



Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

# Rudderpost

April 2008

## On Course Side

We had a good (almost great) race yesterday. It was the Sloop Tavern Yacht Club's Blakely Rock Benefit for the Ballard Food Bank.

There were several SBYC boats entered, three J/105's *Last Tango*, *Panic & Usawi*, as well as *Airloom*, *Celtic Breeze*, *Hagar*, *Kowloon* and maybe some others (I can't get on the web to get the entry list, so sorry if I missed you). The course was from the Shilshole breakwater to Blakely Rocks to Meadow Point and finishing at the breakwater. All in all there were six J-105's, including *Allegro*, *Delirium*, *Last Tango*, *Money Shot*, *Panic & Usawi*.

We got a good start, we saw the over early flag go up but thought we were OK. None of the boats turned back for the over early.

It was a good beat to the Rocks with about 10 knots of southerly wind. We were second for most of the way, ahead of all but *Money Shot*. *Money Shot* slowly pulled away from the rest of us. As we neared the Rocks, *Allegro & Delirium* got past us. There were several position changes back and forth between us with *Tango* sometimes in the mix.

We had a great rounding and came away from the Rocks solidly in front of all but *Delirium*, who was close and *Money Shot*, who was well in front still.

On the way north, we were back and forth with *Delirium* with *Tango* slowly catching both of us. By West Point *Tango* had taken us. As we neared Meadow Point, it was clear we would all need to gybe to make the mark. We delayed and planned on a "Mexican" take down at the mark. It worked great as we past both *Tango* and *Delirium* during the rounding. We held on to cross the finish second, just a few feet in front of *Delirium*. However, we did not get a horn when we crossed indicating we were the boat that was over early. So we had lots of fun with close racing but ended up disqualified.

*Money Shot* finished well in front of us all, won the class and also won the overall for the



Chuck Stephens  
Commodore

race. A great performance by them!

*Usawi* struggled up wind all day with a very old and small head sail. I would guess Robert was also distracted some as the Blaylock's are expecting "any minute".

I hope you are enjoying or preparing to enjoy some time on the water.

Chuck Stephens  
Commodore

## April Dinner Meeting

Hello everyone!

Here we are in April and we have already started the spring racing season and had our first cruise. This year is going just too fast! But I think it will be another great year for heading out on the water. For this month's dinner meeting we get a special treat from our own members Lawrence and Maxine Bailey. They have returned to the Northwest where they plan to stay for a while until the cruising bug beckons them again. We will get to hear about their 2007 trip to SE Alaska, including a 50NM trip from Cape Spenser to Lituya Bay. I myself have never been to Alaska and it is definitely on my short list of places to go. So I hope all of you can attend and enjoy a wonderful and I am sure very educational evening.

The Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at Anthony's on Shilshole. This month's dinner selection will be Top Sirloin or Wild Silver Salmon. I am continuing to use Evite so please respond with your selections by Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope you have all been enjoying the dinner meetings, but if there is anything that you would like to see different please let me know. I am always open to suggestions as this is your evening.

Trevor Sterry  
Vice Commodore

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## Race Report

Congratulations to all racers who participated in the 2007/8 Snowbird Series. We had great turnout from club boats with a special congratulations to JP Peterson and crew of *Last Tango* who came in first overall, followed closely by several other club boats! For detailed results as well as race photos and videos, please checkout the website at <http://shilsholebayyc.org/snowbird2007-2008.htm>.

This is also a reminder that the SBYC/STYC Ballard cup starts Monday night, April the 21st. I encourage you all to participate in the great series, especially those of you who are looking to get their boat out and may not have a PHRF certificate or race experience. Entry forms and more information can also be found at the website at <http://shilsholebayyc.org/ballardcup.htm>.

I would also like to invite anyone who is interested in seeing how races are put on to come out for a Monday evening with us. Please contact me at [racechair@shilsholebayyc.org](mailto:racechair@shilsholebayyc.org) for more information.

Lauren Buchholz  
Race Chair



*J105s vie for the start at the March Snowbird*

# Cruise Report

The Spring Fling was a great success. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Sam and Dave Krause and helpers for organizing this great cruise to Blake Island. We had a turnout of 14 boats. For most, the ride over on Friday was cold, and the trip back on Sunday very wet and windy.

However, Saturday was a glorious day with sunshine and little wind. I believe that David Horn retrieved the most bottles while the entire crew of *Limmershin* only snagged a total of four bottles. Yours truly came away with zero. Dave, how about an age handicap next year?

Our next cruise is once again to Blake Island for a Burger Burn. The date to put in your calendar is May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Wood for the fire will be appreciated, otherwise just turn up and remember that you can not reserve a slip so come over on Friday if you can. Based on Easter weekends' experience we will be able to fit every one in. I have reserved the relatively dry shelter so we will be fine come all weather. We will have the Burger Burn on the Saturday night. Bring something to barbeque and a dish to share.

This can be a last minute decision but it would help if you let me know if you plan to be there.

I will not be there, as I will be in England, but I will have a sub and make sure a grill for barbequing is available.

This brings me to the June Dinner Dance, June 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>. Definitely put this date in your calendar and plan to attend this great Club event in Kingston.

You can reserve your slip now. They have four 50 ft slips, ten 40 ft slips and ten 30 ft slips that can be reserved. There are also ten first-come first-served slips available. It would be a good plan to reserve early, but in any event at least 3 days before the Dinner Dance as they have a three day minimum cut-off for reservations. You pay the first night's moorage when you make the reservation, refundable if you cancel at least 24 hours ahead. The number to call is Kingston Marina at 360-297-3545.

The theme this year will be "A Night at the Movies". Start planning your costume now. The choices are almost infinite, and I am sure we will see some interesting costumes. I plan fun prizes for categories yet to be determined. That is what committees are for. Dave and Cory are once again planning the menu. I know that you will have Halibut, Ribs and other goodies for your dining pleasure. Once again, the *Tropics* will provide music for dancing. All this for only \$40 per head. Who else but SBYC holds the line against inflation?

This is one event where it is very helpful to sign up early as we have to buy the right amount of food and drinks to minimize the balance of the expenses that the Club picks up.

That's right; this is the one event that the Club subsidizes, although last year we almost broke even due to the large number of attendees offsetting the fixed costs.

Please Email or phone to let me know if you will be attending. It is never too early to plan!

Cheers and great Cruising!

John Sterry  
Cruise Chair

# Spring Fling '08



Upcoming Events	
April 16	Ballard Cup Series I Entries Due
April 17	April Dinner Meeting - Anthony's at Shilshole
April 21	Ballard Cup Series I - Race 1
April 28	Ballard Cup Series I - Race 2
May 17-18	Burger Burn at Blake Island



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