



# 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!

The Harbor offers free WiFi – Ask for log-in information when registering for moorage.

## 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

Island Transit  
[www.islandtransit.org](http://www.islandtransit.org)

## FREE Bus Service!

Throughout Whidbey Island

Island Transit bus route & schedule info (along with other local info) is available from Harbor staff & posted at the entry to the pier.

## WELCOME ABOARD!



### *Introducing Patrick Boin, our new Assistant Harbormaster!*

Please join us in welcoming Patrick to the Port of South Whidbey Staff. He is filling the Assistant Harbormaster position which opened up in November with the departure of Drew Dixon. Patrick was a great asset to the South Whidbey Harbor as a Seasonal Harbor Attendant this past summer.

Patrick spent many of his childhood summers on Whidbey Island with his family, and succumbed to the allure of Island living in 2009. He is a U.S. Army Veteran with 14 years of service as a Paratrooper. The Army is also where Patrick gained the knowledge and expertise to become a professional cook - a profession that he enjoyed for many years in civilian life until he recently sought a career change.

I feel very fortunate to have Patrick on board and know that he will be a great part of your visit to the Harbor!

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## **LIMITED BOAT LAUNCH CLEARING NOVEMBER – FEBRUARY**

Please remember to take into account that our annual November through February limited boat ramp sand clearing is in effect. For the protection of spawning Pacific Sand Lance, in order to clear sand from the boat ramp, our WDFW (Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife) permit requires the Port to first perform a pre-cleaning inspection and sampling to check for Sand Lance eggs. If eggs are present, the ramp may not be cleared until a sample is found to be free of eggs. To allow the eggs to successfully hatch, a 7-day waiting period is recommended prior to follow up inspection & sampling, and each inspection and testing costs several hundred dollars.

For ramp updates, please call the Harbor at 360.221.1120

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

Each fall, the adult Sand Lance migrates to sand- and gravel-covered beaches to spawn. On high tides between early November and mid-February, eggs are deposited in the upper intertidal areas.

This was largely unknown until 1989 when 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 lower tides during the four-week incubation. Manmade activities can have a negative effect on Sand Lance eggs. The eggs are less likely to successfully mature if they become covered by a thick layer of sand and gravel. 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 the Sand Lance amount to up to 35% of the juvenile salmon diet, and up to 60% for juvenile sockeye!

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## Winter Moorage Available!

Moorage is available at the Harbor from October through April and presents a great opportunity to have your boat near for winter boating and fishing! For rates & other information, please visit the Port's website at

**[www.portofsouthwhidbey.com](http://www.portofsouthwhidbey.com)**

Or give us a call at 360.221.1120

*Duncan McPhee, Harbormaster*

Visit the Langley Chamber of Commerce's website for information on South Whidbey experiences at

**[www.visitlangley.com](http://www.visitlangley.com)**