

★ FEBRUARY & MARCH 2013 ★

# HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

## Reminder: Changes Coming for Annual Moorage Payments

A reminder to our customers paying their moorage annually, new policy changes adopted Dec. 5, 2011, shifted all annual moorage renewals to the same renewal date starting on April 1.

To help make this transition, as annual moorage comes due over the past year, we have prorated 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.

## CHANGES PROPOSED TO BOATHOUSE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

After the March 2012 G-East Boathouse Fire, the Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) discussed several issues relating to the ownership structure of the condominium-style boathouses (aka multi-party boathouses).

Specifically, there was no clear ownership of the condominium-style boathouses, which made it difficult when sorting out many issues associated with the aftermath of the fire. This prompted the Port to look at implementing a policy that will require each condominium-style boathouse to form an ownership structure that would protect the tenants and the public by providing a mechanism to effectively and efficiently communicate operational and administrative matters between the Port and the boathouses.

At the November 2012 MAC

meeting, a sub-committee was formed to review this issue further before making a recommendation to the Port Commission. Several boathouse owners at the meeting volunteered to participate on the sub-committee and work closely with the Port to discuss a new draft policy for the changes affecting the condominium-style boathouses.

The committee met several times over the past few months and will take a draft policy recommendation to the full-body MAC for discussion at its February 12 meeting. We also have sent regular updates to boathouse owners affected by these decisions to get their input.

Please contact Special Projects Administrator, Pam Taft at [pamt@portofbellingham.com](mailto:pamt@portofbellingham.com) if you have questions about this process or would like to make a comment or suggestion.

## BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

### INSURANCE INFORMATION NEEDED

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 to us: Blaine Harbor fax (360) 332-1043; Squalicum Harbor fax: (360) 671-6149.

This is also a great time update your contact information with the Harbor Office.

### WELCOME NEW MAC MEMBERS, FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULED

At the January Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting, the committee reviewed membership applications and recommended the appointment of four new committee members to fill vacant positions, which the Port Commission approved. Please extend a warm welcome our newest MAC members:

- Blaine customer Ian Puchlik representing pleasure boaters
- Squalicum customer Jim Kyle representing commercial fishing
- Squalicum customer Elizabeth Kilanowski representing live-aboards
- Squalicum customer William Douglas representing pleasure boaters

We appreciate the commitment and efforts of all our MAC members.

The next Marina Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 6 pm on February 12 at the Squalicum Harbor Office.

## BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

### MOORAGE AVAILABLE IN BLAINE: 26'-40' SLIPS

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!

### SUPPORT LOCAL MARINE TRADES BUSINESSES

#### Port Web Site Includes Online Directory

The marine trades are a thriving and growing part of our local economy. Our customers are fortunate to have easy access to a diverse and professional group of marine businesses.

Services range from new sails and canvas work and associated engine and outboard repair and replacement, welding, painting, varnishing, haul-outs and storage, electronics,

and chandlery and supplies. The Port has created a county-wide online directory of marine businesses on our website, [www.portofbellingham.com/facilities.aspx](http://www.portofbellingham.com/facilities.aspx)

If you want more information on the Marine Directory, contact Dodd Snodgrass, Port economic development specialist, at (360) 676-2500 x387 or [dodds@portofbellingham.com](mailto:dodds@portofbellingham.com).

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wings Over Water NW Birding Festival** – March 15-17. An annual event in Blaine, Wings Over Water is full of free activities for the whole family, including Plover Ferry rides with trained naturalists from Blaine Harbor, guided tours, exhibits, speakers and more. For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce website at [www.blainechamber.com/wow/](http://www.blainechamber.com/wow/)

**CharterFest** – April 27-28. Explore boats available for sale, charter, or both at this mini boat show at Squalicum Harbor's Gate 3. For more information, call the Harbor Office at (360) 676-2542.

**Ongoing Boater Education** - Several local organizations offer training and classes to improve boating skills and seamanship. For more information on Sail and Power Squadron classes, visit [www.boatingisfun.org](http://www.boatingisfun.org); for US Coast Guard Auxiliary classes, contact [k.wellington28@gmail.com](mailto:k.wellington28@gmail.com), in addition, the Port of Bellingham maintains a list of boating organizations on our website at [www.portofbellingham.com/goboating](http://www.portofbellingham.com/goboating)

### Squalicum Harbor Office

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## SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

### SQUALICUM HARBOR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The inner harbor float life extension project is underway, and Gate 9 N-East and West were the first to receive new whaler timbers. The ramp and float upgrades to the boat launch are progressing along nicely and the work crew took advantage of the 12 day dry spell to make significant head-way. We appreciate all who have moved their boats to temporary berths as well as the patience and consideration of all tenants and port users during this necessary project.

### REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE HARBOR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY

Please help us keep our facilities safe and in good repair. Report suspicious behavior immediately to the Harbor Office.

- **Squalicum Harbor** can be reached at (360) 676-2542 every day from 8 am to 5 pm. After-hours security can be reached at (360) 739-8131.
- **Blaine Harbor** can be reached at (360) 647-6176 everyday from 8 am to 5 pm. After-hours security can be reached at (360) 303-7110.
- **In an emergency, contact 911 immediately!**

### 2013 HARBOR RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES ON PORT WEBSITE

The booklet of Harbor Rules, Regulations and Procedures booklet is online at [www.portofbellingham.com/harberrules](http://www.portofbellingham.com/harberrules).

For those customers who would like a printed version, harbor staff would be happy to print this out in booklet form for you.



### Marina Advisory Committee

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

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