



PORT OF BELLINGHAM  
*Washington State*

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# HARBOR NEWS

## Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

### BELLWETHER FAMILY FUN NIGHT BRINGS FREE ACTIVITIES TO TOM GLENN COMMON

The Second Annual Bellwether Family Fun Night will feature a performance of the Bellingham Circus Guild, kite making and flying, face painting, henna tattoos, and an outdoor showing of the movie "Jumanji."

This special Port of Bellingham event at Bellwether on the Bay™ alongside Squalicum Harbor won't cost you a penny – all activities are free and the event is open to the public. Instead of an entry fee, everyone is encouraged to help others in our community by bringing a non-perishable food donation for the Bellingham Food Bank.

Fans of "Jumanji" could also win a special prize in the weeks leading up to the event by answering trivia questions about the movie that will be posted on the Port's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/portofbellingham](http://www.facebook.com/portofbellingham). More information is in the events tab of our facebook page, and at [www.portofbellingham.com](http://www.portofbellingham.com).

#### Bellwether Family Fun Night Schedule:

*Friday, Aug. 19. All Activities are FREE*

- 6 pm – 8 pm Children's Activities
- 8 pm Raffle of gift certificates to waterfront businesses, grand prize is a night for two at the Hotel Bellwether
- 8 pm – 9 pm Bellingham Circus Guild Performance
- 9:10 pm Free showing of the movie "Jumanji"

### DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS BRINGS FREE ACTIVITIES TO BLAINE

Drayton Harbor Days will bring lots of family-friendly activities to Blaine Harbor on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7. For more information about Drayton Harbor Days, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce online at <http://www.blainechamber.com/events.html>

#### Drayton Harbor Days Activities:

- Tours of the tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain, details at [www.historicalseaport.org](http://www.historicalseaport.org)
- View steamboats and vintage boats, 10 am - 6 pm Saturday and Sunday
- Street Fair with kids games and activities, 10 am - 4 pm Saturday, Blaine Harbor Boating Center parking lot
- Historic Plover Ferry rides, noon to 8 pm Saturday and 10 am to 6 pm on Sunday
- The West Marine Drayton Harbor Maritime Community Sailing School Regatta takes place at 3 pm on Saturday at Gate 3.
- The Prestigious George Raft Race will be at 1 pm Saturday, everyone is welcome to enter the race with their home built raft made out of recycled parts and pieces. The first place winner will have their name added to the Prestigious George Raft Trophy for the next year.
- Free family outdoor showing of "Pirates of the Caribbean," 9:15 pm Saturday at the G St Plaza, weather permitting.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### GARBAGE FACILITIES FOR BOATERS ONLY

A friendly reminder that garbage facilities at Port of Bellingham mooring facilities are for boater-generated garbage only. From time to time, we come across household trash left in the dumpsters. If you suspect that someone may be dumping household trash illegally on Port property, please contact the Harbor Office as soon as possible so we can contact the people involved.

#### AVOID HEAT-RELATED FUEL SPILLS

Now that the sun has reappeared, we'd like to remind our boaters to be careful when leaving portable gas tanks and hoses in the hot sun. Every summer we respond to outboard style fuel tanks and hoses that are leaking because hot fuel has expanded. Please take the necessary steps to plan ahead and prevent fuel spills.

#### MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE SETS SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING DATE

The next MAC meeting will be 6 pm Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Squalicum Harbor Office, 722 Coho Way. Visitors are always welcome at MAC meetings. 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.

#### DISPLAY REGISTRATION STICKERS

Make sure to get your 2011 Washington State registration sticker, and display it correctly aboard your vessel to prevent fines. Check the back of the sticker for where to place the decal on your vessel.

## SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

### GATE 3, F & G REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Gate 3, F and G Dock replacement project is currently scheduled to begin this fall. Over the last few years, Port staff have worked closely with the Marina Advisory Committee on this project. When construction begins, boaters can expect to see the demolition of the existing wooden and concrete docks. A crane barge will then begin the process of dredging the waterway. Barges will be used to transport the dredge materials to their interim placement location at the Cornwall Avenue Landfill site. Finally, new concrete floats and piling will be installed. The current schedule has the newly installed docks in service in the spring of 2012. Port staff is working on vessel accommodations during the project and will put a project page on the Port's website. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting project.

### YACHT CLUB'S PITCH REGATTA RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting its 38th Annual Pitch Regatta Sept. 3-4. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events. Registration information is available at [www.byc.org](http://www.byc.org) or call (360) 733-7390. If your vessel will be out of the harbor Sept. 2 -4, consider loaning your slip out to a visiting race participant. Contact BYC's Fleet Captain at [fleetcaptain@byc.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@byc.org) to loan your slip.

#### *Watching the Regatta*

If you plan to watch the racing action from your boat, here are some helpful tips to keep you and the racers safe:

- Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht.
- Spectator boats should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boat.
- Spectator boats are best placed well clear of the start and finish line and should never be in front or behind the start/finish line.
- Spectator boats should place themselves well away of the upwind mark and well downwind of the downwind mark. These marks are exciting positions to watch a race from.

## BLAINE HARBOR NEWS & EVENTS

### WAR ON TUNICATES CONTINUES

In early June the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife completed their annual underwater assessment for club tunicates (*Styela clava*) at Blaine Harbor.



*Club Tunicates*

Tunicates are an invasive marine species that pose a serious threat to shellfish beds and marine habitat. Since the assessment and removal program began in 2006, the WDFW has been very successful at removing tunicates from Blaine Harbor waters and preventing their spread. Regular vessel haul-outs and hull cleanings at approved boat yards are an effective method of curbing the spread of the club tunicate. More information on invasive species in Washington waters can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/ans/index.htm>

### SLIPS AVAILABLE IN BLAINE HARBOR

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability for 26' slips and a very short wait for 36', 38' and 40' foot slips. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat or moving their boat closer to home, send them our way!

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### Marina Advisory Committee

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