



Salish Sea Marinas Throw Collective Big Party — Open Their Doors to All for National Marina Day, June 14

Fun activities include boat rides, dinghy races, paddle board instruction, free kayak rentals, vessel safety checks, beer gardens, live music and more

For immediate release: SEATTLE – As part of a nationwide observance, more than a dozen Puget Sound marinas and one in British Columbia are celebrating Welcome to the Water on National Marina Day on Saturday June 14th, 2014 with a plethora of free festivities and activities open to the public. Activities include: vessel safety checks, BBQs, live music, knot tying classes, fishing lessons, sailboat rides, kayak lessons, games and raffles. For a full list of participating marinas and activities, visit www.NationalMarinaDay.org or participating marina websites.

““We live in one of the greatest places in the country to boat, and local boaters know and appreciate that,” said George Harris, president, Northwest Marine Trade Association. “They are always ready to celebrate with a day on the water, but on this day we ask them to bring a non-boater out to share the experience. We hope they’ll enjoy the events and learn how fun and easy it can be to make boating a part of their lives.”

At press time participating marinas and activities include:

Bainbridge Island – Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park

- Vessel safety inspections by USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 48 and workshops on navigation, safety and knot tying.
- Rigging workshops and sailing in Eagle Harbor with Bainbridge High School Sailing Team and Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks District and Yacht Clubs
- Rides on the Electric Boat and a 36 foot canoe.
- Demonstration of marine flares by Bob Schoonmaker of the Chandlery at Winslow
- Open house on the Bainbridge Island Police Department’s Safe Boat and underwater ROV hull inspections by appointment
- “Anchor with a local” workshop with Harbor Commissioners and Stewards (by pre-arrangement)
- Open house and activities at Bainbridge Island Rowing

Bowen Island, B.C.

- Round Bowen Sailboat Race (the largest single start race on the West coast)
- Taste of Bowen Island: music, craft market, hiking tours, kayak rentals and a tour of the local marinas and historic sites
- Round Bowen Kayak Challenge: open to kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and outriggers as solo or relay teams. (Sunday June 15th)

Bremerton Marina – Friday and Saturday

- Pay for Friday night moorage and receive Saturday free (reservations required)
- Moorage includes complimentary 21+ private showing of Pirates of the Caribbean at SEEFilm Bremerton Cinema with no host bar (Friday)
- Presentation from legendary hydroplane racer Chip Hanauer : “It’s Not About the Boat, It’s About the Float”
- Presentation about Puget Sound’s top cruising destinations from Mark Bunzel of *Waggoner Cruising Guide*
- Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron classes
- Complimentary boat safety inspections
- Kids marine life touch tank
- Broker open house featuring Emerald Bay Yachts and Ranger Tugs
- Police, fire and sheriff marine vessels on display
- Live music and beer garden
- Local dining and entertainment discounts with Bremerton Bar & Grill, Toro Lounge and Anthony’s and others

Carillon Point

- Meet your neighbors BBQ for tenants
- Marina scavenger hunt for kids
- Boater Education class with King County Marine Sheriffs
- Free vessel safety checks by Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Free boating tips and PWC tips by Woodmark Waterfront Adventures

Des Moines

- Poverty Bay Power Squadron class
- On-water yoga
- Kayak rentals
- AIS marine systems seminar
- BBQ for boaters and tenants
- Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

Dock Street Marina/Delin Docks/ Foss Landing Marina

- Free vessel safety inspections
- Seminars on navigation, fire extinguishers, maintenance and more
- Free one Hour Kayak and SUP rentals
- Kids dinghy races
- Free kids US Power Squadron books with CD to help teach our younger mariners the rules on the water
- Tacoma Police, Fire and Pierce County Sheriff marine vessels on display
- Tours of the 78' 1931 Charles N Curtis by the Tacoma Sea Scouts
- Training on rowing and sailing dinghies by the Sea Scouts
- Larson Powerboats NW boats on display
- Dragon boat demonstrations and few rides courtesy of Tacoma Dragon Boat Association
- Free hotdogs, chips and sodas

Foss Harbor Marina

- Free Kayak and SUP rentals, with skill and safety demonstrations
- Blind folded dinghy races
- Vessel safety checks by the Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Mobile Pit BBQ, provided by "Up in smoke"

Point Defiance Marina

- Boating, trailering, water safety and fishing demos
- Boat and equipment rentals
- Fishing on the pier

Port of Edmonds

- Information and experts on hand in the public plaza
- Yacht club groups, on-water training experts and boats brokers in guest moorage areas
- Free food with filled National Marina day punch card

Port of Everett

- Boating seminars
- Boat rides
- Coast Guard safety inspections
- Paddle board instruction and seminar
- Beer garden
- Food vendors
- Boat show with local brokers

Port of Poulsbo

- Free community fishing derby provided by the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation
- Live Bluegrass music
- Buy one night's moorage and receive second night free.
- Boat safety demonstrations by the Power Squadron
- Free boat and kayak demonstration and rides
- Dock Dog Diving Event

Salmon Bay Marina

- BBQ for tenants and their friends and family
- Activities for children,
- Coast Guard Auxiliary demonstrations

Shilshole Bay Marina

- Fourth Annual Open Boat Event and Swap Meet to benefit the Leukemia Cup Regatta “Sailing for a Cure”
- Free sailboat rides
- Live aboard open house tours
US Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel checks
- Line-tossing competitions and knot-tying demonstrations
- Kids’ activities, bouncy house and opti sailing lessons (ages 6-14)
- Open boat tours
- Argosy Cruises in Shilshole Bay
- Live Music

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