



RUDDERPOST

Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

Commodore's Corner By David Horn



After last month's exciting ice and snow, the beginning of February is beautiful with sunny skies, temperatures in the 50s, and nice breezes. The weather Sirens are pulling us to the sea. After a cold and stormy January, I can't wait to get out on the water sailing this first weekend of February.

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Poulsbo for the Holidays

Last December I took the boat over to Poulsbo for a three-day weekend. Poulsbo is a wonderful town over the holidays. The downtown streets and shops were decorated with lights, there were horse-drawn carriage rides, a parade of decorated ships with holiday lights, and best of all, 75+ empty guest slips from which to choose at the Port of Poulsbo! It was literally a two-minute walk from the boat to the downtown shops. There is a great marine store where the kayak rental center used to be. I was impressed with the wonderful beer selection at most all of the bars and restaurants and there were plenty of great places to catch the Seahawks game Sunday morning. The food at the restaurants along the main street was all wonderful (I'm sure I gained a few pounds that weekend). Also, be sure to check out the marine museum. They have a new Pacific octopus, tide pools with starfish, and many other exhibits of the abundance of sea life in the Sound. I highly recommend a trip to Poulsbo in the winter and I want to do it again this winter.

Wind and Currents

When planning your races or cruises in the Seattle area, there are some great web sites to check the weather, wind forecast, and currents. First, I highly recommend Seattle City Light's [WindWatch](#) site. This site, provided by the Atmospheric Sciences Department at the University of Washington, is used by Seattle City Light to predict when power lines may go down due to wind predicted over the next 72 hours. Of course, it's also great for boaters to see the forecast of sustained winds and gusts over the next few days. I have found it to be much more detailed and accurate than the standard NOAA Puget Sound forecast (which is too broad of a forecast). For checking current winds, I recommend the [Ferry Weather](#) site (also from UW) as well as the [West Point weather](#) site. These sites also work well on modern smartphones. For current predictions, I highly recommend [Deep Zoom](#). This site allows you to see the currents at various points on a chart of the Puget Sound for any time range you select. And last, but not least, for all you weather fanatics (like me), there is the [Cliff Mass Weather Blog](#) for in depth explanations of current and future

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weather patterns and phenomena for the Pacific Northwest. This is definitely one of my home page tabs! All these links can also be found on the SBYC web site (<http://shilshole-bayyc.org/links.aspx>).

Opening Day Parade

We have three SBYC boats signed up so far for [Opening Day](#) (May 5). E-mail me at commodore@shilshole-bayyc.org to be a part of the SBYC "Spirit" group or to indicate you are participating in an individual category. Reservations for [dock zero](#) moorage at SYC are now open for those planning to stay overnight. You will need to make your own moorage reservations and individual parade registration.

David Horn, Commodore

February 16 SBYC Dinner Meeting Presentation

Anchorage in Turkey

Photo by Nancy M.



Vice Commodore Report By Chris Powell

Next Dinner Meeting Thursday February 16

Anthony's at Shilshole Bay

5:30 PM Happy Hour in the bar - 7:00 PM Dinner

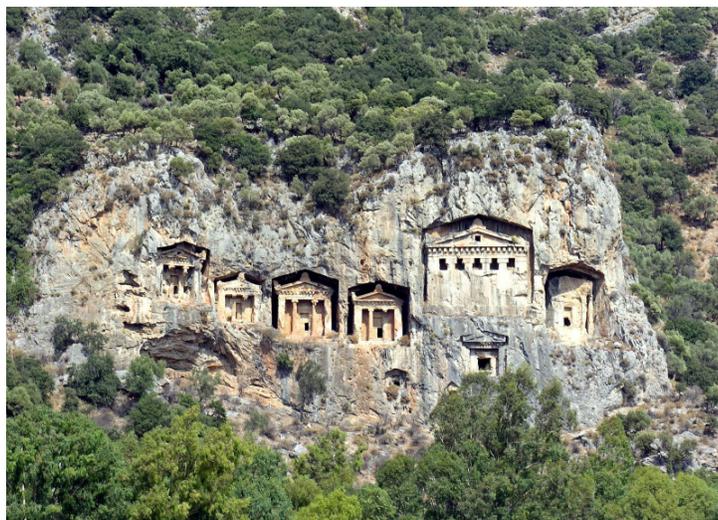
SBYC Dinner Meeting Feb. 16, 2011 By Pat H.

A country of amazing history, beautiful scenery from beach sands to mountains to volcanic landscapes, and culture going back a couple millennia, Turkey beckoned a group of SBYC-ers last fall to sample all that she had to offer—including (who'd have guessed?) a week's charter sailing in the Mediterranean.

The club travelers—Jim and Joyce C, John S., Nancy M. and Pat and Jerry—will share their adventures at the February 16 dinner meeting with a slide presentation of Western Turkey—where to go, what to do and how you, too, can charter in one of the most beautiful areas of the world.

From Gocek, on the southern coast of Turkey, the group skippered a 43-foot Beneteau for a week's cruising, hiking, eating, visiting ruins, swimming in the WARM turquoise and blue water and just plain relaxing in an area where the word "rain" was pretty much absent from their vocabulary.

While sailing was the initial reason for the trip, everyone created their own tours during the rest of their stay, and all visited the high points in Istanbul, the only city to span two continents (Europe and Asia), Cappadocia with its



volcanic landscape, Ephesus, called the best preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean and Pamukkale with its terraced travertines.

Tombs Carved Into the Mountain
Photo by Pat H.

CRUISE UPDATE By Mary Murphy, Cruise Chair

Greetings Club Members.

The Annual Ski Cruise February 24, 25, & 26 is getting closer and closer and it appears participation is excellent. So far over eight rooms have been reserved by members to partake in the event. At last glance, conditions couldn't be better. Temperature is 20 degrees, wind calm and a base snow depth of 47 inches. And for those of you who don't downhill ski, there are a number of other activities you could enjoy such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, shopping, winery visitations and Grand Coulee Dam is merely two hours away.

Make reservations directly with the Comfort Suites Inn at The Park in Wenatchee, 1-509-662-1818. All rooms include a breakfast at the hotel. Hope to see you all there. Their address is 195 East Penny Road, Wenatchee, WA, US, 98801. Your Ski Cruise Chair is Mike Thompson.

The last Rudderpost mentioned that the goal of the 2012 SBYC Board is to increase youth participation. One way to accomplish this is to designate a specific cruise event thoroughly appropriate for kids, grandkids, nephews and nieces. The Board decided the best event to accomplish this is the Burger Burn on Blake Island (5/19/12). Blake Island offers a myriad of activities kids could enjoy such as hiking, camping, kayaking and a large open grass area to play all kinds of games. And don't forget the fire pit for smoores in the evening. It would be great and rather healthy to expose young folks in the sailing, social and outdoor world. I want to encourage you all to think about who you might want to promote this lifestyle to and invite them to the Burger Burn.

Finally, in the next Rudderpost issue I will be sending out an invitation (or is that an S.O.S?) to help me in planning the June Dinner Dance. I would like to form a committee and schedule a meeting of the minds sometime mid-March. It takes a surprisingly amount of time and effort but let me tell you, last year was an absolute blast putting the event together. I fully anticipate this year being the same.

Racing Update

Christina Hannan, Race Chair

2011-2012 Snowbird and Challenge Cup Races

Snowbirds and Challenge Cups

Last month we had a great Snowbird with snow and sun and wind from both the south and the north. Rubie's guest, Haishu Wang, took fabulous pictures of each boat as she crossed the finish line. We have posted a link to her album next to the race results on our Snowbird Page: <http://shilshole-bayyc.org/snowbird.aspx>

This month's Snowbird is Saturday, February 11. If you didn't register for the whole series, you can still register for each individual race as your calendar permits; you can find registration forms on the Snowbird page above as well. And, we welcome any member (or guest) who would like to participate in the Race Committee. Please call to let us know you are coming so that we plan to have enough pizza.

As for the Challenge Cup - Port Madison Yacht Club has scheduled our challenge race for March 31, 2012. I am still waiting to hear from John Demeyer about details and will let you all know as soon as I have more. So far their web page is silent, although they have set up a Facebook Event Page. Stay tuned for registration information. We will want at least five boats registered to give us the best chance!

Challenge Cup scoring: All boats from both clubs in the flying sails classes B and C will be competing for the Challenge Cup. Each club will need to enter at least three yachts to be eligible. The best scores for the number of boats equaling the lowest number of boats entered by a club will be included in the scoring for the Challenge Cup, with a maximum of five boats per club being scored.

Christina, Race Chair

Balloons at Cappadocia, Turkey.
Photo taken in the air by Pat H.
Presentation at February Dinner Meeting



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