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HARBOR NEWS

Only Port-Approved Companies Can Perform Work on Boats in Blaine 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.

Update: Roundabout Construction

You will notice detour signs going up near the corner of Marine Drive and Peace Portal Way in preparation for the Department of Transportation's traffic roundabout installation.

Starting April 5, DOT will periodically close Interstate 5, D Street, Peace Portal Drive and 2nd Avenue.

Marine Drive is part of the detour route during these closures. Temporary lighting will be installed starting the evening of March 22, which will require some lane restrictions.



For more information, visit their website at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/blaineinterchange/>

MOORAGE RATE INFORMATION

For more information on moorage rates, visit www.portofbellingham.com/marinasfaq.htm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Birding Festival Comes to Blaine

April 17 - Great for avid enthusiasts and casual observers alike, The annual Wings Over Water Pacific Northwest Birding Festival is held in one of the Pacific Northwest's premier bird viewing areas.

Originally known as the Washington Brandt Festival, this festival focuses on the thousands of brant geese and other birds that visit the pristine shores of Blaine and Birch Bay on their annual migration.

Events include viewing stations, seminars, exhibits, live raptor displays, walking field trips of Semiahmoo Spit, Blaine's Marine Park and Birch Bay State Park. For more information, visit www.blainechamber.com/wow

2010 Annual Semiahmoo Bay Regatta

April 24-25 - The 12th Annual Semiahmoo Bay International Regatta will be in Blaine and White Rock, BC, and is open to all. Participants will enjoy a barbecue on Sunday at the Blaine Boating Center after the race with the trophy ceremony following. For more information, visit www.iycbc.ca/regatta.asp.

Opening Day of Boating Season

May 1 - The International Yacht Club will hold their annual ceremony starting the boating season on Saturday, May 1. The ceremony is held on the promenade, under the flag pole. Contact the Harbor Office for times. We want to wish everyone a safe and fun boating season!

Blessing of the Fleet

May 2 - The Fishermen's Memorial and Blessing of the Fleet will be at 1 pm Sunday, May 2, in the Boating Center Conference Room. It is open to everyone who would like to come and bless our commercial fleet for a safe season, and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Plover Ferry Service starts

June 18

Upcoming Boating Classes Offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 will teach the Boating Skills & Seamanship Class April 14 through June 2 and again Sept. 15 through Nov 3.

Classes are every Tuesday from 7 pm – 9 pm in the Blaine Boating Center Conference Room. The cost is \$40 per person, \$25 for the second person if sharing a book.

Topics Include:

- Which Boat Is For You?
- Equipment For Your Boat
- Trailing Your Boat
- Handling Your Boat
- Your "Highway" Signs
- Rules You Must Follow

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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**

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.

For a listing of MAC members, check the bottom of this newsletter. For more information on the advisory committee, go to www.portofbellingham.com, navigate to marinas, then Marina Advisory Committee

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 Blaine 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.



Check out the Department of Ecology's Washington Waters – Ours to Protect at:
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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