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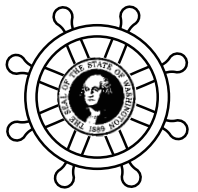
JUNE & JULY 2022

HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

Renew Your Vessel Registration

Washington State vessel registrations expire June 30, 2022. Be sure to renew your registration and correctly display your registration sticker aboard your vessel. More information on the proper display of registration can be found by clicking [HERE](#).



Boat Launch Etiquette

Warm summery days mean it's time to head for the boat launch. Consider these helpful tips to help keep the line moving and reduce frustrating delays.

- **Peak demand for the launch typically occurs in July and August. Try launching earlier or later in the day.**
- **Load your boat and test run your engine before backing up to the ramp.**
- **Check your drain plug.**
- **Once afloat, move your boat down the dock to make room for the next launcher.**
- **Be patient. If you see someone struggling, offer to help.**

MORE DETAILS CLICK [HERE](#).

Regular boat launch users may be interested in the \$85 annual pass good for the calendar year. Annual passes are available at the harbor office.

CELEBRATE

4th
of July

BELLINGHAM

This year's 4th of July festivities will be held at the Downtown Waterfront, near Waypoint Park and the Pump Track. There will be food vendors, the Kulshan Trackside beer garden, live music, and a kids zone full of fun activities. The fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:30pm. Please note that parking is limited at the Downtown Waterfront. We look forward to celebrating with you!

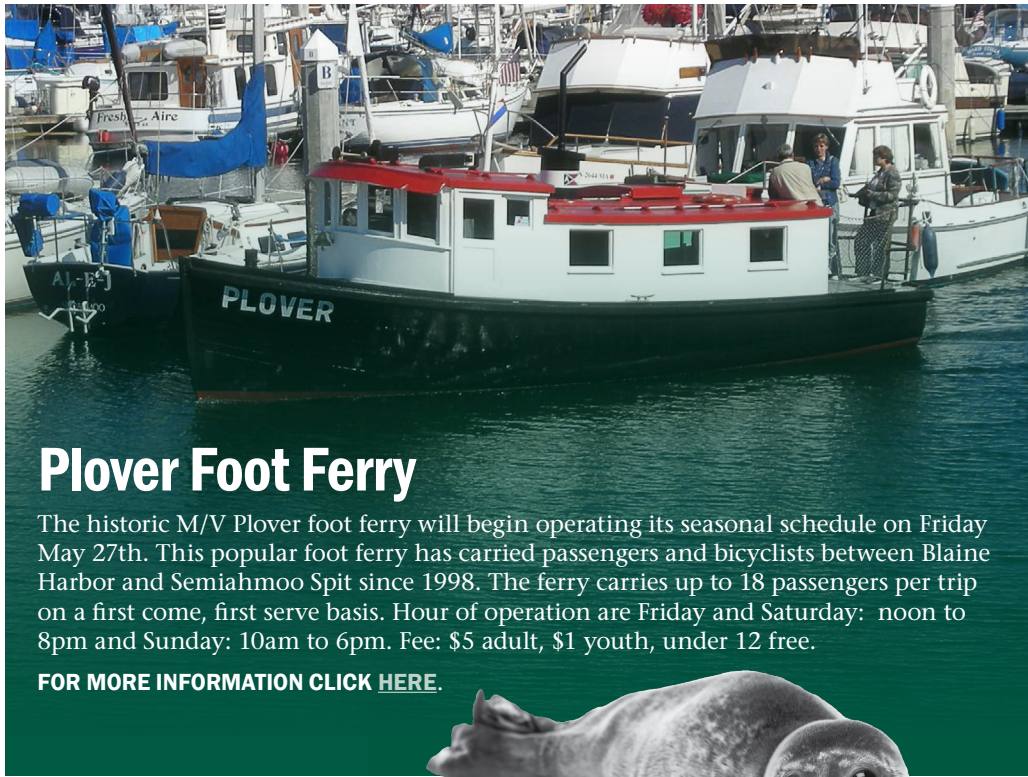
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BLAINE

The Blaine Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration including the always popular, family friendly parade, car show, and street fair in downtown Blaine. The fireworks display over Semiahmoo Bay starts at approximately 10:15 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, [CLICK HERE](#)





Plover Foot Ferry

The historic M/V Plover foot ferry will begin operating its seasonal schedule on Friday May 27th. This popular foot ferry has carried passengers and bicyclists between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo Spit since 1998. The ferry carries up to 18 passengers per trip on a first come, first serve basis. Hour of operation are Friday and Saturday: noon to 8pm and Sunday: 10am to 6pm. Fee: \$5 adult, \$1 youth, under 12 free.

FOR MORE INFORMATION [CLICK HERE](#).



DON'T TOUCH Marine Mammals

This time of year we often receive reports of baby seals that appear to be abandoned. Please do not touch or approach the mammal as it may cause the mother to abandon it. If you find a newborn seal pup or a stranded or deceased marine mammal, call the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 360-966-8845 and stay at least 100 yards from it. More information about reporting a marine mammal stranding and volunteer opportunities is available at [HERE](#).



Long-term Parking at the Harbor

Help us keep parking as available and convenient as possible. If you are planning to leave a vehicle for more than 3 days, please check-in with the harbor office. Staff will direct you to the most appropriate area for long-term parking.

REPORT Suspicious Behavior

REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

IMMEDIATELY. If you have any concern about someone actively trying to access the secured facilities, please contact the harbor office at the numbers listed on this newsletter. If you see something, say something.

BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION of the suspect or vehicle and license plate number. If you are involved in an emergency, contact 911 immediately. After hours, harbor security can be contacted at the phone numbers listed on this newsletter.

DO NOT CONFRONT SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE. Contact the harbor office or call 911 for Police assistance.

REPORT THEFTS IN A TIMELY MANNER to help the police solve ongoing cases.

Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

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

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