new key fob or card, please contact the harbor office for assistance. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we implement this new security feature at our harbors.

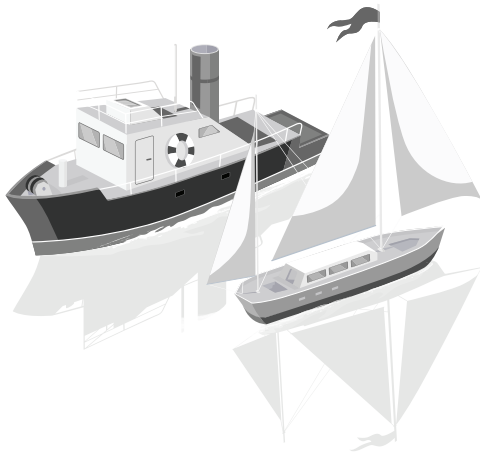
Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

Help us prevent accidental fuel discharges into our marine waters by observing the following best management practices:

- **DO NOT top off fuel tanks.** Leave some room for fuel expansion. Expanding fuel can leak out of caps fuel fittings, and vents finding its way into your bilge or marine waters.
- **Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun.**
- **Make sure to adjust the vent on portable fuel tanks to allow built up pressure to escape.**
- **Disconnect outboard fuel hoses when not in use.**
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Rules of the Road

As you are entering or exiting the harbor please do so cautiously and at a safe speed. Make sure you line up to the entrance squarely, favor the right side of the channel so that you can pass port-to-port with any oncoming vessels, and go slow enough that you don't cause a wake that can interfere with the maneuverability or safe moorage of nearby vessels. If visibility is impaired or in times of inclement weather it's advised that boaters give one prolonged horn blast before entering/exiting a harbor to make nearby boats aware of your presence.



Harbor Garbage and Recycling Services

In addition to household garbage and recycling, the harbors are able to assist customers by collecting small amounts of customer generated used engine oil, spent antifreeze, bilge water, and old gasoline and diesel fuel. The harbor staff is also able to provide you resources for the disposal of additional items such as paint and chemicals. To help manage our garbage and recyclables, we'd like to remind everyone that only boating-related trash can go in the dumpsters. Please do not bring trash from home.

Parking at the harbor

Please help us keep parking available for those in need and abide by parking signage at the harbor. The 30 minute loading and 2 hour parking zones are intended to provide convenient access for customers with short-term needs. If you're planning to be gone more than 3 days, please check-in at the harbor office and staff will direct you to the appropriate area for long-term parking and provide you with a long-term parking permit.



Renew your registration and avoid fines

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 www.dol.wa.gov

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. Your good deed helps keep carts available at the top of the ramp.

KEEP YOUR PET WELCOME

- Please help us preserve water quality and respect shared dock spaces by taking your pet to the appropriate upland area for bathroom breaks.
- Please clean-up after your pet's mess. If accidents happen on the dock, please clean it up immediately. Letting your pet urinate on your neighbor's dock box or shore power cord is not acceptable.



- Please keep your pet leashed and under control at all times.
- Please consider your neighbors and don't leave your pet unattended aboard your vessel if they bark in your absence.
- Nuisance pets may be requested to be removed from the harbor.

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