



Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

Rudderpost

September 2008

Welcome Back!

Panic and I have had a very busy summer with some great times on the water. There was great turn out of the J/105 Fleet for J-Fest (thirteen boats) and Race Week (eleven boats). We also have done most of CYC's Wednesday nights, and new for us this year was the Friday night sail-fest at Shilshole.

With the help of regular *Panic* crew members Mike Spear, Steve Else, Penny Benz, and Michael Hoffman, we "invited all of the friends of *Panic*" to sail with us on the Friday series. For the last race on August 29th eighteen "friends of *Panic*" sailed. I heard everyone had a good time and *Panic* finished first. I was at the Point Hudson Marina watching "horizontal rain" driven by 30 knots of breeze! Yeah, I was a little worried but I knew *Panic* and her guest sailors were in the best possible hands. Larry Clark and other SBYC skippers welcomed my son Charlie and me on their boats when we started sailing and I am glad I have the chance to continue the tradition. I am also indebted to the great SBYC sailors for crew to help pull it off successfully.

Last night I took another opportunity to share some time on the water. At work, I had an all day emergency project meeting with a couple of out-of-town business clients. At about 4:00 in the afternoon I noticed it was a great day - sunshine, warm and some wind. On a lark I suggested we go sailing. So by 5:45 I found myself leaving the dock with five mechanical engineers (two from Tennessee and three from Seattle), all very novice sailors. On the way up the fairway, a friend called and offered to help. After a quick "touch & go" we were on the water under sail. It was a great evening on the water and five more potential sailors were added the "friends of *Panic*" list. Time to order some more hats...



Chuck Stephens
Commodore

I hope to see all of you at the dinner meeting on the 18th and look forward to hearing your stories of time on the water.

Chuck Stephens
Commodore

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Your contributions are always welcome! The next deadline is **October 4, 2008**. A web version is posted on our website, so please indicate any information you do not want posted online.

For more information, contact Sandra Munro, Rudderpost Editor, at rudderpost@shilsholebayyc.org.

Boarding Ladder

We have a new application for membership from Kirt Hegerberg. Kirt owns *FORTIS* - another red boat !! *FORTIS* is an Islander 28 and Kirt and his brother sail the boat regularly at Duck Dodge and Fridays at Kirkland for the Anthony's Home Port series. They also cruise the boat, and Kirt uses *FORTIS* as his 'hotel' boat during Whidbey Island Race Week. Kirt races on *Shoot The Moon* as the starboard headsail grinder and trimmer.

Look for Kirt to attend a Dinner Meeting soon - don't be shy, amble on up and introduce yourself.

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Back to School

Hello everyone. I hope you all had a great summer cruising up and down Puget Sound and elsewhere. It seems hard to believe that it is already September and fall is around the corner. I for one didn't get out much on the water, but that will certainly be one of my New Year's resolutions.

So it is that time of the year again to join one another at Anthony's Home Port to tell tall tails about your summer experience. So with that in mind I thought about this month's speaker and thought it would be more worth while to leave the night open to you so you can catch up and share stories. We will provide an LCD projector so feel free to bring pictures along from your summer vacation. We also have some cruising members back in town so maybe we will be able to hear about their travel and adventures.

The Dinner Meeting is Thursday, September 18 - Happy Hour is at 6pm - Dinner is at 7pm. Look for the Evite invitation in your email and RSVP by Sunday, September 14, with your dinner choices. If you don't receive the Evite, contact me directly at vicecommodore@shilsholebayyc.org.

Next month we will have Cliff Mass from the University of Washington Atmospheric Center to talk about our weather. November will be our annual awards presentation, along with the election of the 2009 Board Members. Then, to finish out the year will be our Christmas party in December. So all in all a pretty good fall program. Later in the month I will let you know the dinner choices. Luckily Anthony's has agreed to keep our prices the same for 2008/2009.

So I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, and I look forward to seeing you all on the 18th.

Trevor Sterry
Vice Commodore

Cruise Report

The last cruise of the year is coming up fast. Save the weekend of October 3rd through the 5th for the Annual Salmon Bake. This year we are continuing the tradition set last year, switching from Blake Island to the nearby Port of Brownsville

For more information on the Port of Brownsville I suggest that you "Google" their web site. Last year we found that most of you preferred it over Blake Island. It has the added advantage that you can drive if you don't wish to sail over. SBYC has 12 finger slips reserved on the inside of the East breakwater. Each slip has electricity and water, and will handle a 40 foot plus boat. We can accommodate extra boats, if necessary, by rafting. You do not need to reserve a slip. Just turn up, have a drink and check in at leisure. They charge 50 cents per foot plus \$3 for power hookup.

Please let me know if you plan to attend and how many guests will be aboard. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. The Club will provide the salmon for a nominal charge of \$5 per head. We will be barbequing with propane in a picnic area on top of the hill behind the marina. This spot has the advantage of a fire pit, but with cover for only around 8 or so people. Due to a misunderstanding the covered area on the end of the pier is not available.

The Harbor Master has no problem with guitars and a sing-along, and there is no curfew ala Blake Island!

We will keep the lights on for you hard-core Foul Weather Bluff racers who want to attend.

Cheers and Great Cruising

John Sterry
Cruise Chair

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Join the 2008 TransPuget Benefit Race to support adaptive sailing on Puget Sound and compete for a free haul out

On September 13, 2008, sailors from around Puget Sound are invited to compete in a benefit race to support adaptive sailing. The TransPuget Benefit Race, which will be run from Shilshole Bay, is sponsored by the Shilshole Bay Yacht Club. Registration information and forms can be found at the Yacht Club's website at www.shilsholebayyc.com. The entry fee is \$25 plus \$1 per foot LOA. First place in each class wins a free haul-out from one of a variety of local boat yards. The post-race party features live music by *The Tropics*.

This year, all of the proceeds from the event support the local nonprofit organization Sound Experience. The mission of Sound Experience is protecting Puget Sound through education aboard the historic schooner *Adventuress*. They offer shipboard environmental education programs to more than 3,500 participants each year. Sound Experience strives to teach and inspire people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, with the belief that by making small changes in our day-to-day lives, we can make a big difference in protecting the waters on which we sail. To find out more about Sound Experience and their programs, visit their website at www.soundexp.org.

Nomination of the 2009 Board

It's time to organize elections and appointments for next year's slate of Officers and Board Members, and toward this end a Nominating Committee has been selected.

We have a Committee of three: Bonnie Murray, Alice Anderson, and Dave Krause. Strictly speaking, the Committee's mandate is to collect and present a slate of candidates for the elected positions, and it will be the Commodore's job to appoint the appointed positions. However, interested candidates for all open positions may approach the Committee.

Appointed Positions:

Fleet Captain: Vacant
 Quartermaster: Robert Blaylock
 RudderPost Editor: Sandra Munro
 PHRF Handicapper: Larry Clark
 PHRF Director: Dave Schutte
 PIYA Representative: John Sterry
 Database Manager: Trevor Sterry
 Race Protest Chair: Mike Spear
 Webmaster: David Horn
 Immediate Past Commodore: Chuck Stephens

For the elected positions, following is the expected lineup and vacancies. Please note that candidates are allowed to run for any elected position, but we will only actively recruit candidates for the expected vacancies.

Commodore: Trevor Sterry
 Vice Commodore: Don Wills
 Rear Commodore: Vacant
 Treasurer: Gloria Sargent
 Secretary: Lynn McNulty
 Director: Bonnie Murray (entering third year of three-year term)
 Director: Joe Campana
 Race Chair: Lauren Buchholtz
 Cruise Chair: John Sterry

Upcoming Events	
Sept 13	TransPuget Benefit Race & Party
Sept 18	September Dinner Meeting - Anthony's at Shilshole
Oct 4-5	Salmon Bake at Brownsville



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