



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES IVAR

I am sad to report, that as of right now, the Fourth of July Ivar's fireworks on Elliott Bay have been cancelled. We are all hopeful that someone will step up and take over the sponsorship for this wonderful event but currently it is dead in the water. We anticipate that the marina will be considerably quieter than usual. We will still probably enforce the "one boat, one car" parking regulations and restrict access on that day, but that is to be determined. Check our website for updates. Anyone want to sponsor a fireworks show?

WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

In the spring and fall the marina plays host to two great non-profit organizations. **Salish Sea Expeditions** and **Sound Experience** - both operate sailing vessels out of the marina. Salish operates the Carlin, a 60 foot sail boat that takes out area youth and teaches them about Puget Sound. While on board they do science experiments and learn how to sail. The big classic sail boat on N dock, the Adventress (138 feet), takes out local youth and gives them a new appreciation for Puget Sound and all its wonders. We are pleased to be able to host these two great organizations and support all they are doing for our young people. Keep up the good work! For more information go to www.salish.org or www.soundexp.org.



COAST GUARD INSPECTIONS

Saturday, May 9th the USCG Auxiliary is conducting free courtesy and safety examinations. There is a sign up in the Harbormaster's Office with scheduled times for your convenience. This is an invaluable service and we encourage our boaters to take advantage. I know that every time I've had them on board my boat they have alerted me to something that needed attention.

NO RATE INCREASE

There will not be a moorage increase this year - a first since we opened in 1991! We thank all of you for your patronage and given the tumultuous economic climate we decided to not increase the rates this year. We truly appreciate your business and will continue to work hard to provide you with the best value for your moorage dollar.

DON'T SLIP UP!

Some of our boaters have tried to improve their slips by adding fenders, screwing down electrical cords or installing some kind of rollers. While we appreciate what you are trying to do, it is against the rules and regulations to alter your slip in any way without permission. If you have added anything, in other words, nailed, screwed or glued anything to the dock or dock box, please check with the harbormaster's office. Usually we can find a solution that meets your requirements and our regulations.

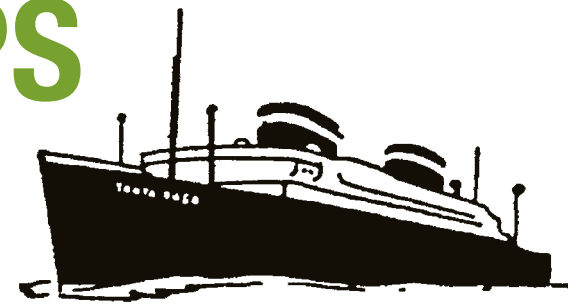
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HEADING TO CANADA?

Remember, there are new requirements for crossing the border. Beginning June 2009 a driver's license is not enough - you will need either a new enhanced driver's license or a valid passport. For more info visit www.dol.wa.gov



THE CRUISE SHIPS ARE HERE!



Starting in late April and continuing through early October there will be two cruise ships docking at Pier 91. There are a lot of questions about this so here is an overview:

Every Friday in the early morning two ships will come in and unload up to 2500 passengers. Then mid-day Friday, they will load 2,500 passengers and leave by 4pm. The same thing happens on Saturday and Sunday. There are no ships on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Occasionally, there will be ship on Thursday. Most of the passengers arrive by bus or taxi and that should have little or no impact on us. The passengers that arrive by car will be directed to the new lot that has been developed to the North at the bottom of our bridge ramp. Unfortunately, that means if you are coming to the marina between 8am and 3pm there may be a delay due to heavy traffic using the off ramps. The entrance and exit from the new Port of Seattle lot has really poor sight lines. They cannot see you coming down the ramp. In an effort to address these concerns the Seattle Department of Transportation will be installing lots of new signage on the off ramp to remind drivers to look carefully. The new traffic plan is a work in progress and the Port has told us that if there are significant back ups on the bridge they will make adjustments. The real message here is SLOW DOWN and watch for traffic.

For boaters the early morning arrivals should not be a problem. During The 4pm departure time you are urged to stay at least 500 yards away from a moving vessel. The ships will be backing out of their slips and cannot see very well. Listen for 4 blasts of the horn. That indicates vessel is leaving and will begin backing out...stay away! We encourage boaters to use the West end entrance to the marina if you see a cruise ship departing. Once they are underway you are required to go at minimum speed within 500 yards and you cannot come within 100 yards without contacting the ship on channel 16. Once they are docked at Pier 91 you cannot enter the security zone, which is 25 yards from the ship. Fines for disobeying any of these rules are severe. We have enclosed a handout that describes the rules and regulations and we encourage all of our boaters to adhere to these guidelines. Let's all be smart boaters and good neighbors.

For questions, comments or concerns please contact us at 206-285-4817 or info@elliottbaymarina.net or Rosie Courtney, Manager of Cruise Ship Public Affairs, 206-728-3414 or courtney@portseattle.org.

ELLIOTT BAY SALMON DERBY - WIN \$5K!

Saturday, July 18th we are sponsoring the Elliott Bay Salmon Derby. It will start at day break with weigh-in on N dock ending at 2pm. There will also be raffle prizes for places fourth through tenth. All proceeds, beyond expenses, will go to the North Seattle Boys and Girls Club and Fish Northwest. Tickets will be available in June at the fuel dock or online at www.elliottbaysalmonderby.com and are \$40.00, one ticket per angler. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served on the dock starting at noon so buy a ticket and cast a line for a great time and maybe, just maybe, a wad of cash!

Visit www.elliottbaysalmonderby.com for rules and regulations. This derby is part of the NW Salmon Derby Series and all participants will be entered in a drawing to win a \$40,000 fishing boat from the Northwest Marine Trade Association, Suzuki and Stabi-Craft boats.



- 1st PRIZE \$5,000
- 2nd PRIZE \$2,000
- 3rd PRIZE \$1,000

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Seems like I write this article every year...and guess what... I do! There are not enough spaces in the lot for all our boaters, restaurant patrons and guests to park. Several years ago we hired **Diamond Parking** to enforce the parking regulations and so far we have been extremely happy with the result. They manage the lot for us and will again be issuing parking tickets and heavily enforcing the permit requirements starting May first. Make sure your permit is easily visible in the front driver's side window. Our goal is to ensure that you, our boating customer, have a place to park. Please make sure that your guests and vendors park on the street or in guest parking, the last row against the street. If they park in the 3 hour retail parking they will be ticketed if they stay more than 3 hours.



REFERRAL PROGRAM

If you have not taken advantage of the referral program now's the time to do it! If you refer someone to **Elliott Bay Marina**, and they sign up, you get

half-off your next month's moorage and they get half-off their second month's moorage. Make sure they mention your name when signing up. This promotion does not apply to "inside ties". We will continue this promotion until further notice, or until we are plum sold out! Currently, we have availability in almost any size **from 52 foot on down**. Several of our boaters have referred multiple friends, and boy are they happy!

GUEST MOORAGE POOL

Taking an extended cruise? Remember to put your slip in the **guest moorage pool**. We will do our best to put guest moorage in it and credit you for the use. Our primary goal is to use open or empty slips first but what the heck, nothing ventured, nothing gained and it does not cost anything.

RESTAURANT NEWS

MAGGIE BLUFF'S DELIVERS!

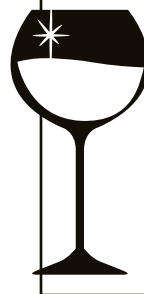
Maggie Bluff's has a delivery service for Elliott Bay boaters! Just call **206-283-8322** let them know your slip number. There will be an 18% service charge to all delivery orders. **Maggie Bluff's** and **Palisade** have also altered their liquor license so you can now purchase bottled beers and wines from either restaurant to enjoy on your boat.

EAT, DRINK, AND EARN CARD

Earn 1 point for every dollar spent both at Palisade and Maggie Bluff's and redeem your points for restaurant dining credits, gift cards, and luxury vacations. Here's how it works - purchase your rewards membership at either restaurant for \$25.00 and instantly receive a card. Once you have activated and registered your card online you will instantly receive a credit for \$25.00, so it essentially pays for itself!

RUTH'S CHRIS WINE TASTING

May 4th we are hosting a wine tasting at **Seattle's Ruth's Chris**. This five course meal with wine pairing, is sold out and we are pleased to be able to offer this type of function for our customers. Thanks to **Trinchero Family Estates** and **Ruth's Chris** for their sponsorship. Because the response was so great we will be planning another this fall, stay tuned.



ELLIOTT BAY MARINA

We are all here to serve our boaters and to make your experience at EBM as enjoyable as possible. Thank you for mooring with us!!

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FROM ELLIOTT BAY MARINA



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LEUKEMIA CUP



Well, we're back for another year of fun, sun and hopefully wind! **Saturday, June 6th** the sixth annual **Downtown Sailing Series** kicks off with the 2009 **Leukemia Cup Regatta and Poker Run**. Our goal this year is to raise \$200,000, but secretly, our goal is to have tons of fun! Every year, hundreds of your fellow boaters come together to raise money for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**. Sail and power boaters alike are invited to a day of fun on Elliott Bay. Sailors are treated to the always beautiful **Downtown Sailing Series** course along the waterfront while power boaters are invited to circumnavigate Bainbridge Island in the **Sport Boat NW Leukemia Cup Poker Run**. The day is capped off with a lively after party and auction hosted by Jeff Renner at Bell Harbor. Trust me, if you participate in this event, and do not have a good time, I'll buy you lunch at Maggie's!

For information on how you can get involved, just stop by the Harbormaster's Office or contact the event organizer, Allison, at allison.miyauchi@lls.org or 206-957-4577.

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SPRING MAINTENANCE

Every Spring, boaters come alive and start to get their boats ready for the new season. Now is a great time to have our facilities department check you zincs and bonding system as well as your electrical system. This service is free and in a matter of minutes they can give you an update on your zinc's status and inspect your bonding system. Just give Bill and the boys in facilities a call at **206-285-4817** and they will be happy to schedule an inspection for you.

DOWNTOWN SAILING SERIES

The 6th annual **Downtown Sailing Series** is in full swing and the annual skippers meeting is **Thursday, May 7th** at **Mulleady's Irish Pub**. Beginning at 6:30 skippers will be able to sign up for their official race flags and learn about what we have planned for the weekly regatta. The Series kicks off with the **Leukemia Cup** on **Saturday, June 6th**, and continues every **Thursday night until August 13th**.

If you have never sailed in this crazy but low key, event the skippers meeting is a good time to find out how to participate. Special thanks to all our nightly sponsors and especially our presenting sponsors, **Trinchero Family Estates** and **BMW Seattle** for their awesome support of the **Downtown Sailing Series**. We couldn't do it without them! The marina is keenly aware that this weekly event puts a lot of pressure on the parking and we encourage all skippers and crew to park in the designated areas or off site. Carpooling is never a bad idea! **Mulleady's** is located on **Dravus Street**, just north of the marina, at **3055 21st Avenue West**.

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