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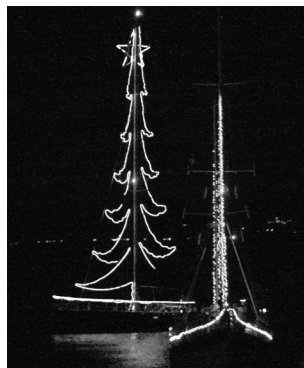
HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

HOLIDAY BOATING EVENTS

Blaine Christmas Light Parade

The Blaine International Yacht Club is hosting the annual Christmas Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5pm. All boat owners are invited to decorate their boats and join the sail past White Rock, Semiahmoo Resort and the Blaine End-Pier. Hot chili will be available for participants at the Blaine Boating Center after the event at no cost. For more information, contact Mike at 1-604-858-1717.



Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade



The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting the annual Bellingham Lighted Boat Parade on Friday Dec. 7 and Saturday Dec. 8. Boats away at 5pm each evening.

All boaters are invited to participate. More information and event details are available at www.byc.org.

SQUALICUM WELCOMES NEW HARBORMASTER

Please join us in welcoming Chris Tibbe as Squalicum Harbormaster. He has an extensive boating background as well as marina and boatyard operation experience. Born and raised in Michigan, he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989, where he worked on the waterfront in many different capacities. Chris made the move to Washington State and joined the Squalicum Harbor crew on Oct. 30. Welcome aboard Chris!

COAST GUARD BEGINS MANDATORY SAFETY EXAMS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS

On October 16, the US Coast Guard began implementing mandatory dockside safety examinations for certain commercial fishing vessels. For more information on the program and requirements, vessel operators can visit the USCG webpage at www.uscg.mil/d13/cfvs or contact the 13th Coast Guard District office in Seattle at (206) 220-7226.



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SQUALICUM YACHT CLUB CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the Squalicum Yacht Club. The club was originally formed on Sept. 29, 1937, as the Bellingham Boater's Association to help create safe moorage in Bellingham Bay. For more information, visit their website at www.squalicumyc.org/

HARBOR OFFICE MUST HAVE CURRENT INSURANCE INFORMATION

Please take a moment to update the Harbor Office with a current proof of vessel liability insurance. Your insurance document can be dropped off at the Harbor Office or you can fax it: Blaine Harbor fax (360) 332-1043, Squalicum Harbor fax (360) 671-6149. This is also a great time to ensure that your contact information is up to date with the Harbor Office.

CONSIDER JOINING THE MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) is accepting applications to fill vacant membership positions. If you are interested in serving on the MAC, please contact Pam Taft at (360) 715-7382. More information about the MAC is at: <http://www.portofbellingham.com/index.aspx?nid=119>

NEW GATE CODES AT THE HARBOR OFFICE

Gate codes were changed at Squalicum and Blaine Harbors on Oct. 31. The new gate codes are available at the Harbor Office. Do not give out gate codes or open the door for someone you do not recognize, instead send them to the Harbor Office.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

MOORAGE AVAILABLE IN BLAINE

Blaine Harbor has immediate availability 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!

HOLIDAY PORT BRINGS FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO THE WATERFRONT DEC. 7-9

This year's Holiday Port Festival will kick off the holiday season with lots of free activities on the waterfront. Enjoy music, singing and dancing, horse drawn wagon and fire truck rides, a gingerbread house contest display, complimentary cookies and cider, and much more.

Bring a non-perishable food item for our annual food drive to benefit the Bellingham Food Bank. All activities are at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal, 355 Harris Ave., Bellingham. Activity times vary, call (360) 676-2500 or visit the website: www.portofbellingham.com/holidayport.

TIPS TO PREPARE YOUR VESSEL FOR WINTER

As the 2012 boating season ends, it's time for our friendly reminder to spend some time preparing your vessel for upcoming winter weather.

Space Heaters – 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.

Shore Power Cords – 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.

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.

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.

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REMINDER: ANNUAL MOORAGE PAYMENT POLICY CHANGES

The new annual moorage policy adopted on Dec. 5, 2011, shifted all annual moorage renewals to the same renewal date effective April 1, 2013. To help make this transition, as annual moorage has come due over the past year, we have pro-rated annual moorage amounts through March 2013.

At the end of this phased-in period, all moorage accounts paying annually will be adjusted to renew in April. This phasing process was adopted to ensure our customers had time to make changes and prepare financially for changes in the annual payment system. Contact the Harbor Office with any questions about the new policy.

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR IN THE HARBORS

Please help us keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the Harbor Office. In an emergency, contact 911 immediately!

- **Squalicum Harbor** can be reached at (360) 676-2542 every day from 8am to 5pm. After-hours security can be reached at (360) 739-8131.
- **Blaine Harbor** can be reached at (360) 647-6176 everyday from 8am to 5pm. After-hours security can be reached at (360) 303-7110.

USE PUMPOUT CARTS, EMPTY, THEN RETURN THEM FOR THE NEXT BOATER

We'd like to thank all the boaters who continue to use the holding tank pump out carts at our facilities. Please take the time to empty the cart before putting it away so it is ready for use by the next boater.



Marina Advisory Committee

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

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