



PORT OF BELLINGHAM
Washington State

✱ AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2013 ✱

HARBOR NEWS

Blaine and Squalicum Harbors' Newsletter

DEVELOPER SOUGHT TO BUILD NEW FACILITY FOR BELLINGHAM'S REDDEN MARINE, OTHER TENANTS

The Port is seeking responses to a Request for Qualifications & Vision for a Mixed Use Development Opportunity with Redden Marine Supply as the anchor tenant on the corner of Bellwether Way and Roeder Avenue. The Port and Redden Marine Supply are working together on this project and are excited about this opportunity. We are looking for a high-quality developer to partner with for a public/private first class mixed-use development project, including retail spaces, professional offices, and a residential component all of which will contribute to the economic vitality of Whatcom County by redeveloping this under-utilized site.

Responses due by Sept 30. Full details at: <http://www.portofbellingham.com/BellwetherReddenRFQV>

DRAYTON HARBOR DAYS RETURNS TO BLAINE

Drayton Harbor Days at Blaine Harbor will be on Aug. 3-4. Enjoy a weekend full of family fun. Tour the tall ship Lady Washington. Take in the sights of the street fair, and browse items at an arts and crafts booth area. Watch the fun at the Prestigious George Raft Race, with homemade rafts that race across the Harbor, or participate with your own raft made from found objects. The Plover Ferry will also offer rides between Blaine and Semiahmoo. Join us Saturday, Aug. 3, at 9:15pm for a family outdoor showing of the movie "Hook" starring Robin Williams at Blaine Marine Park.

For more information, visit the Blaine Chamber of Commerce website at www.blainechamber.com



PROTECT MARINE LIFE - AVOID FUEL SPILLS

Each year, Harbor Staff respond to many incidents involving fuel spilled into the water. We want to be good stewards of the environment so please consider these guidelines:

- Be careful when leaving portable gas tanks and hoses in the hot sun. Outboard style fuel tanks and hoses will leak due to fuel expansion in the hot summer sun.
- No fueling over the dock. Fueling

may only occur at designated fueling docks.

- All spills should be reported to the Harbor Office and the US Coast Guard's National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.
- Reporting spills in a timely manner ensures that clean-up can be initiated as soon as possible, allowing us to keep our harbors and surrounding waters clean.

BRIEFLY INFORMATIVE

DO NOT DISCHARGE SEWAGE

The marinas are No Discharge Harbors. Empty your port-a-potty or holding tank at one of the convenient pump-outs located throughout both harbors. Operating instructions are available at each pump-out station. Please contact the Harbor Office if you have any questions on how to operate the pump-out; Squalicum Office: (360) 676-2542 or Blaine Office: (360) 647-6176.

DO NOT STORE ITEMS ON THE DOCKS

Please do not store items such as kayaks, canoes, bikes, dock carts or crab pots on the docks. These items are a trip hazard to your fellow boaters and to first responders who may need to access the docks. Small docksteps that can be stored aboard your vessel when not in use are allowed.

STATE BOATER REGISTRATION STICKERS REQUIRED TO AVOID FINES

Make sure to get your 2013 Washington State registration sticker displayed correctly aboard your vessel to prevent fines. The Whatcom County Sheriff will be patrolling the harbors for out-of-date registration stickers this year. More information on proper display of registration can be found at www.boat.wa.gov

PARTICIPATE IN LOAN-A-SLIP

Consider making your slip available to visiting boaters or a friend through the loan-a-slip program.

Contact the Harbor Office for more information.

BLAINE HARBOR NEWS

MOORAGE AVAILABLE IN BLAINE HARBOR

Blaine Harbor has moorage availability for 36, 40, and 50 foot boats. If you know someone who is considering getting a new boat, send them our way.

RINSE STATION TO RECEIVE UPGRADES

This fall we will make upgrades to the Blaine boat launch rinse station. The project will include a new rinse pad and infrastructure to collect boat rinse water, which will be diverted to the sanitary sewer when the water hose is activated. We expect the project to begin in October. During project construction, the rinse station will not be available, however there is a self-serve car wash in downtown Blaine that is available.

REPORT DERELICT GEAR

Report derelict fishing gear to the state at 1-855-542-3935 or www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/derelict.

PITCH REGATTA RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

The Bellingham Yacht Club is hosting its 39th Annual PITCH Regatta the weekend of Sept. 1-2. Join in the fun for a weekend of great racing and events. Registration information is available at www.byc.org or (360) 733-7390.

If you are going to be out of the Harbor and would like to loan your slip to a visiting race participant, contact BYC's Fleet Captain at fleetcaptain@byc.org.

The Squalicum Harbor Office and BYC are working together to find moorage for visiting racers, so please contact BYC as early as possible.



Watching the Regatta

If you plan to watch the racing action, here are some helpful tips that can make your spectator experience and the racers' experience safe and enjoyable.

- Spectator boats should be at least 100 yards away from a racing yacht.
- Spectator boats should avoid placing themselves between the wind and the racing boats, and never in front or behind the start/finish line.

SQUALICUM HARBOR NEWS

KEEP GATES CLOSED AND REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

In an effort to provide a safe, and secure harbor, we encourage you to keep gates closed and not propped open, and to report suspicious activity, or items that may pose a safety risk to our boaters and visitors. Remember, "If you see something, say something." We have begun installing signage with the contact phone number to call, throughout the harbor. To reach the Squalicum Harbor Office, call (360) 676-2542, or after-hours security at (360) 739-8131

GATE 9 WASHROOM CODES CHANGED

Gate 9 washroom/shower codes have been changed to the same as the code of the gate. If you need the code, please call the Harbor Office. (360) 676-2542.

RETURN DOCK CARTS TO DESIGNATED AREAS AT GATE ENTRANCES

Please remember to return dock carts to the head of the gate or the comfort station on Gate 3. If you would like a cart for your own use rather than share, consider purchasing a folding dock cart to store on-board. We all appreciate the use of a cart and, when they are left on the dock, it makes for limited availability.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a moment to fill out a comment card in the Harbor Office. We truly want to know how your experience with the Harbor is going. In addition, please provide a contact phone number or e-mail so that the Harbor Master can follow up on your suggestions and concerns. Thank You!

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

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