



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



Holiday Events

BELLINGHAM

Bellingham Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade

December 4th 5:30-9pm

All boaters are invited to participate in the Lighted Boat Parade and are welcomed at the holiday party afterward at the Bellingham Yacht Club. BYC membership is not required. Covid protocols are followed. Event details and registration:

byc.org/lighted-boat-parade

Holiday Port 2021

Saturday December 4th 2pm-8pm

Holiday Port may look a little different from previous years, but will still bring festive fun to the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. Join us for the first ever "Holiday Port Quest" – a fun scavenger hunt around the Cruise Terminal to find small holiday treasures from 2pm to 6pm. Following the Quest, we invite you to enjoy our beautiful outdoor lights, decorations, and a "snow globe" holiday scene seen through the windows of the terminal's dome room

while watching the Bellingham Yacht Club's Lighted Boat Parade. You may also catch a glimpse of Santa Claus! Make sure to visit the Port's website for a virtual viewing of this year's incredible Gingerbread House Contest entries, beginning December 3rd.

BLAINE

Holiday Harbor Light Festival

December 4th 10am-8pm

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 4:45pm. Event details: www.blainechamber.com

Holiday Market and Bazaar

December, Saturdays 11:00 am-5:30 pm

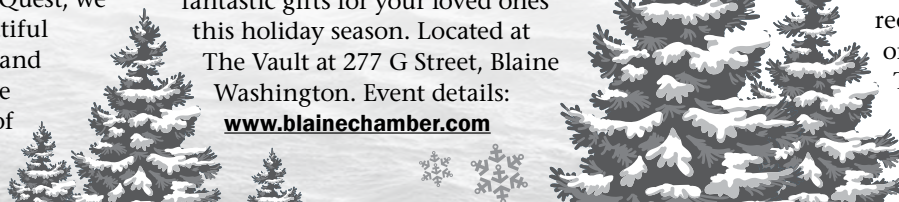
Visit Blaine's Holiday Market and find unique items for yourself, or fantastic gifts for your loved ones this holiday season. Located at The Vault at 277 G Street, Blaine Washington. Event details: www.blainechamber.com

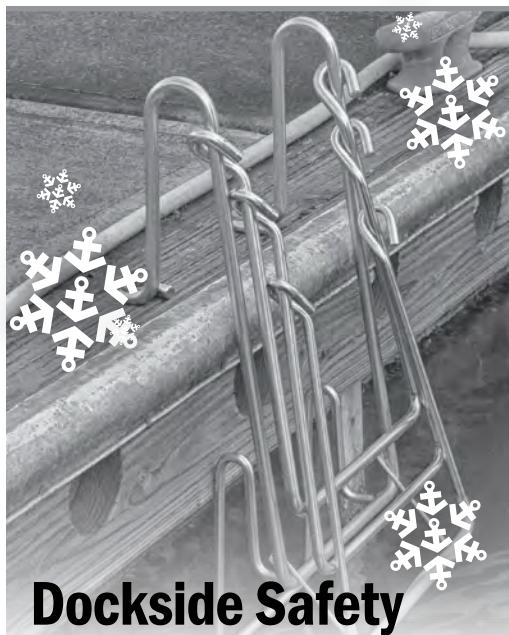


PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

We encourage everyone to prepare their vessel for wintertime conditions in advance and use caution during inclement weather. Check your bilge pumps, 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 Marina 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 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 to the spigot. If extended periods of freezing weather are expected, the dock water 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.





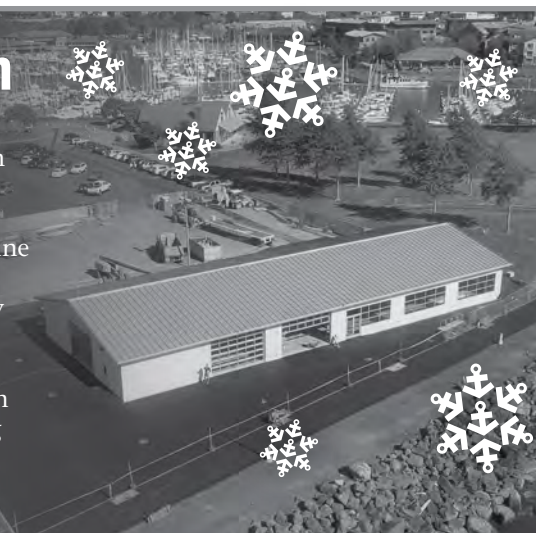
Dockside Safety

Anytime you are around the water make it a habit to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) with a loud whistle attached. If you fall in, 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 on the end of the finger floats which point towards the next slip with a ladder in it. If you moor next to a ladder, please keep it clear of dock lines and other obstructions. Do not forget that many boats have ladders on their transom or swim-step. Do not be afraid to use the most convenient means of rescue in an emergency!



Fishermen's Pavilion

Beginning January 15th The new Fishermen's Pavilion located at Squalicum Harbor will be available thru May 1st for reservations for commercial net mending and repair. Reservations can be made online at <https://app.squarespacescheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=24554486> or by calling the harbor office. The facility will be available for community and private rentals from June 1st thru September 30th those reservations can be made by calling Port of Bellingham community outreach department at 360-676-2500.



BYC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Bellingham Yacht Club Holiday Membership Drive is on through December 25th. Join now and the \$310 initiation fee is waived. In 2022, the BYC is planning cruises, races, youth camps and more while activities at the club include the fully staffed bar Wednesdays through Fridays, trivia games, and lots of social events. Join now and share our spectacular waterfront views of Bellingham Bay. Neither boat ownership nor sponsors are required to join.

For more information, go to byc.org/membership and for the membership application byc.org/membership. Want to tour the club facilities? Please email membership@byc.org.

Happy

HOLIDAYS

Marina Safety - Shore Power Cords

This is a reminder that only marine rated power cords are permitted to connect your vessel to shorepower. Keep your cord in good shape by using the appropriate strain relief, preventing 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. Consult a qualified marine electrician if you have any questions about your electrical system.



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