



✱ OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2012 ✱

# HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

## MARINA FIRE ORDINANCE UPDATE

In the wake of the tragic boathouse fire last spring, City of Bellingham fire officials met with Port staff to address fire safety at Squalicum Harbor.

Over the spring and summer, numerous public meetings and discussions were held with Squalicum Harbor boathouse owners, the Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Port Commission leading up to the decision to support changes to

the city's existing marina fire safety ordinances.

The Bellingham City Council adopted the new fire ordinance at a recent public meeting, and the Port will upgrade the Gate 3 fire line to meet the new standard for fire hoses.

Private boathouse owners will have several years to complete fire safety modifications to their boathouses. We will provide a link to the new ordinance in a future newsletter.

## STAY VIGILANT AGAINST THEFT IN THE HARBOR

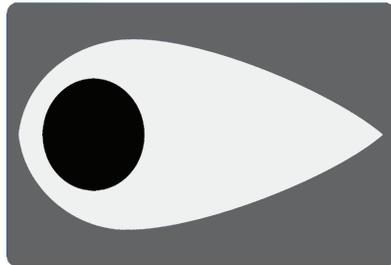
There have been instances of theft and vandalism in the harbors over the past months.

In some cases, neighbors noticed suspicious activity on a vessel, but were convinced that the activities were legitimate, or the persons were guests of the owners. In short, trust your instincts. If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't. Notify the Harbor Office or the boat owner immediately. Call 911 if necessary.

Here are some tips to help reduce crime in the harbor:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Make sure your contact information is up-to-date at the Harbor Office.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times and report suspicious behavior immediately. Call 911

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



### REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

and the Harbor Office. After hours security can be reached by cellphone: **Blaine Harbor Security: (360) 303-7110 or Squalicum Harbor Security (360) 739-8131.**

- Do not give out gate codes or open the door for someone you do not recognize. Send them to the Harbor Office. Your fellow boaters thank you.

## BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

### COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OFFERS WOMEN'S BOATER EDUCATION CLASS

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 will offer this popular, one-day course designed to familiarize women boaters with basic boat handling and procedures in an emergency. The class will be at the Blaine Harbor Boating Center on Oct. 27 from 10am to 4pm. Cost is \$40 in advance, or \$45 at the door. For more information or to register, call or email Kathryn Wellington: [k.wellington28@gmail.com](mailto:k.wellington28@gmail.com) or 360-220-3872.

### MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 9

The next MAC meeting will be on Oct. 9 at 6pm in the Squalicum Harbor Office, 722 Coho Way. Visitors are always welcome. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Harbor Office or any of your MAC members.

### GATE CODES CHANGE IN OCTOBER

Gate Codes at Squalicum and Blaine Harbors will be changing Oct. 31. The new gate codes will be available at the Harbor Office on Oct. 15. Do not give out gate codes or open the door for someone you do not recognize.

### FREE POLLUTION PREVENTION WORKSHOP OCT. 17 AND 24

A free workshop on pollution prevention for boat repair businesses and boat owners will be held at Blaine Harbor on Oct. 17 and Squalicum Harbor on Oct. 24. Both workshops run from 10am to 2pm. For information, or to register, contact Lee First at (360) 733-8307 or [leef@re-sources.org](mailto:leef@re-sources.org).

## BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

### BLAINE FUEL DOCK UPDATE

Bulkhead repairs to the Blaine Harbor fuel dock should be completed in mid-October, but the fuel dock will be open for operation as soon as the installation of new fuel piping is completed. For more information on fuel dock hours of operation, contact Blaine Marina Inc., at (360) 332-8425.

### MOORAGE AVAILABLE FOR 26 TO 40 FOOT SLIPS

The Port currently has availability in Blaine for slips 26 to 40 feet and a very short wait for other size slips. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat or moving their boat closer to home, send them our way!

## SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

### FALL AND WINTER SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

*Squalicum Harbor staff would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience while we work on these exciting harbor improvement projects.*

**SQUALICUM BOAT LAUNCH AND RINSE STATION:** Beginning in October, crews will replace the existing structures with new floats, piling and lighting and ramp surface upgrades thanks to a \$499,018 grant awarded by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Boating Facilities Program. One lane will be open at all times, except for two planned 3-day closures.

We will notify users of closure dates via postings at the boat launch and on the boat launch page of the Port's website. You can also call the Squalicum Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542 for progress and construction updates. In conjunction with this project, the Squalicum boat launch will receive a new rinse station. The new facility will incorporate a catch basin and valve system that will direct rinse water to the sanitary sewer for wastewater processing. The new rinse station complies with storm water rules and allows us to continue providing a place for boaters to rinse their boats and trailers. The current rinse station will be closed for approximately 20 days while work is completed.

**Squalicum Harbor Webhouse Electrical Upgrades:** Plans are underway for electrical upgrades similar to the work completed last fall on Webhouse 2. The project includes

demolition of the old electrical infrastructure and installation of new electrical power centers and lights in the individual lockers. Work is anticipated to take place during December and January. As we get closer to starting the work, Harbor Staff will be working closely with webhouse tenants to minimize the impacts of this project.

**Inner Harbor Structural Work:** This work continues the successful structural upgrades completed over the past couple of years, which will extend the useful life of the docks in the inner harbor. This year we will replace whalers and through-rods on Gate 6 O & P docks, the east half of Gate 8 KK-dock, and Gate 9 N-East and N-West in addition to end-ties. Work is expected to begin in December 2012 and continue through January 2013. Power will only be shut down in the immediate work vicinity. Customers in these areas will be contacted by Harbor Staff and provided an opportunity to move their vessel to another area during the work. Customers in the affected work areas can expect a letter sometime in late October with more details on the project and temporary moorage availability.

**Gate 3, F and G Dock Update:** Harbor Staff has started making assignments to the F-East and F-West docks that were not affected by the March 30 fire. Materials and concrete floats have been ordered to replace the fire-damaged sections of the main walkway. As soon as the floats and utilities are replaced, we will begin assigning moorage on the G-East and G-West docks.

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### Marina Advisory Committee

You can contact your Marina Advisory Committee Representatives by calling either the Blaine or Squalicum Harbor offices.

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