

HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter



CharterFest
Squalicum Harbor

April 9-10 * 11 am to 5 pm

Participating Companies:

- Bellhaven Charters
- Bellingham Yachts Sales and Charters
- Blue Heron Yacht Sales
- Lake Union Sea Ray
- Northwest Explorations
- San Juan Sailing / San Juan Yachting

Start planning now for the 2011 summer boating season by attending the seventh annual CharterFest at Squalicum Harbor. Sailboats, yachts and trawlers will be on display to climb aboard and explore, with boats available for sale, charter or both. Representatives from local companies will be on hand to answer questions and offer special CharterFest discounts.

To help keep kids safe on the docks, free loaner children's life jackets will be available from the Squalicum Harbor Office.

The Bellingham Yacht Club will also host an open house on April 9 from 11 am - 4 pm to showcase their newly remodeled facility at 2625 Harbor Loop. Along with seminars, information will be available on youth sailing, racing, cruising, learning to sail and BYC Membership. For more information, go to www.byc.org.

SQUALICUM HARBOR HOSTS SAFETY SEMINAR FOR FISHERMEN



Left: A hands-on discussion with the Coast Guard. Right: A simulated sinking vessel exercise allowed fishermen to practice with survival suits and life rafts.

While commercial fishers are busy getting ready for the upcoming season, they took time out to attend a Washington Sea Grant training on emergencies at sea, sponsored by the Port of Bellingham. This three-day training at Squalicum Harbor included a simulated vessel sinking, practice with survival suits and life rafts, and an in-depth discussion with a Coast Guard helicopter rescue crew.

GATE CODES CHANGE MAY 9, SQUALICUM OFFICE HOURS ON APRIL 17

Blaine and Squalicum harbors will change gate codes on May 9, please contact the Harbor Office for the gate code. Squalicum Harbor Gates will remain open during the day from May through the end of boating season. Squalicum office hours will be 8 am - 7 pm, seven days a week, from April 17 through the end of the season. Blaine office hours will remain 8 - 5 pm, seven days a week.

NEWS BRIEFS

MOORAGE RATE CHANGES

All moorage customers should have received a letter from the Port sent out on March 2 communicating important moorage rate changes. New moorage rates go into effect April 1. If you have any questions, please contact the Squalicum Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542 or the Blaine Harbor Office at (360) 647-6176.

ONLINE BILL PAY NOW AVAILABLE

Boaters can now pay their bills online from the Port of Bellingham website, www.portofbellingham.com, select "Pay Your Bill" on the left hand side. Complete the online form and submit. The system accepts Visa and Mastercard credit and debit cards. This is not a recurring payment option. The Port of Bellingham continues to offer automatic account withdrawal for recurring automatic payments from your United States checking or savings account. Simply complete and return an authorization agreement, available at the Harbor Office, along with a voided check or savings slip.

MAC SETS APRIL MEETING DATE

The next Marina Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Tuesday, April 12, at the Squalicum Harbor Office. Visitors are always welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members. They are your voice in the boating community.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

Opening Day Activities, May 7, 2011

"DAYS OF SWASHBUCKLERS, SCALLYWAGS, AND SCURVY DOGS"

7-11 am Opening Day Breakfast -
Open to all, hosted by Squalicum Yacht Club

The Squalicum Yacht Club invites everyone to enjoy cheese omelets, sausage, pancakes and coffee at the SYC club house. 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 their activities.

7-11 am Sixth Annual Gear Swap -
Open to all, hosted by Squalicum Yacht Club

The CYC invites you to gather gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else you may have put it for their sixth annual gear swap outside the Squalicum Yacht Club, near the gate at the SeaView North Boatyard. There is a suggested \$5 donation for each booth, to support the Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center. For more information, call (360) 733-4097.

Noon: Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony *(Open to all)*

1 pm: Boats Away for Parade *(Open to all vessels)*

1:30 pm: Boats rendezvous at Bellingham Cruise Terminal for Parade Start, to follow lead boat "Typhoon," with Troy Curran, BYC Rear Commodore, in the lead.

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

For information or questions, contact Bellingham Yacht Club Fleet Commander Michele Bodtke at (360) 720-4155 or email at michele@nwecological.com.

Opening Day ceremonies, parade and blessing of the fleet are hosted by Bellingham Yacht Club.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

BLAINE BLESSING OF THE FLEET CEREMONY MAY 1

The Fishermen's Memorial and Blessing of the Fleet will be at 1 pm Sunday, May 1, in the Boating Center conference room. Everyone is welcome at this annual gathering supporting our commercial fishing fleet, wishing them a safe and successful season, and paying tribute to those who have lost their lives at sea. Refreshments will be served after the event.

BLAINE OPENING DAY ACTIVITIES MAY 7

The International Yacht Club will hold their annual ceremony on Saturday, May 7, on the promenade under the flag pole. Contact the Harbor Office for times. We wish everyone a safe and memorable boating season!

SEMAIHMOO REGATTA OPEN TO ALL VESSELS

The 13th Annual Semiahmoo Bay Regatta will take place April 30 - May 1. The event is hosted by the International Yacht Club of British Columbia, and is open to all. For information, visit the IYC's website at www.iycbc.ca, click on "racing news, 2011 regatta" for details or to register online.

NEW EVENT BRINGS IN SCHOONERS FROM ACROSS PUGET SOUND

Historic wooden schooners from across Puget Sound will converge at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal on Saturday, April 16, for the inaugural Bellingham Bay Rendezvous, a gathering of charter sailing and cruise vessels, to celebrate the Schooner Zodiac's formal transfer of home port to Bellingham. Events will include charter vessel tours, day sails, kids activities, and more. For more information, visit www.fairhaven.com/bbr.



Schooner Zodiac in the San Juans

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