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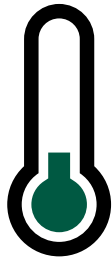
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

CHECK Your Boat

This is a friendly reminder to regularly inspect your vessel, especially during the winter season when it might not be getting regular use. Strong winds, freezing temperatures, and even rain can quickly damage your vessel's equipment and gear. If you own a sailboat, don't forget to appropriately secure your roller furling and head sails. If you plan on travelling, arrange to have someone regularly check your vessel so any potential for damage is minimized. And don't forget to update your contact information with the harbor office.



Bellingham Dockside Market

The Port of Bellingham has taken over the management of Bellingham Dockside Market, a 'dock-to-table' seafood market for local fishing families to sell their catch. If you are looking for a way to add seafood to your dinner menu, this is a way to buy directly from the source! Markets take place year-round on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month in Squalicum Harbor at either Gate 5 or in the Fishermen's Pavilion. Watch live seafood cooking demonstrations at noon on the 3rd Saturdays of the month, put on by Bellingham SeaFeast. Keep up-to-date on what's available at the market by joining our mailing list. Write to dockside@portofbellingham.com to be added, and we'll send you a product list 24 hours prior to the next market. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).



Paperless Moorage Statements

Beginning August 1, 2023, the marinas are transitioning to paperless moorage statements to help ensure customers receive their moorage statements in a timely manner while reducing our carbon footprint. If you aren't currently receiving an electronic moorage statement or have recently changed email addresses, please contact the harbor office so we can ensure we have your current information. Customers are always welcome to contact the harbor office with any questions about their moorage account at the numbers listed on bottom of this newsletter.

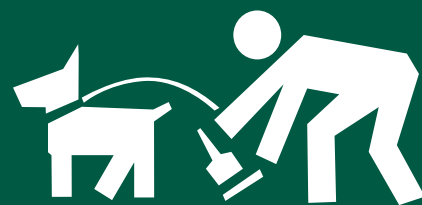


MARINA FIRE SAFETY

Marina fires are extremely dangerous and can spread rapidly. There are many steps boaters can take to help reduce the risk of marine fires. Regularly inspect electrical, fuel, and heating systems. Use only marine approved electrical devices and never leave equipment, including heaters, unattended. Employ professionals to work on your vessels systems. Have USCG approved fire extinguishers on board and know how to use them. Maintain vigilance as you walk the docks. If something seems wrong, report it to the harbor office immediately. Please take a moment to review our informative online Marina Fire Safety brochure at: www.portofbellingham.com/firesafety.

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Both harbors participate in outreach programs to help educate the public about storm water. We have installed markers near our storm water drains as a reminder that only rain water and snow melt are permitted to flow down the drain. Paints, oils, fuels etc. are not to be placed into the drains. If you spot a spill in the parking lot or someone dumping anything into a storm water drain, please let the harbor staff know immediately so preventative measures can be taken. Likewise, if you have a chemical or substance that you are not sure how to dispose of, please contact the harbor office or stop by during business hours. Our staff would be happy to provide you information to make sure your item is disposed of properly.



Pets on the Docks

We appreciate all our four-legged family members who remind their owners to keep them on a leash and pick-up their messes. We understand this seems to happen at the worst possible moment and we appreciate everyone who takes the time to clean it up. Pet waste bags are provided free of charge throughout the facility and we usually have a loaner leash available at the harbor office just in case you forgot one at home. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Identify your dinghy

High tides and storms cause many dinghies and kayaks to become lost off beaches or docks and may initiate unnecessary search and rescue missions. The Coast Guard recommends securing your small boat with good line or storing it safely away from the water during storms. They also recommend writing your name and contact information on all dinghies, canoes and kayaks so you can be contacted promptly when found.

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