



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

BLAINE AND SQUALICUM HARBORS' NEWSLETTER

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

New marina management software

In January we successfully transitioned to our new marina management software. The most noticeable change to our customers is the new moorage statement. We have received many positive comments on the new easy to read format. Moving forward, we are working on implementing the automatic credit card payment feature and emailing statements for customer convenience. Stay tuned for future announcements on these features becoming available.

Update your Contact Information

Cell phone numbers and email addresses can change frequently and you may not have thought to update the harbor office with your new contact information. We depend on this information to contact you in an emergency. Please help us keep our records current by calling or emailing the harbors at the email addresses listed on the back of this newsletter.

Annual Moorage Due in April

A reminder to all our customers choosing to pay annual moorage that annual moorage statements will be sent out on April 1st and payments are due before the last day of April 2015. Moorage payments can be made online at the Port's website in addition to making payments at the harbor office during business hours. If you would like to change from monthly to annual moorage, please contact the harbor office before April 30th. A reminder that all payments made in the after hour drop boxes will be posted to your account the next business day.

Dock SAFETY

I encourage everyone to consider personal safety for themselves, their crews, and the boaters around them. Help set a good example for others.

- **Please do not ride your bike on the dock.**
- **Keep your pet on a leash and under your control.**
- **Report safety concerns immediately to the harbor office or after-hours security.**
- **Make it a habit to wear a lifejacket with a loud whistle attached.** The water is cold year-round and a lifejacket buys you time while you try to self-rescue or call for help. Remember that both harbor offices participate in the life jacket loaner program for children.
- **Dock ladders are located though out the marina.** Make note of their locations as you walk down the dock. From the water side, the slips with ladders are marked with an arrow pointing towards the next slip with a ladder in it. Please keep the ladders clear from dock lines and obstructions. Many boats have ladders on their transom or swim-step. Don't be afraid to use the most convenient means of rescue in an emergency!
- **Sign-up for a vessel courtesy examination by the US Coast Guard or US Power Squadron.**
- **The winter is a great time to attend a boater education class.** These classes are taught by local boaters and are a great way to refresh your boating knowledge, gain new skills, and meet new friends with likeminded interests. Locally classes are offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and United States Power Squadrons. You can also complete your basic boater education course online to satisfy your WA State boater education requirement. Visit the websites below for more information and upcoming classes.
www.boatingisfun.org
www.bliaux.com
www.boat-ed.com/washington/

Squalicum Harbor

GATE 3 FIRE-LINE IMPROVEMENTS

Regular visitors to the harbor will have noticed the installation of new water pipes in the ground extending from the intersection of Coho Way to the parking lot by the Squalicum Yacht Club. These new water mains will supply water to the Gate 3 fire lines. The new fire lines will provide additional water to help fight boat fires and will provide sufficient water flow for future installation of fire sprinkler systems in the multiparty boathouses at Gate 3. The scope of work will include the installation of new fire hydrants in the parking lot at Gate 3 and a new 8" HPDE water line

under the main dock as well as new valves at the intersections of the main float and laterals. The work taking place out on the dock should not impact the majority of our boaters. Over the next few weeks as the waterside phase begins, Harbor staff will be working with customers who might be affected by construction in their area. The project is scheduled to be completed at the end of March 2015. Our goal is to minimize the effects of this very important safety project to our boaters. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Marine Insurance Open House March 12, 2015

The new Washington State vessel insurance requirements have generated a lot of boater interest in their marine insurance policy covering their boat. To help answer some of these questions, the Port of Bellingham and the Marina Advisory Committee is planning an open house on **March 12, 2015 from noon until 1:30pm** to discuss marine insurance and the new state requirement. The open house will be held at the Harbor Center Conference Room 1801 Roeder Avenue, Bellingham WA. We plan on having some local insurance agents on hand to discuss marine insurance coverage and answer questions. We will have more information posted at the harbor office as the date gets closer. Please call either of the harbor offices for more information.

New MAC Members

We'd like to welcome aboard our new Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) members **Paul Burrill** and **Byron Richards**. Paul is co-owner of Sound Pacific Seafood located at Blaine Harbor and is an active commercial fisherman participating in the Washington and Alaska fisheries. Byron is a lifelong mariner and captain with extensive offshore experience. He currently has his boat moored at Squalicum Harbor in a boathouse. The MAC would like to welcome Paul and Byron aboard. The MAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Harbor Center Conference Room located at 1801 Roeder Avenue, Bellingham Washington. Visitors are always welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the harbor office or any of your MAC members.

Blaine Harbor

13TH ANNUAL WINGS OVER WATER BIRD FESTIVAL MARCH 13TH -15TH

Wings Over Water Northwest Birding Festival celebrates the incredible variety of migratory birds that flock to our pristine coastal areas. Birding is one of America's fastest growing outdoor activities and the Blaine and Birch Bay areas are located on

the Pacific Flyway making them one of the country's premier bird viewing areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TWO DAY EVENT VISIT <http://wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com/>



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MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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