



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

✧ DECEMBER 2011 & JANUARY 2012 ✧

HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

CHANGES CONSIDERED FOR ANNUAL MOORAGE RENEWALS

When the new Moorage Model was adopted earlier this year, the Port Commission directed staff to review the marinas' annual moorage policy with regard to the timing of renewals and move everyone toward one renewal date. The current policy allows customers the option to prepay annual moorage any time during the year. After working with the Marina Advisory

Committee on this issue, the MAC unanimously supported the change in policy to move all annual moorage renewals to April 1 of each year beginning April 1, 2013. The Commission will consider this item at its December 5 meeting. If approved, staff will work in 2012 to phase all existing annual moorage accounts for renewal on April 1, 2013.



HOLIDAY PORT FESTIVAL BRINGS FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO THE WATERFRONT DEC. 2-4

FESTIVAL HOURS:

Friday, Dec. 2, noon – 8 pm

Saturday, Dec. 3, 11 am – 6 pm

Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 am – 5 pm

This year's Holiday Port Festival will kick off the holiday season with lots of free activities on the waterfront. Enjoy music, singing and dancing, horse drawn wagon and fire truck rides, a gingerbread house contest display, complimentary cookies and cider, and much more.

Bring a non-perishable food item for our annual food drive to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank.

All activities are at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Ave., Bellingham. Activity times vary, call (360) 676-2500 or visit the website: www.portofbellingham.com/holidayport.



SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Structural Repairs to Gate 7

Crews are completing the final structural repairs to Gate 7. Upon completion of this project, portions of Gate 9, Gate 10, and all of Gate 7 will have newly installed whaler material, weldments, cleats and thru rods. This targeted structural work is part of a multi-year improvement project to several mooring areas throughout Squalicum's Inner Harbor, with more coming in 2012. Harbor Staff would like to thank you all for your cooperation and flexibility during this project.

Gate 3 F and G Docks Replacement Project

Construction crews have been busy removing the old floats, piling, and utilities on the F and G mooring areas of Gate 3. Dredging is the next phase of the project and is expected to begin around Dec. 7. Dredge crews will work seven days a week for an estimated six weeks until completion, expected to be around the middle of January. As a reminder, boaters may experience slight delays at the entrances to the outer basin due to dredging operations. Please follow proper navigational rules of the road. For more information about this project, visit www.portofbellingham.com/squalicumimprovements.

HOLIDAY BOATING EVENTS AT BOTH HARBORS



BELLINGHAM'S LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

The Bellingham Yacht Club's lighted boat parade will be held on two consecutive nights.

When: Friday, Dec. 2

Saturday, Dec. 3

Time: Boats away at 5pm each evening

Where: Bellingham Yacht Club

Registration: Free, public welcome. Registration and event details available at www.byc.org.

BLAINE TREE LIGHTING & HARBOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Visit downtown Blaine for tree lighting, music and more on Dec. 3 from 10am-7pm. This year, the Semiahmoo Yacht Club is inviting everyone to decorate their vessels and moor at the Gate 2 visitor dock in Blaine Harbor and add to the downtown festivities. Vessel lights will be lit in conjunction with the City of Blaine's Christmas tree lighting ceremony. For details, visit the Semiahmoo Yacht Club's website at www.semiahmooyachtclub.com, or contact the Blaine Visitor Center at (360) 332-4544.

VISIT THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

What better way to prepare for the warm days of the upcoming boating season than to

attend the 2011 Seattle Boat Show, which runs from Friday, Jan. 27 to Sunday, Feb. 5. For show hours and ticket information, visit their website at: www.seattleboatshow.com.

Jan. 27, 2011-Feb. 5, 2012

**SEATTLE
BOAT SHOW**
INDOORS + AFLOAT

Squalicum Harbor Office

722 Coho Way, Bellingham

(360) 676-2542

or after hours (360) 739-8131

Dan Stahl, Director of Maritime Services
Pam Taft, Special Projects Administrator
Mike Endsley, Harbormaster

Marine Service Representatives:
Bill Vonk, Patty Paus, Paul Knippel,
Lynda Lamoureaux, and Greg Hoffman

Blaine Harbor Office

235 Marine Drive, Blaine

Or mail to: PO Box 1245, Blaine, 98231

(360) 647-6176

or after hours: (360) 303-7110

Dan Stahl, Director of Maritime Service
Andy Peterson, Harbormaster

Marine Service Representatives:
Tony Flaherty, Roland Montoure
and Bryson Tripp

NEWS BRIEFS

MOORAGE AVAILABLE AT BLAINE HARBOR

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability in all sizes 40' and under. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat or moving their boat closer to home, send them our way.

REMINDER: BOATER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder, 2008 was the first year of the phased Mandatory Boater Education program in Washington State. For more information about mandatory boater education, go to the Washington State Parks Boating Program website at www.parks.wa.gov/boating

WHEN DO I NEED TO GET MY CARD?

YEAR	AGE GROUP
2008	12 YEARS TO 20 YEARS OLD
2009	25 YEARS AND UNDER
2010	30 YEARS AND UNDER
2011	35 YEARS AND UNDER
2012	40 YEARS AND UNDER
2013	50 YEARS AND UNDER
2014	60 YEARS AND UNDER

**People born before Jan. 1, 1955, are exempt from the Boater Education Card requirement.*

MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANS NEXT MEETING FOR DECEMBER 13

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Squalicum Harbor Office. Visitors are always welcome. The Marina Advisory Committee is your voice in the boating community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a MAC member or the Harbor Office staff.



ENVIROSTARS



Marina Advisory Committee

You can contact your Marina Advisory Committee Representatives by calling either the Blaine or Squalicum Harbor offices.

Peter Border • Jeffrey Hegedus • Jim Young

Ron Kleinknecht • Paul Lavelle • Joseph Orem • Brian Pemberton

Doug Sterrett • Jerry Writer