



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



CELEBRATE

4th
of July

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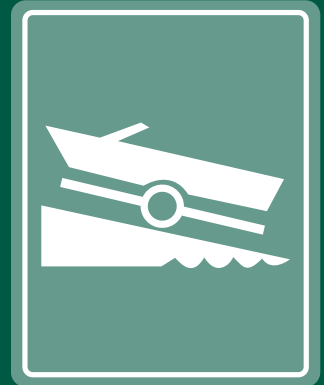
This year's 4th of July festivities will be at Zuanich Point Park. Beginning at 2 pm, there will be food vendors, beer garden, live music, and a kids zone full of fun activities. The fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:30pm. Please note that parking is limited. We look forward to celebrating with you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, [CLICK HERE](#)

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](#)



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.

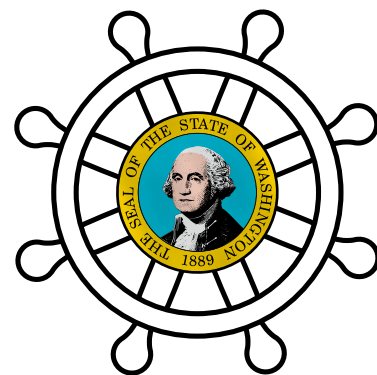
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Regular boat launch users may be interested in the \$100 annual pass good for the calendar year. Annual passes are available at the harbor office.



Electronic Mailing

Effective August 1, 2023 the harbors will transition to electronic mailing. All marina billing statements, notices, and general correspondence we feel valuable to relay to our customers, will be sent electronically to your email address. To ensure a smooth transition, please contact the Harbor Office to update your email address. Someone from the Harbor Office will reach out to you if we do not have an email address on file for you and we haven't heard from you. We thank you for being a customer with us and appreciate your feedback. Please contact the Harbor Office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

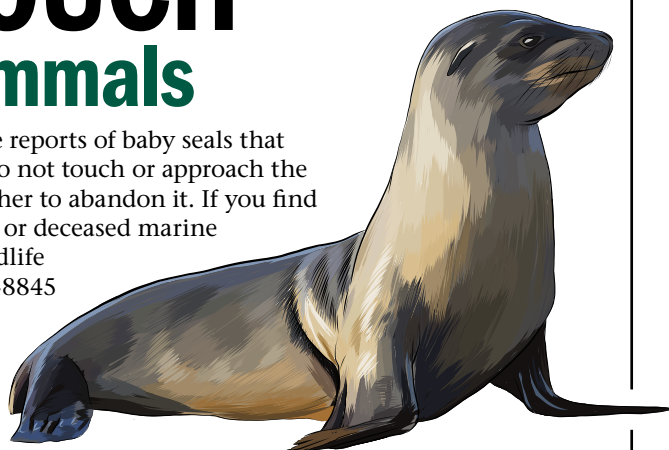


Renew Your Vessel Registration

Washington State vessel registrations expire June 30, 2023. 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 at [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. For more information about reporting a marine mammal stranding and volunteer opportunities, [CLICK HERE](#).



Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

- Do not top off 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.



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.

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