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HARBOR NEWS

Theme: "Bygone Days of Moonshiners, Rumrunners and Teetotalers"

Boating Season Opening Day Activities May 1

7 AM - 11 AM OPENING DAY BREAKFAST

The Squalicum Yacht Club is inviting everyone to stop by and enjoy cheese omelets, sausage, pancakes and coffee. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. All donations will benefit the Bellingham Food Bank. SYC Bridge officers and members will be on hand to share information about the club and its activities.

7 AM - 11 AM FIFTH ANNUAL GEAR SWAP

The Corinthian Yacht Club invites you to gather that gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else you may have put it for its fifth annual gear swap! Browse the wares outside the Squalicum Yacht Club, near the gate at the SeaView North Boatyard. There will be a suggested \$5 donation for each booth to support the HomePort Learning Center. For more information, contact Jody at (360) 733-4097.

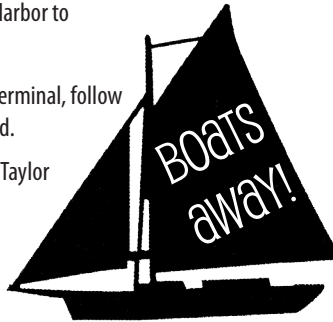
NOON BLESSING OF THE FLEET CEREMONY (Open to all) Hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club, this event is held at the Bellingham Yacht Club facility adjacent to Gate 3.

1 PM BOATS AWAY FOR PARADE (Open to all vessels) Leave Squalicum Harbor to rendezvous at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

1:30 PM PARADE STARTS Boats rendezvous at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, follow lead boat "Garufa" with Michele Hurst, BYC Vice Commodore in the lead.

Great shore viewing of the parade can be found at Boulevard Park and Taylor Street Pier.

For more information or questions, contact Bellingham Yacht Club Fleet Commanders Troy Curran, (360) 220-1385 or Jody Erickson, (360)223-2119.



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. This free 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**

MOORAGE RATE INFORMATION

For more information on moorage rates, visit the Port's moorage frequently asked questions web page at: www.portofbellingham.com/marinasfaq.htm

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Marina Advisory Committee Sets April 13 Meeting Date

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Tuesday, April 13, 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.

Harbor Office Open Until 7 pm

Squalicum Harbor Office hours are now 8 am to 7 pm, 7 days a week, for the duration of the boating season. As a reminder, you can make credit card payments by phone or you can set up automatic payments that can be taken directly from your bank account. For more information about automatic payments, visit our website at www.portofbellingham.com, or call the Squalicum Harbor Office.

Gate Codes Changing May 3

Squalicum Harbor will change the gate codes on May 3 to help ensure boater security. Please contact the Squalicum Harbor Office to obtain your gate code information. You will need to identify yourself and give the Harbor staff your current account number.

Please do not share your code with people who do not have boats in the harbor. Keep an eye out, and report any suspicious activity to the Harbor Office. From May 3 through the end of the boating season the gates will remain open during the day.



New Pumpouts Installed at Gates 8 and 9 to Maintain Water Quality

New equipment was installed at Gates 8 and 9 to improve service to boaters and keep our waters clean. This equipment included a new pumpout cart, dumpstation and enclosure at both gate locations. The project also included the trenching and installation of new sewer lines to the head of each ramp. Like our other pumpout facilities, 75 percent of the funding for this project came from the Washington State Parks and

Recreation Commission, Clean Vessel Funding Program.

This Port project, and our boating community's use of these facilities, is an example of our joint commitment to protecting the waters of Puget Sound.

If you have any questions about this project or how to operate pumpout equipment, call the Squalicum Harbor Staff at (360) 676-2542.

Only Port-Approved Companies Can Work on Boats in Squalicum Harbor

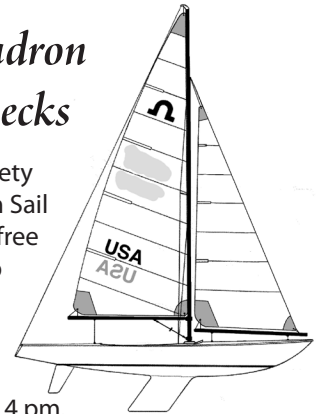
Only companies on the Port of Bellingham's approved list of business license holders can do work on vessels in the harbor. The Port's business license program is designed to ensure that liabilities associated with work on and around vessels and Port properties is properly addressed via mandated liability insurance. In order to perform work on Port property, a business owner must provide one million dollars in liability insurance with the Port listed as an additional insured and pay \$100 per year.

A list of approved contractors is available in the Harbor Office. If anyone is found performing work without the proper paperwork we will ask him or her to stop work until the paperwork is submitted. Please make sure you hire Port approved contractors.

Sail and Power Squadron Offers Free Vessel Checks

As a public service, vessel safety examiners from the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron will offer free vessel safety checks at your slip during the following events:

- **CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor** (Gate 3) – Saturday, April 10, 10 am to 4 pm.
- **Opening Day at Squalicum Harbor** (Gate 3) – Saturday, May 1, 9 am to 4 pm.



Boaters Please be Vigilant Against Gull Nests Built in Vessels

We would like to remind you that we are heading into seagull nesting season. This time every year, the Harbor Office receives reports that seagull nests were started on vessels and boathouses. Catching this early will eliminate potential problems down the road.

Seagulls are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA) and governed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The MBTA prohibits the destruction of any migratory bird, nest or egg. The US Fish

and Wildlife Service recognizes that in certain situations migratory birds can create a nuisance and further, a human health hazard, if left unmitigated.

A memorandum from the USFWS is available at the Squalicum Harbor Office which clarifies that a nest, without birds or eggs, can be destroyed in an attempt to displace nesting birds. This memorandum states that nests can only be removed if there are not birds or eggs in them. Contact the harbor office if you have any questions.



MARINA ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES

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

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