## Seattle boating season opens but never closes



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This past weekend was <u>Opening Day of the Seattle boating season</u>. This tends to create traffic chaos in the Montlake neighborhood, which leads to confusing newspaper headlines like <u>Opening Day closure</u>. I remember many years ago asking a boat-owning colleague, "So, when does boating season close?" "Oh, <u>it doesn't close</u>." "Then why do they have an Opening Day for something that hasn't closed?"

"It gives the slacker fair-weather boaters a target date to get their boats back in condition. It really should be called something like Bring Out Your Boats Day."

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