



South Whidbey Harbor at Langley

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Ground has been broken on Phase 1 of the Port of South Whidbey's Harbor at Langley expansion project.

May Day brought the ceremonial start to construction of the first phase of the **long**-awaited expansion of the Harbor at Langley to better serve our boating guests. Project completion is expected in late 2013 and will provide almost 400' linear feet of moorage for multiple uses including dock space for a locally-built 35' fireboat for South Whidbey Fire / EMS. As shown above, the project will also involve the partial removal of the old wharf in front of the Boatyard Inn, known as the "old Hein Dock".

The May 1st ground breaking ceremony held at Phil Simon Memorial Park was hosted by Port Commissioner Curt Gordon and featured two of the key contributors to the project, Congressman Rick Larsen and Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson.

The work, which is being undertaken by Mike Carlson Enterprises and Neptune Marine, is expected to have minimal impact on boaters through the summer season, although utility work may affect uplands traffic.

Summer Happenings:

Electric vehicle shuttle
service to town.

Langley 2nd Street Market

June – September

Fridays 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Choochokum Art Festival

July 6th and 7th

County Fair

August 15th – 18th

Dockstock 2013

August 24th

Soupbox Derby

September 21st

Django Fest

September 18th – 22nd

Port of South Whidbey
invites you to help
others with non-
perishable food
donations to Good
Cheer, the food bank
serving South Whidbey!
Depository located at
top of the ramp. (at the
information center)

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

Are you ready to go cruising?

“And are your boat and crew ready too?”

Winter is behind us, and Spring is showing promise of becoming another great cruising season to explore the wonders of Puget Sound and its waterfront communities. May is a great month to perform your seasonal maintenance and safety checklist, including a good overall examination of the exterior, looking for any new scuffs or scrapes, especially around the waterline and running gear resulting from some of the winter blows. Check fenders and lines, sail covers or deck canvas, and hatch covers. Start the new season fresh; clean and flush your water tanks and holding tanks. The “Y” valve installed in any marine head must be secured into the tank position. Do you use window wipers? Keeping spare blades onboard is a good idea. Depending on your propulsion system, you should have a maintenance list which would include clean & check valves, strainers, zinc, coolants and lubricants, shaft packing, plus checking and securing hoses, etc.

And make sure that all of your fuel systems (main engine, tender, etc) are clean and free of the problems that ethanol laden pump fuel is famous for.

Safety Checks:

- Check distress signals and expiration dates**
- Check Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs)**
- Inspect life rings and cushions**
- Operate sound signaling device**
- Check fire extinguishers and recharge if necessary**
- Check and adjust compass**
- Check navigation lights (and some spares!)**
- Check charts and replace as necessary**
- Check radar reflector**
- Check and replace first aid supplies**
- Check bailer and hand pump**

Drills for you and your crew: Seldom done, but could make a huge difference in an emergency! If you do nothing else before you leave the dock, give your crew a safety tour of the fire extinguishers, PFDs, and medical kit - and how to launch your dinghy. Give a quick lesson on how to work a VHF radio, noting the vessel description and list of emergency contacts which should be kept next to your VHF radio. Also, show them how to read the GPS. (All of these seasonal refreshers are good for the skipper too!)

For an easy but important operational drill, the next time anything blows or falls off your vessel while underway, treat it like a “Man Overboard” drill with assigned responsibilities and full recovery. It may seem like a lot of work for an old hat, but it will serve to sharpen your skills in case the real thing occurs.

Now with all the safety & maintenance items checked off, you definitely need a Spring Shake-Down Cruise/Sea Trial. What better place than over to Langley! Reservations: 360 221-1120 or Harbormaster@portofsouthwhidbey.com