



South Whidbey Harbor @ Langley

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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

"Fall Cruising"



Harbormaster

- 360 221-1120
- VHF 66 A

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

Save the Dates

Oct 2nd – Oktoberfest

Oct 3rd -
Meerkerk Rhododendron
Gardens Fall Garden
Festival

We are offering seasonal and monthly moorage beginning October 1 through April 30th, 2011. We have still transient guest moorage, but due to limited space, we recommend reservations, especially for weekends, Holidays and special events. You can make your reservation request online at www.portofsouthwhidbey.com then click on the Langley Harbor page, or contact the harbormaster at 360 221-1120.

All Thru October The Harbormaster and staff are asking for your help in making the season comfortable for all. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items or checks (made payable to "Good Cheer Food Bank") throughout the month. Donations may be given to marina staff, or deposited in the collection barrel by the pay booth. Checks (payable to "Good Cheer Food Bank") may be deposited in the pay box on the pier.

Thank You...*Rick Brewer,*

Harbormaster

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

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.

Seasonal & Monthly moorage available thru April, 2011

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

DockStock Tee Shirts

We still have a few shirts left. If you want one of these first year tee shirts (a collectable), order yours from the harbormaster. We ship free to U.S. addresses!

Around the Cleat...Tips for maneuvering inside the South Whidbey harbor at Langley

Have a plan before you enter the marina and brief your crew. Contact the harbormaster on VHF66A or by phone, 360 221-1120, prior to your arrival for slip assignment and any special docking instructions. This is the time to ask for any special requests such as backing into a slip, or port/starboard tie. Let the harbormaster know if you get on & off across the swim step or only on the port/starboard side. Due to the design of our slips and the dock support structures, bow-in docking is the preferred entry.

Know where you are going, and which side you will be tied. Have lines and fenders set up before you come in, fenders should be set at the waters edge (bottoms just touching the water).

Check for any other vessel movement, either entering ahead (or behind) you, or vessels getting underway from the marina.

Our passageways are narrow; maintain maneuvering speed, too slow and the wind or currents will drive you! One of the biggest causes of “bumps” is loss of maneuvering speed or not being aware of vessel swing when turning. It is like driving on ICE, with side sliding and stern swing.

Please do not use a Boat Hook to “fend-off” (may cause damage or injuries), and have a large “walking fender “ at the ready. Boat hooks are best suited for passing lines, or retrieving dropped lines and objects.

Our staff always try to be available for docking and undocking at the South Whidbey Boat Harbor, but if you are coming in after hours and would like assistance, please make arrangements with the Harbormaster before 4 pm the day of arrival and we will be there for you.

Up-Coming Events ...

Oktoberfest, Saturday - October 2nd in Langley.

For its third annual Oktoberfest, the seaside village of Langley has authentic German-style brews, beer games, brats and the Bavarian Village Players on tap October 2. Beginning at 10 a.m., limited-edition Langley Oktoberfest boot steins will be available at the Visitor Information Center located at 208 Anthes Avenue. In these boots, Oktoberfest goers will find free drink tickets and maps of businesses offering Oktoberfest specials.

Festival goers should wear their finest lederhosen! Impromptu prizes will be given for best costumes spotted throughout town that day. Best dressed pets will also win prizes. Children can also have their faces painted during the festivities.