



South Whidbey Harbor @ Langleys

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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

Whidbey Island Moped
Scooter Rentals
360 221-5152

FREE Bus Service!

Throughout Whidbey Island Island Transit bus route & schedule info, along with other local information, is available from marina staff & is posted at the entry to the pier.

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

The Port of South Whidbey wishes you a Joyous and Safe Holiday Season, with Fair Winds for the New Year!

Limited Boat Launch Clearing November through February

To meet WDFW requirements for the protection of spawning Pacific Sand Lance, a pre-cleaning inspection must be performed to check for Sand Lance eggs. If present, the ramp may not be cleared for 7 days, unless retested as OK sooner. Each testing process will take about 2 to 4 days. We will be checking for eggs to allow ramp cleaning about twice each month, as tides and conditions allow. For ramp updates, call the Harbormaster.

What is the Pacific Sand Lance, and why do we care?



Each fall, adult Sand Lance migrate to sandy-gravel beaches to spawn. On high tides between early November and mid-February, eggs are deposited in the upper inter-tidal areas. This was largely unknown

until 1989 when Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (WDFW) biologists discovered eggs disguised by sand grains adhering to their surface. This sandy coating may also serve as vital protection from disturbance and drying out at low tide during the four-week incubation. Upon hatching, the larvae can



be found drifting with the plankton in near shore areas. The Sand Lance is now receiving

special attention for its value as an important forage fish. Studies have shown that Sand Lance amount to 35% of the juvenile salmon diet - up to 60% for juvenile sockeye!

Save these Dates for December 2011:

December 3 – Langley Holiday parade, 11 am

December 3 – The Clyde presents a free showing of the classic "Christmas Story" at 1 pm

December 3 & 10 – Photos with Santa in Langley

December 31st – Crab Fishing ends in Area 8-2

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)

Looking for activities?

Horseback riding, biking, golf, kayaking, art classes, soap making, glass blowing, hiking, or paddle boarding. Ask us how we can hook you up!

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

What's New in 2012!

Guest moorage is simplified – All overnight guest moorage is \$1 per ft of the overall length of your vessel. Vessels 15 ft to 35 ft just pay an additional utility fee of \$3/night, vessels over 35 ft pay \$5 per night which includes **garbage, water, and shore power**. No utility charge for vessels under 15 ft.

Day Use coupon books are available for our frequent visitors - a book of 11 coupons for the price of 10!

(Hint: they're a great stocking stuffer!)

Projects in the works...

In the coming weeks we will be undergoing electrical maintenance and upgrades to shore power and dock lighting. Services will be available during this period, but watch your step!

Phase One of the marina expansion is scheduled to begin mid-2012! Stay tuned for updates.

Entering the Harbor...

The preferred way to enter the Harbor at Langley is to give us a call on VHF66A or 360 221-1120 about 10 to 15 minutes before arrival. If you already have a reservation, we will give you a slip assignment and be on hand to assist with lines.

If you do not have a reservation, give us a call anyway at 360 221-1120 or VHF 66A before entering the marina, and we will be happy to try and find you a spot or advise you as to availability.

The South Whidbey Harbor at Langley is becoming a popular destination for boating clubs from around Puget Sound. Since we started accepting *group reservations up to one year in advance*, our staff has assisted over 16 organizations with event planning including ground transportation, local event and dining reservations, and special group activities such as horseback riding, theater tickets and glass blowing. (Individual reservations may be made and confirmed two weeks in advance.)

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