



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER



PITCH Regatta Returns in August

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting its 39th Annual PITCH Regatta the weekend of Aug. 30-31. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION is available at www.byc.org or (360) 733-7390.

If you are going to be out of the Harbor and would like to loan your slip to a visiting race participant, contact BYC's Fleet Captain at fleetcaptain@byc.org.

The Squalicum Harbor Office and BYC are working together to find moorage for visiting racers, so please contact BYC as early as possible.

If you plan to watch the racing action from your boat, please review the adjacent tips to keep you and the racers safe.

WATCHING THE REGATTA

- Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht.
- Spectator boats should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boat.
- Spectator boats are best placed well clear of the start and finish line and should never be in front or behind the start/finish line.
- Spectator boats should place themselves well away of the upwind mark and well downwind of the downwind mark. These marks are exciting positions to watch a race from.
- Spectator boats should avoid cutting across boats that are racing.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Renew Your Boater Registration to Avoid Fines

Make sure to get your 2015 Washington State registration sticker correctly displayed aboard your vessel to prevent fines. Boaters from outside the United States should also make sure that their mooring permit is correctly displayed and visible from the dock. More information on the proper display of registration can be found at www.dol.wa.gov

No Cooking on the Docks

To limit the risk of fire on the docks, we'd like to remind boaters that operating crab cookers and barbecues on the docks is strictly prohibited. Both harbors have upland park areas that would be a better choice for operating combustible fuel appliances. Remember to properly dispose of all cooking materials; do not leave items like spent charcoal or other cooking waste in the park.

Dock Carts

Please return dock carts to the gatehouse as soon as you have finished using them. If you encounter a dock cart that requires repairs, please contact the harbor office so we can get it repaired and back in service as soon as possible. Your fellow boaters thank you.

Do Not Discharge Sewage

The discharge of sewage into the harbor waters is prohibited. Empty your port-a-potty or holding tank at one of the convenient pump-outs located throughout the harbors. Operating instructions are available at each pump-out station. To prevent damage to the pump-out cart hoses remember to open the nozzle valve before starting the pump motor.

Squalicum Harbor

SUMMER HARBOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

With summer in full swing, you may have noticed various improvement and maintenance projects that are underway within the Harbor. We appreciate your patience as we resurface large areas of the parking lots, paint washroom facilities and rebuild/repair the fingers at Gate 5 on the C & D floats.

NEW TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CHANGES IMPLEMENTED FOR JULY 4

Independence Day festivities are a favorite activity here in the harbor, including the Haggen Family 4th of July Celebration. Hosting this event is not without its challenges, and this year we initiated some new practices based on your feedback on how this event impacts boaters. We designated boater parking only for Gate 6 and the onsite charter companies, and this proved successful, so we plan to expand these procedures next year. We had great success in communicating with many of the gate 6 boaters via email, and

BELLHAVEN YACHTS AND CHARTERS NEW OWNERSHIP

Bellhaven Yachts, located in the Squalicum Harbor Marina Square building, is under new ownership. Please take a moment to meet the new owners, David and Peggy King, and welcome them to the Harbor. We look forward to having them on the waterfront.

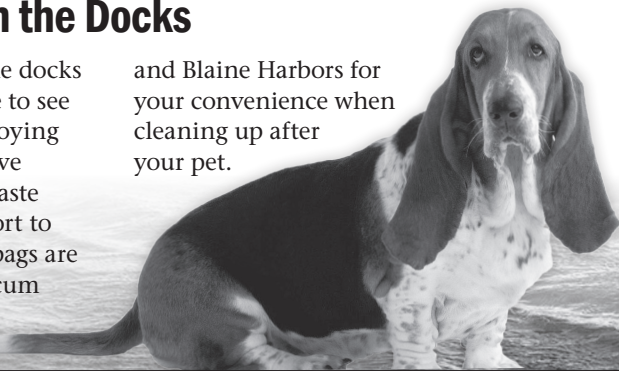
we appreciate the efficiency this channel provides in outreach to our customers. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to call or email the Harbor Office to update your contact information and include an email address that you check with regularity. We hope all who attended the event enjoyed the festivities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, email
Squalicum@portofbelllingham.
com or call (360) 676-2542.

Dogs and Other Pets on the Docks

There are naturally more dogs on the docks during boating season, and it is nice to see our four legged family members enjoying time on the boat, however, there have been many complaints about dog waste on the docks. Please make every effort to clean up after your dog. Dog waste bags are distributed throughout both Squalicum

and Blaine Harbors for your convenience when cleaning up after your pet.



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

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Tips to Avoid Fuel Spills

Every summer we respond to outboard-style fuel tanks and hoses leaking due to the expansion of fuel in the summer sun. Please take the necessary steps to plan ahead and prevent fuel spills.

Reporting spills in a timely manner ensures that clean-up measures can be initiated as soon as possible which will help keep our harbors clean.

All fuel spills must be reported to the USCG's National Response Hotline at 1-800-424-8802 and the Harbor Office.

- **Use caution when leaving portable gas tanks and fuel hoses in the sun. Expanding fuel can leak out of caps and fuel fittings and find its way into your bilge or into the water.**
- **Do not top off tanks. Leave some room in your tanks for fuel expansion.**
- **Keep oil absorbent diapers on hand to clean up small spills quickly.**

Boater Education Opportunities

Registration for fall boating classes is just around the corner. These classes are a great way to acquire new boater skills, or just brush up on your old ones. They are also a great way to learn from fellow boaters and meet others with similar interests. Classes are offered by Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron (www.boatingisfun.org) and The US Coast Guard Auxiliary (www.cguax.org).

Dispose of Flares

Check with the Washington State Patrol to find the nearest location that will accept expired flares. Don't throw expired flares in your regular garbage receptacle; they contain perchlorate, a toxic material that can't be mixed with regular trash, just like batteries or motor oil.