



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.

LET'S DO SPRING!

Opening Day? **Check!**

Reservations at the Harbor at Langley? **Check!**

Getting the boat ready? **Check** below for some helpful reminders!

WHY NOT BRING THE BIKES?

Besides all of the familiar and fun things to do in Langley, did you know that there are miles and miles of great bicycle rides connecting you to Bayview, Clinton and Freeland on South Whidbey Island?

Roadways on South Whidbey tend to have good shoulders and little traffic. Bike rides may be enhanced by using our great bus system, Island Transit, which is free to ride and operates Monday through Friday.

Whidbey Island also offers many great trails for all skill levels of off-road cyclists.

There are a great many resources available to help you plan and enjoy your rides - check with the Harbormaster for bus route information and schedules or go right to the Island Transit website at www.islandtransit.org

Our local shop, Bayview Bicycles, is a great resource for all things bike related. Call them at 360.331.7980 or email shop@bayviewbikes.com for more information.

Another great local resource for cyclists is the Whidbey Island Bicycle Club's website: www.whidbeybicycleclub.org

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Are you ready to cruise?

(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 seasonal maintenance and safety checklist, including a good overall examination of your boat's exterior, looking for any new scuffs or scrapes, especially around the waterline and running gear resulting from some of the winter blows.

Check all fenders, lines, sail covers, 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 includes: clean & check valves, strainers, zinc, coolants and lubricants, shaft packing, plus checking and securing hoses, etc.

Safety Checks:

Check distress signals and expiration dates

Check Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs)

Inspect life rings and cushions

Test 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!)

Now with all the safety & maintenance items checked off, you definitely need a Spring Shake-Down Cruise/Sea Trial - what better place to head than over to Langley?

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SOUTH WHIDBEY HARBOR: Your perfect mid-week getaway any time of year!

Langley's many attractions provide visitors with a pleasant mid-week diversion. Great food, fine art and a tranquil setting are not just weekend attributes of South Whidbey's "*Village By The Sea.*"

Lodging is available for those who wish to stay ashore at *The Boatyard Inn*, *The Inn at Langley* and many others. Dining is always a delicious feature of Langley and tables are readily available mid-week at most restaurants. For entertainment, the *Clyde Theatre* is a very comfortable venue to view the latest cinema releases. Visit *Sweet Mona's Chocolate Boutique* for that special sweet treat to top off your perfect day.

South Whidbey Harbor is open 7 days a week to serve your moorage needs. We offer excellent dockside assistance and easy reservations through our website or by phone at www.portofsouthwhidbey.com or 360.221.1120

ATTENTION ALL SOUTH WHIDBEY HARBOR TRAFFIC

Please help us keep our South Whidbey Harbor arrivals and departures safe this Spring. During the months of March and April, we will have large tour vessels arriving and departing. These larger vessels are frequently constrained by their size and draft and need full use of the approaches to the Harbor.

Please call the Harbormaster on VHF Channel 66A or call (360) 221-1120 **prior** to entering the Harbor approaches or leaving your moorage slip.

Thank you, and may you have a safe and enjoyable 2017 boating season!

Duncan McPhee, Harbormaster