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# HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

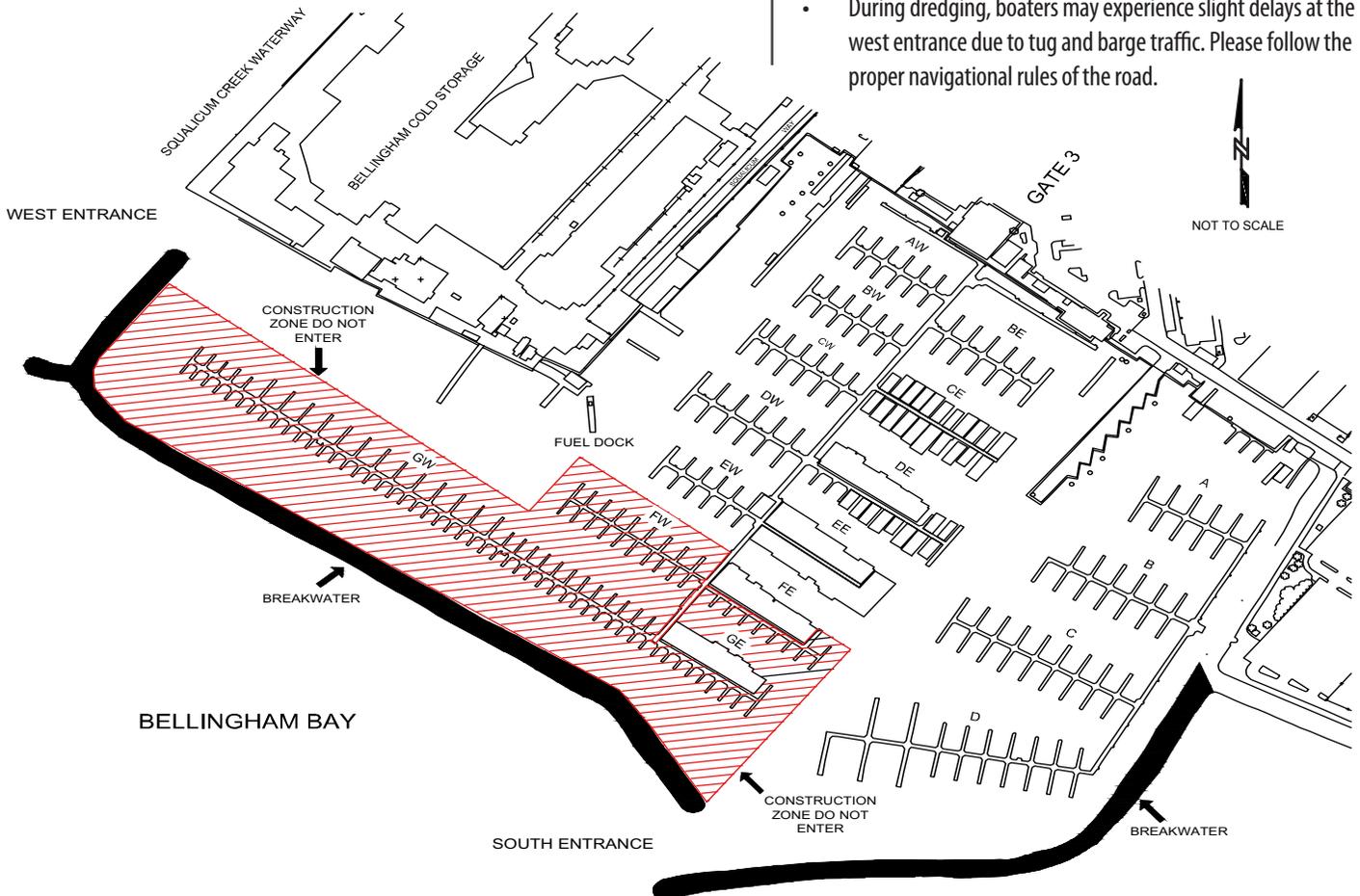
## SQUALICUM'S GATE 3 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEGINS THIS FALL

As soon as early October, boaters may see construction activity on Squalicum Harbor's Gate 3 F and G dock project. The early phases of the project will be the demolition of the existing utilities, including waterlines, electrical, etc. A staging area will also be established in the Gate 3 parking lot. Construction crews will then begin removing the old concrete floats and piling in preparation for the dredging process.

If you have any questions about this project, or any other marina-related matter, please contact the Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation and flexibility as we move closer to this important project.

**Please review the following safety reminders as we move closer to this important project:**

- The construction area, delineated on the diagram below, will be closed to vessel traffic through Spring 2012.
- Pedestrian access on the floats will be closed between E and F dock. Customer access to FE and GE boathouses will be allowed.
- During dredging, maintain 100' of clearance from all barges, cranes, etc.
- During dredging, boaters may experience slight delays at the west entrance due to tug and barge traffic. Please follow the proper navigational rules of the road.



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## WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER TIPS FOR PREPARING YOUR VESSEL FOR THE SEASON

As the 2011 boating season draws to a close, it's time for our friendly reminder to spend some time this fall preparing your vessel for the upcoming winter weather. Although getting your vessel ready for winter can be hard work, your preparation now will surely pay off with a smoother transition into the 2012 boating season.

**Space Heaters** – Keep in mind that space heaters can be dangerous and costly to operate. It is imperative that you use a space heater with a tip-over switch and a thermal cut out. Set your heater at the lowest possible setting and keep it clear from any combustibles. A 1500-watt heater left running 24 hours a day for one month can use 1080 kilowatts. Please be aware that space heaters, furnaces and engine block heaters can all contribute to higher winter power bills.

**Shore Power Cords** – Please make sure that your power cord is kept out of the water and that it is in good condition. Shore power cords must be designed for marine applications with the appropriate twist lock and be a minimum of 10-gauge wire. The use of household extension cords is prohibited regardless of how much current your vessel demands.

**Dinghies** – When you have taken the last cruise of the season, make the extra effort to remove your dinghy from the water. If you have room on your vessel, store it there. If not, bring it home.

**Fenders** – Make sure your vessel is adequately protected from damage with the proper amount of appropriately sized fenders. Winter wind storms can cause serious damage to vessels, and this damage is easy to remedy by purchasing appropriately sized fenders.

**Dock lines** – Remember to check your dock lines regularly and make sure they are free from tears or chafe. Providing an appropriate amount of mooring lines will insure your vessel is adequately tied to withstand rough winter weather.

*We would like to thank all of our wonderful boating customers for making the 2011 boating season a great success. We're looking forward to a safe winter and are already dreaming of warm boating weather in 2012!*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### GATE CODES CHANGE IN OCTOBER

The Port will change the gate codes at the end of October to ensure boater security. Please contact the Harbor Office after October 15 to obtain your new gate code information. Please identify yourself and give the Harbor staff your current account number.

Do not share your code with people who do not have boats in the harbor. Please make sure the gate closes behind you when coming and going from your boat. This helps ensure only boating customers, or those with permission from the Harbor Office, are accessing our marina facilities. Non-boating customers should check in with the Harbor Office in order to access marina facilities. Keep an eye out and report any suspicious activity to the Harbor Office or Harbor Security.

### MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE PLANS NEXT MEETING FOR OCTOBER 11

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for 6 pm Tuesday, October 11, 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.

### BOATER EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED

Make the most of your fall and winter to take a boating course. Here are a few organizations that hold classes over the winter months for all levels of boaters:

- US Coast Guard Auxiliary:  
<http://cgaux.org/boatinged/>
- US Power Squadron:  
[http://www.usps.org/e\\_stuff/public\\_ed.htm](http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/public_ed.htm)
- White Rock Power Squadron:  
<http://www.whiterocksquadron.org/>

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