



South Whidbey Harbor @ Langley

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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

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.

Langley's

Mystery Weekend 2017

FEBRUARY 25th – 26th

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

“Big Mystery in Tiny Town”

Enjoy a mid-winter Getaway with a twist: Try to solve a murder or just enjoy watching others sleuth their way to winning great prizes!

The doors of the Langley Chamber of Commerce office open at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 25th as Mystery Weekend 2017 begins. Get your Clue Maps and a copy of *The Langley Gazette* and start investigating clues around town for the identity of the murderer.

The cost to participate is just \$10, with discounts offered to youth, seniors, and military personnel. Contact the Langley Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center for complete information on this year's Mystery Weekend and other South Whidbey experiences at:

www.visitlangley.com

or (360) 221-6765

Make your moorage reservation at the Harbor online at http://www.portofsouthwhidbey.com/langley_harbor.htm and/or make your room reservation at one of South Whidbey's fine lodging accommodations.

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Come over to South Whidbey Harbor for a slice and/or...

There will be plenty of opportunities to load up the boat and make a short run over to Langley during our beautiful winter days. Whether you come for the day or an overnigher, there are wonderful things in store for you in Langley.

From the Village Pizzeria and Prima Bistro, to Sweet Mona's Chocolate Boutiques and Useless Bay Coffee Company and others, Langley certainly has your food covered!

For those more adventurous, a wonderful night at The Inn at Langley is certainly a treat that you deserve! Each guest room at The Inn features a water view, and you'll want to book some time for you to relax in luxury at The Spa! The Inn at Langley offers one of the finest dinner experiences available. Chef Costello prepares a multi-course meal for his diners - all made from the freshest ingredients that Whidbey Island has to offer.

You can find more information on all of these Langley businesses on Facebook, or by visiting their websites:

www.primabistro.com

www.sweetmonas.com

www.uselessbaycoffee.com

www.innatlangley.com

Sound Water Stewards of Island County Presents

SOUND WATERS UNIVERSITY: "A One-Day University for All"

Saturday, February 4th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Sound Water Stewards is an independent, non-profit organization of trained volunteers working on various study projects throughout the year to monitor the water and environment around Whidbey Island. This annual event presents the opportunity for the general public to learn about these studies and our Puget Sound environment.

On February 4th, more than 60 classes will be offered at the South Whidbey High School (5675 Maxwellton Rd, Langley). According to Sound Water Stewards, over 70% of this year's classes are new, so even if you attended last year's event, there will still be more to learn. Class sizes are small, which allows student interaction and opportunities to ask questions. Enrollment is limited, and discounts are offered for advance registration. Current teachers can also get a discount, as well as earn continuing education credits. For more information and registration please contact:

<http://soundwaterstewards.org/sw/>

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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!

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

Or give us a call at 360.221.1120

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