



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

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HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES AT BOTH HARBORS

SQUALICUM HARBOR & ZUANICH PARK

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 Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor, during the Haggen Family 4th of July Celebration. New this year, the event will have free old time games for children sponsored by the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce. The activities run from 11am-2pm, and include sack races, bean bag toss, scavenger hunt, and water balloon toss.

Free live music sponsored by the Port of Bellingham will run from 2:15pm-10pm with bands performing on the back patio of the Squalicum Boathouse at the park. Food and other vendors will also be on site selling their wares. The annual Independence Day fireworks display, presented by Haggen Food and Pharmacy, 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 or visit www.bellingham.com/haggen-family-fourth-july-celebration

DOWNTOWN BLAINE & BLAINE HARBOR

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. The event is sponsored by Blaine Harbor and the Blaine Chamber.

Get your spot in Blaine Marine Park for a community picnic and jazz concerts. Ride the historic Plover Ferry from Blaine to Semiahmoo Spit, 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

BLAINE'S OLD FASHIONED
4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE

11AM-2PM KIDS GAMES
2:15-3PM B'HAM YOUTH JAZZ BAND
4-5:30PM PROZAC MOUNTAIN BOYS
6:30-8PM KEATON COLLECTIVE
9-10:30PM YOGOMAN BURNING BAND
10:30PM FIREWORKS SHOW

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL BOATING SEASON

Make sure to get your 2013 Washington State registration sticker displayed correctly aboard your vessel to prevent fines. The sheriff's office will be inspecting vessels at both harbors in the coming weeks, and issuing citations for expired registration stickers.

Remember to stop by the Harbor Office and update your contact information.

Please observe the 2-bar rule on our dinghy racks. If your "dinghy" needs more than 2 bars, store it aboard your vessel or take it home.

Consider making your slip available to visiting boaters through the Port's loan-a-slip or sublease program. Contact the Harbor Office for more information.

Keep your pet on a leash and pick up after your pet for the safety and consideration of all harbor users.

Free vessel inspections are available through the U.S.C.G Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron. For more information, visit Bellingham Power Squadron at www.boatingisfun.org or the U.S.C.G. AUX. Flotilla 11 at www.BLIAUX.com

The marinas are No Discharge Harbors. Empty your porta-potti or holding tank at one of the pump-outs located at both harbors. Operating instructions are available at each pump-out station.

LIFEJACKET LOANER PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors participate in the 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, so they are available for the next borrower.

USE DESIGNATED VEHICLE LONG TERM PARKING FOR MULTI-DAY BOATING VACATIONS

Be sure to check in with the Harbor Office if you are planning to leave a vehicle at the Harbor for more than five days while on an extended boating vacation. Harbor staff will be able to direct you to nearby long-term parking. We wish you a safe and happy boating season!

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REGULAR PLOVER FERRY SERVICE RUNS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY WEEKEND

The historic foot ferry M/V Plover resumed regular service between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo Spit Memorial Day weekend. The ferry service operates on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day weekend. Rides are free, but a donation of \$5 per adult and \$1 per child is requested. For more information on the Plover, visit their website at: <http://www.draytonharbormaritime.org/plover.html>

DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS BRINGS FUN, FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO BLAINE IN AUGUST

This year Drayton Harbor Days is Saturday and Sunday August 3-4. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun at Blaine Harbor. 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, a competition of homemade rafts made of recycled materials, is open to everyone. The first place winner will have their name added to the Prestigious George Raft Trophy for the next year.

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

NEW RULES IN EFFECT FOR BOATHOUSE OWNERS, FALL MEETING SCHEDULED

On April 16, the Port of Bellingham Commission adopted a new boathouse policy as part of the Harbor Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (Rules & Regs). This policy was developed over the last six months as a collaboration among Port staff, the Marina Advisory Committee (MAC), and multiparty boathouse owners.

The MAC dedicated a considerable amount of time to discussing the requirements for multiparty boathouses as well as general safety requirements that apply to all boathouses, and implementation of these new requirements.

The new policy affects all boathouses (individual and multiparty) and includes new insurance requirements. The multiparty boathouses must also form a legal ownership structure as part of these new rules. An open house for boathouse owners to meet and discuss the new requirements is scheduled for Sept. 24. A time and location for this meeting will be announced soon. This event is sponsored by the Port and the MAC.

For more information, contact Pam Taft, special projects administrator, at pamta@portofbellinham.com or (360) 715-7382.

BOATERS MUST DETER PROTECTED SEAGULLS FROM NESTING IN VESSELS

As seagull nesting season begins, we'd like to remind our boaters that preventing seagulls from building a nest on your vessel now will avoid potential disruptions in your cruising plans later.

Seagulls are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA), which prohibits the destruction of any migratory bird, nest, or egg.

These protected birds, and interpretation of the treaty, are governed by the US Fish and

Wildlife Service (USFWS), which allows that a nest without birds or eggs can be removed in an attempt to discourage and displace nesting birds.

A memorandum from the USFWS is available at the Harbor Office with more details on what boaters can and can not do to discourage nesting on vessels.

If you spot a seagull starting to nest on a boat, please contact the Harbor Office as soon as possible so we can have it removed.

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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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