



South Whidbey Harbor @ Langley

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Harbormaster

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Don't be left out on the hook! E-mail the harbormaster your reservation request for yourself or for a group!

Transportation

Cooper Auto Rental
360 341-2949

All Island Express
Taxi 360 341-8294

South Whidbey Taxi
360 321-0203

Save the Date

14th Annual Chum Run
5K – Sunday June 6th

Choochokam Festival
of the Arts – July 10 &
11th

10th Annual Benefit
Art Show & Sale – July
15th – 17th

DockStock II –
Saturday August 28th

DjangoFest NW 2010
– Sept 22 – 26th

What's New...

We will try to bring you news of upcoming events and special interests each month. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, just send your request along with email address to harbormaster@portofsouthwhidbey.com

Summer Season Just around the corner ...

Festivals, Fairs, and Markets all begin to happen as the summer approaches. South Whidbey offers a summer of experiences, include blowing your own glass,



horseback riding, music festivals, county fairs, golf, fishing and kayaking, Scuba Diving or foraging the farmers markets!

We are accepting advance reservations for summer events. Some of the events already filling the marina include Choochokam (July 10 & 11) and DockStock – *Music on the Pier* (August 28th).

Events in June...

The community of South Whidbey Island invites you to participate in the 14th Annual Chum Run on **June 6, 2010, at 10am**. Younger kids participate in our "Fry Run". Individual competitions and team costume contest. Participants receive a classic and classy Chum Run shirt. Registration opens at 9AM. **Fee:** \$20 by June 3rd; \$25 day of race for adults. \$15 by June 3 for students, 18 and under; \$20 day of race for students, 18 and under. Mailing address: SWPRD, P O Box 136, Langley WA 98260.

Whidbey Island Writers Association Mini-Conference, June 12. For information contact Donna Hood – 360 341-1860 or donnahood@whidbey.com

Whidbey Island Winery will hold their annual case sale on June 19th & 20th. Be prepared to celebrate those special summer occasions! Enjoy a winery tour while in Langley!

Whidbey Island Garden Tour, June 26th. Tour includes Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, Master Gardeners Educational Garden, Whidbey Institute at Chinook Gardens and the Leslie Born Pencil Me Inn Art Studio.

If you are heading north or south from Langley, and would like a copy of Tide & Current tables, weather reports or a Notice to Mariners to ensure safety for the next leg of your travel, please ask the marina staff – we will be happy to provide you with an up to date copy!

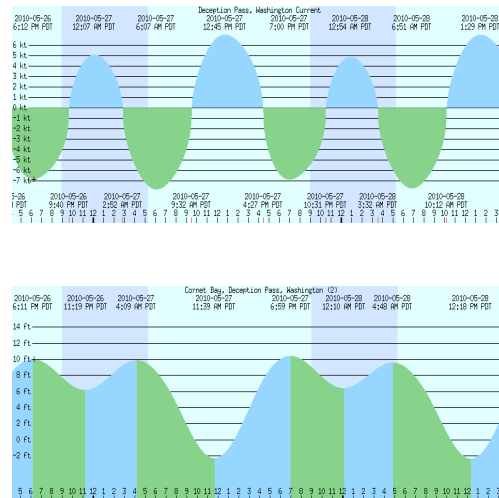
The marina offers free WIFI – Ask for your Log-in information when registering for moorage.

A gourmet experience to golf, horseback riding, bicycling & hiking trails, to glass blowing and soap making, live theatre, kayaking & brewing your own beer - South Whidbey Island offers a great experience.

When making your reservation for a stay at *South Whidbey Harbor at Langley*, let us know how we can help you “experience” the island life.

Bus route & schedules, along with other local information available from marina staff & is posted at the entry to the pier.

Around the Cleat...



Tides & Currents – Many boaters heading toward Deception Pass ask, “What is the best tide to transit the pass?”

My reply is always “Within 30 minutes of *Slack Water* - forget about tide tables and look at your **Current Tables**. Slack water is not the same as High or Low Tide.

The example at the right shows slack water at 9:32 am, but low tide is not until 11:39 am, at which time the current has increased to about 6 kts!

Tides measure vertical movement (Depth) – Current measure horizontal movement (Speed).

What is going on...

Breaking News: South Whidbey Harbor @ Langley has been certified a Washington State Clean Marina.

Clean Marina Washington was created in 2005 as an expansion of the EnviroStars program. Clean Marina Washington is certification program in which marinas assess their operations and implement improvements to better protect the environment. When they reach the qualification standards of Clean Marina Washington the facility and their documentation must pass inspection after which they may receive certification as a Washington State Clean Marina.

The Port of South Whidbey and the harbor staff are proud to have achieved this goal, and will strive maintain the goals as good environmental steward.

Other Updates...

Thanks to you, filling out the comment cards included in your welcome bag, we are making improvements! Your comments have initiated improvements with shelves and clothes hooks in the restrooms, an information board with bus schedules and local transportation information. We are also looking into adding an informational reference book with local attractions and activities to enhance your experience when visiting South Whidbey.