

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori I. Ward, Marina Manager

Saturday, May 9 is Port Ludlow Yacht Club's Opening Day, always a festive time at the Marina. The Opening Day ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. that morning at the BBQ shelter. Christening of the boats will again be held on A dock. Hopefully we'll have calm seas so the Club can make its traditional cruise around Ludlow Bay to salute 2009 Commodore David Aho.

The Marina is gearing up for the summer season. The docks are getting their spring cleaning, the restrooms have received a fresh coat of paint and the BBQ shelter area is all trimmed up for social gatherings and events. By the time this article goes to print we should also have a new line of summer clothing.

Let's address the excessive speed sometimes used by a few boaters in the Bay. Every once in a while the Marina gets a call from a local resident who has spotted someone racing across the Bay. They ask us to do something about the speeder. The Bay is posted with a five mile-per-hour speed limit, which is painfully slow to some boaters. The sign is on the dolphin, the piling group in the water near the totem pole.

Since the Marina's jurisdiction ends at the edge of the docks, there is little that we can do about a speeding boater except to tactfully advise him or her of the limit once he or she is in the Marina. While the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns the waters of the Bay, the enforcement of the rules of the road is the responsibility of the Jefferson County Sheriff. If a resident sees a serious violation or problem, a call to the sheriff is the proper action.

Remember:

- Please park your car in the back row for over night parking.
- Fill out a slip release form at the Marina while you are out cruising; we will rent your slip during your absence, and you will receive half the moorage fee.
- Keep your pets on a leash while on the Marina docks and grounds, and please pick up after them.
- The Marina store can now sell you a fishing license for the 2009 season.

- Fishery Supply delivers to us on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.
- You can order wine by the case from us.
- We offer a soup of the day on **Thursdays** for \$2.99.
- We also offer Hebrew National Hotdogs with all the fixings for \$2.75.

Etchells Fleet Hosts Open Houses

by Dan Darrow, Scribe

The Port Ludlow Etchells sailboat fleet will host two open (boat) houses at the Port Ludlow Marina on **Friday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 20**, 4:00–7:00 p.m. both days. Fleet members invite interested residents to come see the boats, meet the skippers and go out for a short sail.

Here's a chance to learn about those sailboats seen out on Port Ludlow Bay. The 30-foot Etchells sailboat has a simple setup that makes it a premier one-design racer as well as an enjoyable day sailer. For more information on the Etchells, check the International Class website at www.etchells.org or the Port Ludlow Yacht Club website at www.plyc.us. The boat is sailed in comfort by a crew of two to four people. The fleet has a regular sailing schedule on most **Thursday** afternoons from March through **October**.

Etchells skippers are always looking to introduce people to crewing and the pleasures of sailing. Everyone is welcome whether an experienced sailor/racer or not. Those attendees who want to go out on the water are asked to wear soft-soled shoes, bring a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) a.k.a. a life jacket, and dress appropriately for the weather. A limited number of PFDs will be available if you do not have one. Meet at the Marina Gazebo. For additional information contact Dick Schneider at 437-2802 or Dan Darrow at 437-9208.

Speed Limit in Port Ludlow Bay

5 mph

No Wake, It's the Law!

