



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

✧ FEBRUARY & MARCH 2011 ✧

HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter



APRIL 9-10 ★ 11AM TO 5PM

Participating Yacht Charters:

- Bellhaven Charters
- Northwest Explorations
- San Juan Sailing
- San Juan Yachting

The Port of Bellingham and local charter companies are excited to present the seventh annual CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor. CharterFest will be 11 am to 5 pm April 9 - 10 at Gate 3, near the Bellingham Yacht Club. Parking and admission are free.

Both motoryachts and sailboats will be on display, and representatives from 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 while touring boats at CharterFest, children's life jackets will be available to borrow, at no charge, from the Squalicum Harbor Office.

For more information, call the Squalicum Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542.

UPDATE: NEW MOORAGE RATE FORMULA

In the December newsletter, we provided an update on the development of the new marina moorage model that was presented to the Port Commission at its Dec. 7, 2010, meeting. Taking into consideration some of the feedback they have received during this process, the Port Commissioners decided to not take action on the moorage model at that time.

The Commissioners received several updates in January, and plan to make a decision on the model at their Feb. 15 meeting. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the Harbor Center Conference Room, 1801 Roeder Avenue. The new moorage rate model will become effective April 1, 2011.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARIES TO OFFER SAFETY CLASSES

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering several educational boating courses in the coming months. About Boating Safely, Basic Boating and Boating Skills and Seamanship will be offered by both Floatilla 19 in Blaine and Floatilla 11 in Bellingham.

For information regarding courses offered in Bellingham contact John Milczewski at (360) 752-0391, for courses in Blaine, contact Terry Sanchez at (509) 998-7131.

NEWS BRIEFS

PORT LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Port's website got a major overhaul that includes new features, including RSS feeds, improved calendar, the ability to sign up to receive notifications via email or text message, and much more. Explore the site at www.portofbellingham.com

MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE SETS FEBRUARY MEETING DATE

The Marina Advisory Committee will meet at 6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Squalicum Harbor Office. Visitors are always welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

SLIPS AVAILABLE IN BLAINE

Blaine Harbor has availability for 26 foot slips and a very short wait for 36 and 40 foot slips. For information, call (360) 647-6176 or email blaine@portofbellingham.com.

SQUALICUM YACHT CLUB OFFERS BOATING FOR WOMEN CLASS

Presented by the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron, this one-day class will offer tips and techniques for safety and comfort on the water, from 9 am - 4 pm Saturday, April 2, at the Squalicum Yacht Club. Cost is \$35 and covers food and program costs. To RSVP, log on to www.boatingisfun.org.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sawtooth: Over the past several weeks, construction crews have made structural repairs to the Sawtooth Pier. A crane barge, in place to drive both fender and structural piling, was on site for two weeks. The crew has also been working at night, due to the timing of high tides, to repair bracing on the underside of the structure. Upon completion, expected around the first week of February, the structure will have a significant amount of new stringers, fender and structural piling, bracing and bullrail. We appreciate the flexibility and understanding of our customers during this project.

Inner Harbor Repairs: In January, crews began structural repairs to Gate 10 and sections of Gate 6. The scope of this project includes structural wood and concrete replacement and structural upgrades to two end ties on Gate 6. To facilitate this work, customers have had to relocate their vessels. We very much appreciate your cooperation during this project and look forward to its completion in February.

SHORE POWER: CORD TYPE MUST MATCH OUTLET

Throughout the year, Harbor Staff receive numerous calls about shore power connections not operating properly, especially when boaters move from one berth to another. This is usually because the rated amperage of the plug does not match the amperage of the outlet. There are three types of dockside receptacles at Squalicum Harbor, 20 amp, 30 amp, and a limited amount of 50 amp service hook-ups. If you are relocating to an area where the plugs do not match, change the connectors on your power cord or use an adaptor.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

WALSH MARINE TAKES OVER WESTMAN MARINE, OPERATING BLAINE SHIPYARD

In January 2011, the Port issued a Request for Proposals, Qualifications and Vision for a boatyard operator and partner for the former Westman Marine boat yard at Blaine Harbor. While the Port reviews proposals, Norm Walsh, owner of Walsh Marine, is operating the boat yard on an interim basis. For haul-out and boatyard information, contact Walsh Marine at (360) 332-5051.

BIRDING FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BLAINE MARCH 19

The Wings over Water Pacific Northwest Birding Festival takes place March 19 with activities from 10 am to 4 pm that include wildlife and geology guided field trips to Semiahmoo Spit, MV Plover wildlife cruises of Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay, and wildlife & educational exhibits and maritime museum tours. For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce website at www.blainechamber.com.

SEMAIHMUO BAY REGATTA REGISTRATION OPEN

This two-day annual yacht race takes place on the border between White Rock, British Columbia and Blaine, Washington, featuring the best of the US Pacific NW and Western Canadian fleets. For more information and registration, visit the International Yachts Club's website at www.iycbc.ca.

LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS, AVOID USE OF HEATERS

Please be aware that space heaters, furnaces and engine block heaters can all contribute to higher winter power bills. Keep this in mind as you review your power bill this month.

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