



Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

Rudderpost

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Hello from your new Commodore

I think most of you know me but here is a very brief bio:

My son Charlie and I sailed with Larry Clark on "the old" *Antares* from 1997 to 2001. I really enjoyed the comradeship of the racing experience on and off the water.

I joined the club in 2001 when I purchased *Panic*, a J/105. Thanks to a lot of help from club members (especially Larry and Mike Spear) we have had a lot of fun racing *Panic*.

One aspect of the club comradeship that I have missed recently is running into club members on the docks at Shilshole, due to all of the temporary slip assignments and the departure of Charlie's restaurant. I am looking forward to the completion of the construction at Shilshole so that all of our members that moor there can get settled into their new slips. Maybe we can



Chuck Stephens
Commodore

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put together a list of everyone's new slip numbers.

I doubt if any new restaurant will ever be able to replace the atmosphere of the old Charlie's so I challenge all of us to try to replace it by having simple "open boat" (Sam & Dave Krause have set the bar for this), "open dock" (like Wednesday evening's on the old N dock) or "open house" (John & Trevor Sterry are the "pros" for this one) events. A big part of belonging to the club (or any group) is the interactions between members and I would like to encourage more of this.

The *Panic* crew is having a meeting after the Snowbird on January 12th at my house. Afterwards (say about 5:30-ish) it is "open house" at my place. I hope to see you there.

We will have a club board meeting on January 3rd and a

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budget meeting on January 8th, all members are welcome to come to these meetings. These will be at Michael Hoffman's office in Fremont.

Speaking of Michael, I would like to extend many thanks to our past Commodore for all of the work he has done in support of the club and promoting race events.

Let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements to our club. I look forward to hearing from you.

Chuck Stephens

January Dinner Meeting

Something Sweet with Dinner...

Well, I wasn't able to get us dessert but I have the next best thing. One of our own club members Joe Whinney will talk to us about Theo Chocolate: his pride and joy company that has done amazing things in a short time. Most of you know about Theo, but this will be an opportunity to hear more about chocolate itself and what makes Theo stand apart.

The Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday, January the 17th, at Anthony's on Shilshole. Happy hour starts at 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00.

As for the dinner menu, I am still working on our selections. The Evite will be sent out as usual, so you will be able to pick at that point. I am hoping to find some wiggle room with Anthony's this year, as I know not having dessert and the drink prices have been on many of your minds. As for the rest of the Dinner Meetings this year, I hope to have some fun and interesting speakers.

Trevor Sterry
Vice Commodore

Race Report

Hello to all racers, would-be racers and spectators for the upcoming 2008 race year! For those of you that don't let the dust (well maybe snow) accumulate on your boats over the winter, you are probably already aware that we have put on two successful Snowbird races this winter with three more remaining. The next Snowbird is scheduled for January 12, with a very reasonable 11:00 am starting time. This and the February 9th race are perfect tune-up races for CYC's Center Sound series that starts the beginning of March.

I would also like to welcome David Horn as the new Fleet Captain as I replace JP Peterson as Race Chair, so he can go out and defend his J105 title this upcoming season against some stiff competition, especially from the ranks of our own club. I would also like to thank Joe Grieser and Lindsay King for stepping up and helping coordinate the TransPuget this upcoming summer.

Please check out the website @ <http://www.shilsholebayyc.org/racing.htm> for more information on any of these races, as well as to view some photos that I have managed to sneak in during some RC down time. We also have a link to the Seattle Area Racing calendar on the site so you all can book your calendars early and keep our club's race record as good as ever!

Best of wishes on and off the course in this new year!

Lauren Buchholz
Race Chair



Congratulations Last Tango!

Hats off to JP Peterson and his crew for ranking No. 9 in *48 North's* Top 25 Boats for 2007!

Cruise Report

Time to shake of the winter blues and turn your thoughts to meeting old and new friends by participating in the upcoming cruises for 2008.

There are eight or nine cruises in the planning for 2008 so start saving the dates...

First off will be the annual ski cruise to Wenatchee, which Nancy Merson has been planning for some time. If you haven't already made your reservations, pick up the phone and do it now: The dates are February 22nd through the 24th.

Next up is the Spring Fling to Blake Island over the Easter weekend, March 21 through 23. Remember that you cannot reserve moorage space, so come over on Thursday or Friday if you can. This is a great cruise with a unique bottle hunt courtesy of Sam and Dave Krause and friends. I was unable to reserve the shelter so we may have to dine and party on the boats. We can work something out

Last year's Burger Burn at Blake Island was a great success and may well become an annual event. The dates are May 17th and 18th. We have reserved the center shelter for the Saturday (17th) night. Again you cannot reserve dock space so plan to come early.

The annual June Dinner Dance at Kingston will be held on Saturday June 7th. I will be looking for volunteers to help organize and run this event – if you have suggestions for a theme please let me know!

July 3rd and 4th we will once again celebrate at Liberty Bay for the fireworks on the 3rd and raft up at Elliot bay for more fireworks on the 4th.

The Port Orchard Cruise (hotrod show) didn't draw many boats last year. Actually there were only two. This may have been an aberration as this event has been well attended in the past. Part of the problem last year was a mix up on my part between the Port of Bremerton, Port Orchard and Bremerton marinas. I promise to do a better job this year. If I sense that there is support for this cruise I will go ahead and schedule for Sat August 9th

There have been suggestions that we might want to party with the racers following the TransPuget Race on Sept13th maybe we could raft up for lunch some where near by and return to Shilshole for the party in the evening. It is a great event with food drinks and live music for dancing. Let me know what you think.

The last cruise of the year will be the Salmon Bake, which will be held again this year at the Port of Brownsville. Seventeen boats attended last year and there was general agreement that we should go back again this year. If you don't wish to brave the cold weather it is a relatively easy drive. Several members used this option last year. I would have preferred the last weekend in September, but unfortunately the shelter is not available on Sat September 27th due to Brownsville Days. I am making reservations for the 3rd through 5th of October which, unfortunately conflicts with the Foul Weather Bluff Race. Once again we still have time to find a different venue. Of course we can always save some salmon for the racers

You will find more details on all these cruises in upcoming editions of the Rudderpost. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,
John Sterry
Cruise Chair

Evolution of a Lame Duck

It certainly was not intelligent design! Here are some moments captured of our now Immediate Past Commodore Michael Hoffman. Thanks for a great year!



SBYC Annual Ski Cruise

Don't forget to make your reservations for the annual Ski "Cruise", February 22 - 24, 2008, to Mission Ridge.

We will be staying at the Red Lion Hotel in Wenatchee. If you wish to attend, make your room reservations by calling 1-800-733-5466 and be sure to mention that you will be with the SBYC group. We have a block of 28 rooms reserved. The room cost (group rate) will be \$89.95 for one queen bed and \$99.95 for two queen beds. Triple occupancy will be \$109.95.

We will be having a cocktail party in a reserved party room at the Red Lion on the Saturday evening prior to dinner at the Mexican restaurant, "Tequila's".

There will be the usual "hot tub" party on Saturday after skiing, and cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snow shoeing will all be available for daytime activities.

For more information, contact Nancy Merson.

Upcoming Events	
Jan 12	Snowbird #3
Jan 17	January Dinner Meeting - Anthony's at Shilshole
Feb 9	Snowbird Race #4
Feb 22-24	Ski Cruise - Mission Ridge, Wenatchee



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