



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
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HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES AT BOTH HARBORS

**SQUALICUM HARBOR 4:30-10pm Live music and activities,
10:30pm Fireworks start**

Live music, children's activities, an art show and one of the largest fireworks displays in the region will be presented at Zuanich Point Park, alongside Squalicum Harbor, in Bellingham during the Haggen Family 4th of July Celebration. Because the 4th of July falls in the middle of the week this year and many people will return to work the following day, the event will be smaller and start later than when Independence Day falls on or near a weekend.

Free live music sponsored by the Port of Bellingham will run from 4:30-10pm with bands performing on the back patio of the Squalicum Boathouse at the park. Food vendors will also be on site selling their wares, and Giggles the Clown will have games, face painting, spin art and balloon sculptures for kids. Some children's activities will cost \$1 while others will be free. The annual Independence Day fireworks display, presented by Haggen Food and Pharmacy and the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry, will start at approximately 10:30 p.m. Haggen has been the primary sponsor of the Bellingham fireworks display since 1995.

For more information, call the Port of Bellingham at (360) 676-2500.

DOWNTOWN BLAINE & BLAINE HARBOR 10am-5pm

Blaine's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration brings thousands of people to the city for a full day of activities that include a pancake breakfast, a parade at noon, an arts and crafts fair with over 80 vendors, a '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 concerts. 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 a perfect spot to watch the fireworks over Semiahmoo Bay. More information at www.blainechamber.com

LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE

4:30-6 PM BLESSED COAST

6:30-8 PM THE PRIMETIME BAND

8:30-10 PM THE ATLANTICS

BLAINE'S OLD FASHIONED
4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION

NEWS BRIEFS

HOW TO PAY YOUR MOORAGE BILL

Online Payments The Port has added the convenience of online payments for our customers using Visa, Mastercard or Discover cards. Simply visit the Port of Bellingham website and select Pay Your Bill on the left hand side. Complete the information and submit. Using the online bill pay requires that you pay your bill manually each month.

Automatic Checking Account Withdrawal Monthly automatic payment of your bill is available with automatic withdrawal from your United States checking account. Simply complete and return an authorization agreement along with a voided check.

EXTENDED BOATER PARKING

If you are planning on leaving a vehicle at the harbor while you are away on an extended boating vacation, check in with the Harbor staff for long-term parking.

DOCK CART REMINDER

During the busy boating season, please return dock carts to the top of the ramp as soon as possible for the next boater. Also, please help us keep the dock carts clean and in good repair by not using them as workbenches.

FREE LIFEJACKET LOANER PROGRAM

The Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the Boat US Foundation Life Jacket Loaner Program for kids. A limited number of lifejackets for infants, children, and young teens can be borrowed by filing out a simple form. Please return the lifejackets as soon as possible for the next borrower.

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REGULAR PLOVER SERVICE BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

The historic foot ferry M/V Plover will resume regular service between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information on the Plover, visit their website at: <http://www.draytonharbormaritime.org/plover.html>

DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS RETURNS TO BLAINE IN AUGUST

This year Drayton Harbor Days is Saturday and Sunday August 4-5. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun on the Blaine waterfront. Activities include:

- Street Fair with children's games and activities.
- Historic Plover Ferry rides.
- Drayton Harbor Maritime's Community Sailing Program Sailing School Regatta.
- The Prestigious George Raft Race, everyone is welcome to enter the race with a homemade raft made of recycled materials. The first place winner will have their name added to the Prestigious George Raft Trophy for the next year.

For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce online at <http://www.blainechamber.com/events.html>

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

GATE 3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As many of you are aware, sections of the new floats in Squalicum Harbor on FE, GE and the main lateral of Gate 3 were damaged during the boat house fire on March 30th. The F and G dock replacement project has been delayed as a result. To determine the extent of the damage, a team of engineers performed a comprehensive assessment on the docks and associated infrastructure. The information gathered during this assessment is being used to develop the scope of the repairs to make the docks serviceable as quickly as possible. We do not yet know the timeframe for completing this project. We'd like to thank the entire boating community for your cooperation and flexibility during this project.

TIPS TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN THE MARINAS

As the days grow longer and the weather improves, we start to see increased boat maintenance activity around the harbor. Protecting the marine environment is a high priority for us all. We've included a few basic Best Management Practices (BMP) to guide you as you begin the boating season:

- No pressure washing is permitted in upland areas except on approved pressure washing pads.
- No boat or vehicle washing is allowed in the facility parking areas.
- No dumping of any materials into storm drains.
- Clean and uncontaminated engine oil recycling is available to harbor customers. Please contact the Harbor Office for more information.
- Painting and refinishing is limited to minor touch-ups and all work must

be contained. Work involving more than 25% of the boats above water surface areas must occur on land in a permitted boatyard.

- Use tarps to collect sanding dust, debris, and paint. Allow nothing to enter the water.

The storage of paint, oil, antifreeze, fuel and any other toxic or flammable substance on the docks or in your dock box is strictly prohibited.

This is only a small sample of our BMP's, which are intended to be practical and affordable actions that can reduce pollution at the source. Please contact the Harbor staff for a complete list of our BMP's or view them on the Port of Bellingham's website

Go to www.portofbellingham.com and type 'green boating' into the search box in the upper right corner.

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