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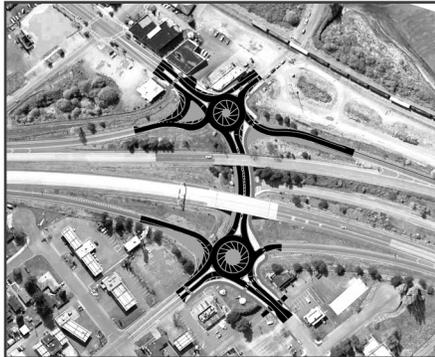
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HARBOR NEWS

Round and Round We Go: New Blaine Roundabout Construction Completed in May

With major construction completed, the roundabouts at the junction of Marine Drive, Peace Portal Way and D-street were opened to traffic Wednesday, May 19. Although open to traffic, some temporary nighttime lane closures will occur to complete street lighting and pavement marking. There are a few key things to remember when driving in roundabouts:

- Yield to drivers in the roundabout
- Stay in your lane; do not change lanes
- Do not stop in the roundabout
- Always drive counter-clockwise through the roundabout
- Yield to pedestrians as with a signalized intersection



- Bicyclists should follow the same rules as a motorist or walk their bike on the sidewalk
- In the event of emergency vehicles, proceed through the roundabout and then pullover.

ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED ON PORT PROPERTY

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

Marina Advisory Committee Sets June 8 Meeting Date

The next MAC meeting will be at 6 pm on June 8 at the Squalicum Harbor Office. Visitors are always welcome at MAC meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Blaine Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

Certified Community Sailing Program Registration Opens

Once again, Drayton Harbor Maritime is sponsoring the community sailing program at Blaine Harbor. This US Sailing Association certified program is offered for youths 11-18 years old and adults of all ages.

Hands-on sailing lessons will be conducted at Gate 3 and will be viewable from the Gate 3 promenade. More information and sign up forms are available online at www.nwparkandrec.org. Register early, class size is limited.

Construction at Blaine Harbor Will Impact Long-Term Parking

If you're planning an extended boating vacation this summer, please check in at the Blaine Harbor office before you leave. Asphalt seal-coating and lot striping in the Gate 2 and 3 parking lots is scheduled for this summer. It is important that you not park cars in those lots and leave on an extended vacation. Harbor staff can direct you to long-term parking outside the construction zone.

We have an approximate time line for the work to be done, but actual work dates will depend on weather windows.

Keep Personal Items Off Docks and Floats

The docks and finger floats are for safe walking to and from your vessel. They should not be used to store items like crab pots, boarding steps, hoses, and dinghies that can become trip hazards. In particular, boarding steps should be small enough to be stored aboard your vessel when not in use to allow your dock-mate ample room on the finger float. Please store loose

items aboard your vessel.

Dinghies and tenders not stored aboard your vessel can be stored in the racks on a first come, first served basis.

All dinghies stored in dinghy racks must have the owner's name and contact information clearly marked. Staff will begin checking the racks for abandoned dinghies in the next few weeks.

Welcome Bryson Tripp, New Harbor Staff Member



Bryson Tripp

We are pleased to announce that Bryson Tripp has joined the Port of Bellingham Blaine Harbor staff as a Marine Service Representative. Bryson started his new job in May, and filled the position the Port opted to leave vacant over the winter as a cost saving measure. Bryson spent three summers as a dock attendant at Squalicum Harbor in Bellingham and grew up in a boating family, so he is familiar with marinas and the waterfront. He is excited to work with our boaters out on the docks, so please introduce yourself when you see him.



Sublease and Loan-a-Slip Programs Offer Flexibility for Permanent and Visiting Boaters

When planning your summer cruising adventure, take a moment to review the sublease and loan-a-slip programs. Both offer flexibility and may provide you with cost savings while you are away.

Sublease: If you are gone for more than one month, and pay your moorage monthly, the sublease program may benefit you. To sign up, swing by the Harbor Office and fill out the necessary sublease paperwork.

We advertise the availability of your slip for you, and people who need temporary moorage can then sign up for your slip. Keep in mind that you are responsible for paying all moorage fees *until* someone signs up to sublease your slip. If we do temporarily assign your slip, the moorage customer subleasing from you pays the monthly moorage and electricity.

You would pay a the Port a \$50 setup fee and a \$15 sublease fee for the first month, and a \$15 sublease fee every month after that. You can sublease your slip to another boater for up to 12 months.

Loan-a-Slip: The Loan-a-Slip program allows the Harbor staff to assign visitors, for up to two weeks



per calendar month, in your slip while you are gone. If your slip is assigned during the entire time you designate, 50% of all moorage fees collected will be credited back to your account.

We ask that you give us advance notice of your return so that your slip will be ready for your arrival.

Both moorage programs are designed to provide flexibility and options for our permanent and visiting customers and must be administered through the Harbor Office.

For more information about what program would work best for you, stop by the Blaine Harbor Office, or call us at (360) 647-6176.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Plover Service Begins June 18

This summer, the Plover will begin regular operations later than in past years, running on weenedns June 18 - Sept. 6. Times vary by day, Friday and Saturday, noon - 8 pm and Sunday 10 am - 6 pm. Total passage time to and from Semiahmoo is about 50 minutes. Suggested donation for adults is \$3 per person and \$1 for children. For more information on the Plover and its schedule, please visit their website at www.draytonharbormaritime.org

Summer Events In and Around Blaine:

June 13 - Hands Across the Border at the Peace Arch Park. Join hundreds of scouts and veterans who participate in the hands across the border ceremony. This event takes place at Peace Arch State Park between the United States and Canada. Events include a flag exchange, speeches, a parade through the arch and a peace ceremony.

For information, go to www.peacearchpark.org

July 4 - Celebrate Independence Day with Blaine's Old Fashioned 4th of July. Day-long activities include a pancake breakfast, parade at noon, arts and crafts street fair with over 80 vendors, show and shine car show, live entertainment and plenty of good food. Get your spot in Blaine Marine Park for a community picnic and jazz concert. Ride the historic Plover Ferry from Blaine to Semiahmoo Resort, where you can make an afternoon and evening of it with a salmon BBQ and watch the fireworks over Semiahmoo Bay at dusk.

For more information, go to <http://www.blainechamber.com/events.html>

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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