



# 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 with your reservation request for yourself or for your group!

## Transportation

Cooper Auto Rental  
360 341-2949

All Island Express Taxi  
360 341-8294

South Whidbey Taxi  
360 321-0203

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

## What's New...

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

## Winter "flavor" at Langley Harbor!



Most visitors experience Langley during the Spring and Summer seasons with the associated holiday celebrations & festivals. Around October, the harbor changes into its wintertime character, from a summer recreational destination to a working port, with an active fishing and crab fleet. Though it may not be the "Deadliest Catch" (as seen on TV), it is the Friendliest Catch! Each day the 28 foot boats return to South Whidbey Harbor filled with the tasty crustaceans. What better way to enjoy fresh crab!

## Up-Coming Events ...

[Autumn on Whidbey Wine Tour](#)

**Runs through Sunday, November 7th, 2010**

Celebrate Autumn with an entertaining tour of 7 island wineries. Wineries include Holmes Harbor Cellars, Whidbey Island Winery, Greenbank Cellars, Comforts of Whidbey, and Taste IV Wines in Bayview, OM Winery, Blooms Winery, and Spoiled Dog Winery.

## Save these Dates for 2011:

**Langley Murder Mystery weekend - Feb. 26 & 27th**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Whidbey Dive Event & Egg Hunt – April 23**

**Boater's Education & Safety Month – May 2011**

**DockStock 2011 – August 27th**

**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, are available from marina staff & are posted at the entry to the pier.

### Home for the Holidays - Lighting of Langley

**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Langley's tradition of welcoming its locals and visitors with the sites and sounds of the holidays unlike any other seaside town's celebration. The holidays begin on Thanksgiving weekend and continue through December. Come see the Lighting of Langley at 4 pm complete with Santa and his Alpaca-deers

### Country Christmas at the Fair

**Friday, November 26 through Sunday, December 12, 2010**

Join us for the Island County Fair Association's annual arts and crafts fair, "Country Christmas at the Fair". Local artists and vendors offer a unique holiday shopping experience. 4H Building, Island County Fairgrounds, Langley. Friday, November 26, 2-7 PM, Saturdays and Sundays from 10-3 through December 12th. website at: [www.islandcountyfair.com](http://www.islandcountyfair.com)

## Around the Cleat...Secure at the Dock!

Increasing winds will be arriving with winter, and a reminder seems appropriate concerning the importance of boaters exercising proper precautions when tying up a boat to a floating dock. Because of less visits to the boat, boaters need to ensure that they use adequate mooring lines and fenders to secure their vessels safely. The investment in time and materials is modest compared to the damage that occurs when a boat comes free of its mooring (which seems to only happen at 2 am with no one around!).

A properly secured vessel will be held by a minimum of four lines: a bow line, two spring lines fore and aft, and a stern line. Use a quality mooring line. I have seen too many boats secured with just a thin piece of polyethylene line. Many boaters favor using double braided nylon line or three strand. Nylon has some stretch to it and absorbs shocks to the boat. Recommended line size: Under 20 feet 3/8" line, 20 to 30 feet 1/2" line, 30 to 40 feet 5/8" line, 40 to 70 feet 3/4" line. And fenders are like anchors, they can seldom be too big or have too many!

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## Cruising & Yacht Club Reservations...

**Now is the time to reserve your group event for 2011!**

We are accepting group reservations for 2011 at South Whidbey Harbor at Langley, including our Special Boater's Safety & Education events throughout the month of May, 2011.

We will be offering free Washington State Boater's Education Card courses and courtesy safety exams, as well as programs on Marine Firefighting and Prevention, CPR & AED certification, and boating safety along with demonstration drills. We will customize a program for your group visiting *South Whidbey Harbor at Langley* during the month of May – Just tell us what you want.

For more information Email: [harbormaster@portofsouthwhidbey.com](mailto:harbormaster@portofsouthwhidbey.com)

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