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## HARBOR NEWS

### Plan a Dream Boating Vacation at CharterFest

The Port of Bellingham and local charter companies are excited to present the 6th Annual CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor. The event will be from 11 am to 5 pm Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, at Gate 3, near the Bellingham Yacht Club.

Both motoryachts and sailboats will be on display, and representatives from local charter companies will be on hand to answer questions about booking that dream vacation cruising the San Juans or touring the Inside Passage.

To help keep kids safe, children's life jackets will be available to borrow at no charge from the Squalicum Harbor Office.



#### Participating charters include:

- **Bellhaven Charters**
- **Northwest Explorations**
- **Par Yacht Charters**
- **San Juan Sailing and San Juan Yachting**

### Power Plug Safety Pointers for Harbor Tenants

For the safety of all moorage tenants and Squalicum Harbor, all shore power cords must be kept out of the water. They also must be designed for marine applications, with the appropriate twist lock, and must be a minimum of 10-gauge wire.

The use of household extension cords is prohibited, regardless of how much current your vessel demands.

Harbor staff receive numerous calls regarding shore power connections that are not operating properly, especially when boaters move from one berth to another.

There are three types of dockside receptacles at Squalicum Harbor, 20 amp, 30 amp, and a limited amount of 50 amp service hook-ups.

A quick way to tell which service you have is by examining the circular dock receptacle and your cord plug-in where the amperage will be designated. Though it is possible

to connect a dissimilar plug into an outlet, it is difficult to twist and secure the wrong plug-in type. Using the wrong plug is the number one reason for power interruptions. If you relocate to an area where the plug-ins do not match, change the connectors on your power cord or purchase an adaptor.

As a reminder, each outlet is also equipped with its own circuit breaker. If you mysteriously do not have power, check the breaker first. Most breakers also have a locking cover that can be secured with the breaker in the off position. This is helpful if you are away from your berth for an extended period of time and have concerns about another vessel using your power.

If you have any questions about your shore power connection, or if your power is not functioning, please contact the harbor staff. We are here to serve you.

#### BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

##### *Next MAC Meeting Planned*

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Squalicum Harbor Office. 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. They are your voice in the boating community.

##### *Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Vessel Safety Checks, Boating Classes*

USCG Aux. Vessel Safety Examiners from Floatilla 11 will offer free vessel safety checks at Squalicum Harbor again this year.

##### **Vessel Check Schedule:**

Gate 3 –  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
Saturday, May 1

Gate 8 -  
9 am to noon,  
Saturday, April 17

Gate 9 –  
9 am to noon  
Saturday, May 22

Safety checks are done on a first come, first served, basis. Several examiners will be on hand to assist. For more information, contact Peter Border at (360) 733-8187.

##### *Boating Class Offered*

The Boating Skills and Seamanship class starts Feb. 8. The class is held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Salvation Army, 2912 Northwest Ave., Bellingham.

Successful completion of the class qualifies graduates for the Washington State Boater Education Card. For more information contact John Milczewski at (360) 752-0391.



## Corinthian YC Hosts Dance for All Boaters

The boaters of Whatcom County are invited to a winter dance featuring classic rock band The Walrus on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Bellingham's Melody Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Corinthian Yacht Club in order to "Pray for Sun, Wind, and Sailing in the Dead of Winter."

BYC member Joe Young (Steel Blue Kiss) and CYC member Chuck Dingee (HoriZEN), are guitarists and vocalists with the Walrus, a five-piece band that has been energizing parties, weddings, clubs, and outdoor events since 1995.

The pair also entertained boaters as two pirates on Lummi Island during last

summer's BYC Pirate Cruise.

Doors open at 7 pm and The Walrus will play from 8 pm to 11:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the door. The price includes one drink ticket and potluck appetizers. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Melody Hall is at 4071 Home Road, a block off Northwest Ave, between W. Bakerview Road and I-5, just behind Jerry Chambers Chevrolet.

To purchase tickets, contact Debra Jones at (360) 380-3538 or [debrajones-accounting@comcast.net](mailto:debrajones-accounting@comcast.net).

For more information, go to <http://cycbellingham.org/>

### BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

#### ***Upcoming Class: Boating for Women by Women***

Presented by the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, this class includes tips, techniques and dockside demonstrations from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday, April 17, at the Squalicum Yacht Club.

There is a \$35 fee to cover food and program costs. Log on to [www.boatingisfun.org](http://www.boatingisfun.org) for details and to RSVP.

#### ***Expect Additional Security Surrounding Olympic Games***

The Winter Olympic Games will begin Feb. 12 in Vancouver, BC. As part of the overall international security program, law enforcement agencies will spend more time patrolling local waters before, during and after the Olympics. Boaters enjoying our local waters should be prepared for vessel boardings and inquiries as part of these increased security patrols.

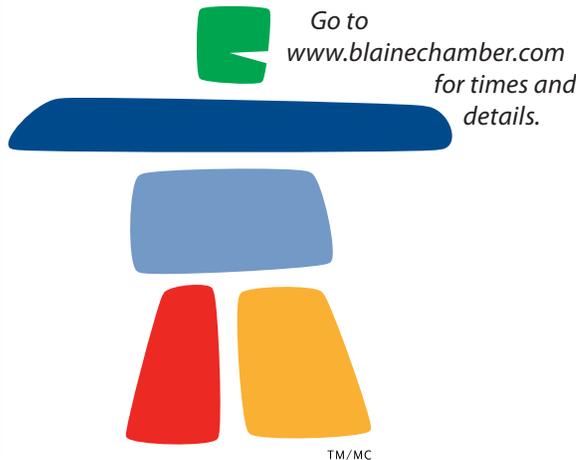
Anyone traveling to Vancouver, BC, by water during the Olympics should fully educate themselves on moorage and vessel operations well in advance. For more information, go to Transport Canada's website at [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca) and search for "winter games, security planning."

#### ***Welcome Michael McAuley New Port Commissioner***



Michael represents District 2

#### **Olympic Torch Coming to Peace Arch State Park Feb. 9**



Check out the Department of Ecology's Washington Waters – Ours to Protect at:  
[www.ecy.wa.gov/washington\\_waters/](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/washington_waters/)

#### **MARINA ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES**

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

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