



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening Day EVENTS

SATURDAY | MAY 7

Blaine

International Yacht Club Join the Officers of the International Yacht Club at the Blaine Harbor Gate 2 flag pole at 11:00am. For more information about the IYC, visit their website at www.iybc.ca.

Please be aware that these future events may be cancelled or modified in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. For the most current information about these events, please visit the websites or call the phone number listed.

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Squalicum Yacht Club Cruise the marine swap meet, hosted by the **Corinthian Yacht Club**, and then stop in for breakfast at the SYC Clubhouse at 2633 Harbor Loop Way from 7:30am to 10:30am. Enjoy scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, and beverages. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per person which benefits the food bank and Maple Alley Inn. Visit www.squalicumyc.org.

Bellingham Yacht Club Member's reception at 10:30AM, public ceremony at 11:30AM at the Bellingham Yacht Club Clubhouse. Boat parade starts at 1:00PM. Visit www.byc.org

Bellingham Dockside Market

Visit the Bellingham Dockside Market for the freshest seafood direct from local fishing families! The market is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in Squalicum Harbor at Gate 5. To receive a product availability email 24 hours prior to market day, write to dockside@portofbelllingham.com. More information at: www.bellinghamdockside.com.

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MEMORIAM

Fishermen's Memorial Events at Both Harbors

Join us to wish our commercial fishers a safe and successful season while remembering those lost at sea. Everyone welcome.

Blaine

SUNDAY MAY 1, 1:30PM.

Service and celebration at the Boating Center followed by a reception. Call **360-647-6176** for more information.

Bellingham

SATURDAY MAY 7, 11:00AM

Service and celebration at Zuanich Park followed by a reception at the Squalicum Boathouse. Call **360-510-5544** or visit the Whatcom Commercial Fishermen's Association on Facebook for more information.

National Safe Boating Week May 21-27

National Safe Boating Week promotes awareness for boating safety and education. Some ways to participate include:

- Review the Washington State Parks Adventures in Boating Handbook online at: www.boat-ed.com/washington/handbook/book.html
- Study and pass a state approved Boater Education Safety Program. More information at <https://parks.state.wa.us/442/Mandatory-Boater-Education>
- Complete an annual vessel safety check. Both the USCG and U.S. Power Squadron offer courtesy vessel safety checks. Visit the harbor office for more details.
- Wear a life jacket. Both harbor offices participate in the life jacket loaner program for children. Please return the borrowed lifejackets as soon as possible so they are available for the next boater in need.

For more information of boater safety, visit the Washington State Parks Boater Safety website at: www.parks.wa.gov/437/Education-safety



Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day Friday May 20

This annual event is a fun, educational way to heighten life jacket awareness and highlight the various styles just prior to the official launch of the 2022 Safe Boating Campaign. Wear your life jacket, snap a picture while at work and share on social media with the hashtag #wearyourlifejacketatworkday and tag the Safe Boating Campaign @boatingcampaign

Blaine Harbor Gate 2 & 3 Parking Lot Resurfacing

The Gate 2 & 3 asphalt will be seal-coated and re-striped in phases during the first acceptable weather window in April. Please pay close attention to lot closure signage as vehicles will be need to be moved over a 3-5 day period as the work progresses. If you are unable to move your vehicle, please contact the harbor office. To ensure the work progresses smoothly and on schedule, any vehicles left in these parking lots may be towed. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we get these necessary projects completed.

Spring Commissioning

Boat US has advice and suggestions on preparing your boat for summer cruising. Be sure to follow all manufacturer recommendations for your specific boat, engine and accessories. Consult a qualified marine trades technician if you have any questions or needed repairs. A comprehensive checklist and additional suggestions and tutorials are available at www.boatus.com/expert-advice/how-to-diy/spring-preparation

1. Inspect all hoses and marine rated hose clamps for leaks and rust. It's wise to double clamp whenever possible on all hoses — especially those below the waterline.
2. Inspect your engine cooling system and intake sea strainer.
3. Inspect the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes.
4. Inspect, lubricate and exercise thru-hull valves. It's a good idea to tie a right-sized wooden bung to the valve in case of failure.
5. Inspect and test the bilge pump and float switch.
6. Check stove and remote LPG tanks for leaks and proper operation.
7. Inspect your fuel system for proper operation and leaks. Clean or replace fuel filters and/or fuel-water separators.
8. Inspect and test the bilge ventilation intake and blower.
9. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows and replace if necessary.
10. Inspect your safety equipment including lifejackets, flares, fire extinguisher, and first aid kit,
11. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
12. Get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons.
13. Inspect your shore power cable for wear or abrasions, check connections as well as the shore power receptacle on the boat for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
14. Make sure your boat and dinghy's registration and your vessel insurance policy is up to date.

New Indoor Net Mending Facility

The Fishermen's Pavilion at Squalicum Harbor is available between October 1st and May 31st for commercial net mending. Reserving a space is similar to reserving the harbor forklift; just stop by the Squalicum Harbor office to sign-up and pay the daily fee of \$25/day. The space can be reserved for private events between June 1st and September 30th by contacting the Port of Bellingham Community Outreach Department at 360-676-2500. More information at: www.portofbelllingham.com/DocumentCenter/View/2313/Fishermens-Pavilion



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