



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

NEW VEHICLE SECURITY GATES at Squalicum Harbor



The new Harbor Loop Drive vehicle security gates will be operational in the upcoming weeks. The gates will restrict vehicle access to Harbor Loop Drive from 10pm-6am daily. Only customers with a Port-issued access card or code will be able to gain access after-hours. Current moorage customers at Gates 5, 6, and 7 and weblocker customers will have 24 hour access to these gates using their existing access card/fob. Weblocker customers without a dock access card/fob can get a gate access card at the Squalicum Harbor Office.



Boating Safety Course Starts October 4th

The Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron is offering the eight week Introduction to Boating Skills and Safety course starting October 4th. This course covers safety regulations, basic boating knowledge and procedures meeting the requirements for the Washington State Boater Education Card. More details on the course content and registration are available online at by [CLICKING HERE](#)

REPORT Suspicious Behavior

We need your help to help keep our facilities safe.

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.

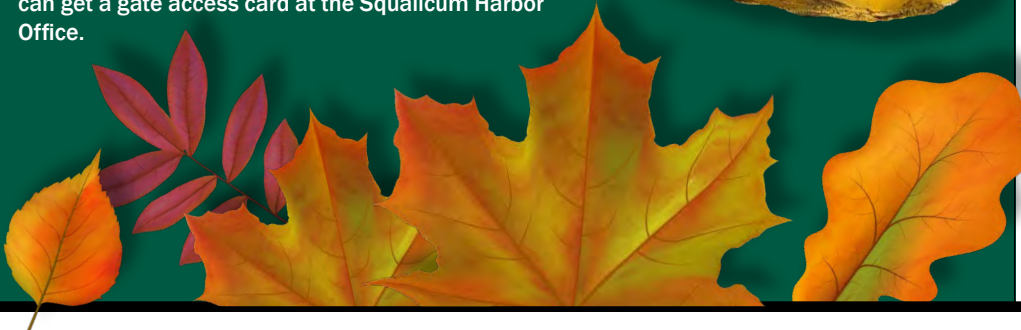
BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A DETAILED

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 the bottom of the back page.

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.



PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER

Properly preparing your boat for the winter can save you from a phone call from the harbor office during a storm or worse, expensive repairs this spring. Here are some suggestions for winter preparedness:

- ❑ **CHECK YOUR VESSEL REGULARLY** and contact the harbor office if you see a safety hazard on a neighboring boat.
- ❑ **REMOVE YOUR DINGHY** from the water when you have taken the last cruise of the season. This will keep it clear of marine growth and prevent it from filling with rainwater.
- ❑ **CHECK YOUR DOCK LINES** and fenders regularly for chafe.
- ❑ **INSPECT YOUR SHORE-POWER CORD** and replace immediately if any defects are discovered. Only marine rated shore-power cords are permitted. The use of household extension cords is prohibited.
- ❑ **HEATERS** should not be left unattended. When operating a diesel furnace ensure the exhaust is free and clear of combustible materials.
- ❑ **REMOVE YOUR SAILS, SECURE YOUR HALYARDS AND CANVAS** as high winds can cause considerable damage on roller furling sails. Tie your halyards away from your mast to reduce chafe and wear.
- ❑ **CHECK SCUPPERS AND COCKPIT DRAINS** routinely to ensure they can clear water quickly.
- ❑ **BILGE PUMPS** should be checked to ensure they are in good operating condition. Keep your float switches free from debris and make sure your bilge is clean of fuel and oil.
- ❑ **BURGLAR PROOF** your vessel and remove all of the valuables you have on board and keep them secure at home. Small outboards are attractive to thieves. Take them home or make sure they are locked securely. Make sure all hatches and companionways are secure and locked.
- ❑ **ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO WATCH YOUR BOAT** if you are going to be away.
- ❑ **USE CAUTION WHILE WALKING AND DRIVING.** Surfaces may become slippery, especially when icy or wet.
- ❑ **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION** with the office.

DOCKSIDE HOUSEKEEPING

We are asking our customers to help us prepare for the change in weather.

★ Please disconnect your dock hose. This reduces the chances of a frozen water in a hose expanding and causing damage to the faucet and your vessel's water system.

★ Please keep the docks clear of stored items. Dock clutter creates trip hazards and blocks emergency access. High winds can blow loose gear into the water. If you have a boat related item you no longer need or don't know how to dispose of properly, harbor staff may be able to suggest a solution to your problem.

★ Please label your dinghy. Dinghies stored in the dinghy racks must be in good condition and the ownership must be clearly identifiable with the owner's name or primary vessel's name. To make as many racks available to our customers, dinghies requiring more than two bars will not be permitted. Staff will remove and impound dinghies that fail to meet the basic storage requirements.

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