



# RUDDERPOST

Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

## Calendar for 2017:

Jan 27-29 Wintery Wenatchee	Mar 3-5 Winter Cruise/Bell Harbor
Apr 15 - Yellow Fest	May 20 - Burger Burn
June 10 - June Dinner Dance	July 3 - Poulsbo Fireworks Raft Up
July/Aug - Summer Rendezvous	Sept 1-4 - Purple Passion Cruise
Sept 30 - Salmon Bake	

## Commodore's Corner By Colin Shannon-Garvey



## Happy New Year

As a child reading "Wind in the Willows" I never forgot Water Rat's philosophy: "There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." In 1972, following that philosophy, the first sailboat was a Lido 14 foot dingy, and then that dreaded disease footitis set in and I upgraded to a San Juan 24, then a C&C 30 and finally a Wauquiez 38 Mark 11. I never thought of joining a yacht club, but Patricia and I did go to the Wauquiez rendezvous in Oak Harbor and there we met Ken and Kaye Greff with their Pretorian 35.

## January 2017

Dinner Meeting  
*Vice Commodore*

Membership  
*Rear Commodore*

Race Report  
*Race Chair*

Cruise Report  
*Cruise Chair*

Wintery Cruise  
*Winter Cruise Chair*

Dinner Meeting and  
Board Meeting Dates  
*Secretary*

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In 1997 we retired and went cruising for 10 years in North and Central America on both coasts and in Europe. Returning to Seattle we had an RV for four years but decided we preferred boats to RVs and acquired our little Grand Banks 32, *Slow Dance*. Entering our new slip at N dock at Shilshole a voice from the other side of the dock called out "Hey Colin." It was Ken Greff and he invited us to come to the next SBYC dinner. We soon signed up as members and then at the Salmon Bake in Brownsville Joe Bozick and John Sterry pulled the old English method of "recruiting" sailors, known as press ganging, by getting them drunk and then when they woke up on a vessel with a King's shilling in their hands, they had been paid to join the navy. And that is how I joined the Board, but I never did get the shilling.

I welcome Roger Newby, LB Day, Rubie Johnson and AJ Mallo-ry to our Board.

On behalf of the Board and all the club members I wish to thank our retiring members for their service:

Pat Hillis, Immediate Past Commodore.

Rick Krause, for four years as Treasurer and previously almost all the other board positions.

Ann Girvin as Director.

David Horn, our Webmaster and Past Commodore.

I look forward to another year of dinners and rendezvous that each year get better and better and I encourage those of you who rarely attend our events to "just try one". I guarantee you will have a great time.

I am proud to be your Reluctant Commodore for such a wonderful yacht club.

Cheers, Colin.

Next Dinner Meeting: **Tuesday January 17, 2017**

**McCormick & Schmick's Harborside/Lake Union**

5:30pm Meet and Greet - 7pm Dinner in the Banquet Room

**Topic:** Tales of the Symphony and the Sea

**Speaker:** **John Weller**, classical musician and first violinist for the Seattle Symphony and Live Aboard.



Violinist John Weller is a violinist with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and for 35 years performed as Assistant Concertmaster; he also plays for Seattle Opera. He has appeared often as Concertmaster for the Symphony Pops Series, as well as for Seattle appearances of Renée Fleming, Mstislav Rostropovich, Truls Mørk, Doc Severinsen, Bobby McFerrin, Mark O'Connor, and José Feliciano.

Up until the summer of 2012 Weller was Concertmaster for Marvin Hamlisch's many Pops concerts in Seattle.

Also a longtime member of Lincoln Center's Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra in New York City, he has found himself on stage with some of the world's most notable soloists of the last 30 years. With that orchestra touring often to Japan, he performed numerous times at the Tokyuu Bunkamura Hall in Tokyo.

A native of Portland, Oregon, John began violin at the age of nine. Five years in the Portland Junior Symphony, four with the Oregon Symphony and now many more with Seattle, violin has been the central passion in life. But other such diverse interests as national politics, Ham radio, the Japanese language, sailing, attempts at Haute Cuisine and a crossword puzzle addiction fill out a fulfilling schedule.

Performing in over a hundred concerts a year with the SSO, John looks for peace and balance on the waters of Puget Sound.

He lives in Seattle aboard his sailboat, "Poème".

The deadline for dinner choices is [Thursday, January 12](#) at [9:00pm](#).

McCormick & Schmick's Harborside/Lake Union

**MENU**

Blackened Chicken Rigatoni

Or

Parmesan Crusted Dover Sole, Crispy Capers, Lemon Butter

Or

Vegetable Stir Fry with Jasmine Rice

Includes:

Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables with Protein Entrées

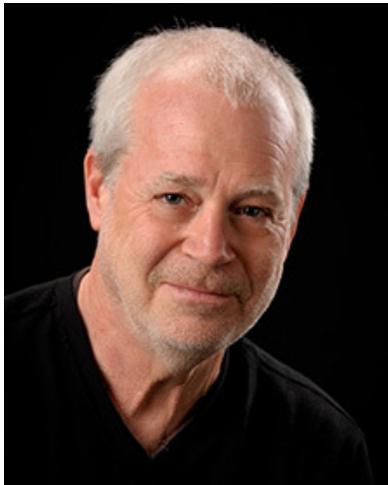
Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

*Special dietary needs can be accommodated; just let us know.*

Main course dinner selections are due by [9pm on Thursday, January 12](#).

Note that the deadline for reservations is also the deadline for cancelling a previous reservation; otherwise the club (and you) will be charged for the meal.

Please respond with your choices to [vicecommodore@shilshole-bayyc.org](mailto:vicecommodore@shilshole-bayyc.org)



John Weller - photo by Larey McDaniel



## Membership 2017

by  
Roger Newby, Rear Commodore



### "Membership in 2017"

As your new Rear Commodore for 2017, my main responsibility is Membership. Having done the Rear Commodore job previously, I see that our club now is more vital and showing better growth compared to a few years ago - Yeah!! We're trending in the right direction!

I'm especially gratified to see new members who are a bit younger than most of the current membership (grin). The Youth Movement is really terrific, and these new members are contributing mightily - many thanks.

New members keep us alive in many ways. We get to know more interesting people, hear their boating and life stories, become friends, and benefit from their perspectives, humor, and common interest. It's very refreshing.

"So," you may be asking, "what might be Roger's Plan for continuing new member growth into 2017?" While I do have some ideas (e.g. a small flyer highlighting who we are and what we offer, distributing that piece to yacht brokers, marine businesses, and any other places where other boaters may see it and pick it up.) I would encourage everyone to think about who you know (including people you may want to get to know better) and invite them to a Club Dinner Meeting in the next 2 months. Extend an invitation to them to join you in something fun and interesting, where they'll meet a variety of people, share a nice meal in a beautiful setting, and enjoy a program that's usually quite appealing to most anyone. No pressure, just an enjoyable evening - what the heck!

The upcoming [Dinner Meeting](#) on [January 17](#) will feature our friend, [Mr. John Weller](#), first violinist for the Seattle Symphony and a long-term live-aboard sailor. John will perform many of his encore solo pieces, tell some great stories about Symphony life, conductors, and behind-the-scenes episodes, as well as explain how his music and sailing have been major influences in his life. Maybe you have friends who love classical music, but are not boaters - invite them! Why not? Guests are totally welcome

and you just don't know where it might go.

If all of us bring a guest or two to just one Dinner Meeting before the summer break, we might find some great new members. At the very least, everyone will have had some fun.

Let me know your thoughts and ideas on how to continue cultivating a vital, growing Shilshole Bay Yacht Club. It's our Club, so let's make it the best darn Club we can envision - what the heck!



Roger and Julie Newby



Race Report  
by  
Tom Madden, Race Chair



Race Report  
– Sort of –

No race report from the Race Chair this month, as I was in Maui, Hawaii with my girlfriend. I can report that the water is warm there, and I did stop by the Lahaina Yacht Club, just to say I did. I looked around and sure enough, amongst all the other burgees, there was our own SBYC burgee. (There must be 1000 burgees there.) That is the finish line yacht club for the Vic-Maui race, so I think it might be from when Larry(?) did that race a few years back.

On another note, the next [Snowbird](#) race is on [January 14](#). We have ample race committee crew, so if you want to go, either go with one of the racers, or sign up for next month – [February 11](#).

Lastly, the SARC (Seattle Area Racing Calendar) is out as well. It is being sponsored by 48° North this year, and there will be copies at the boat show too.

All for the moment – stay warm!

Tom Madden, Race Chair.



## CRUISE REPORT

by

Nancy Kick, Cruise Chair



### Happy 2017 SBYC Friends!

Being with so many of you (and getting home before the snow fell) was sure a fun way to ring in the New Year. As I write this we're still covered in snow and ice down in Burien. It's been beautiful...and super convenient that it happened on a holiday weekend. I hope everybody is staying safe and warm.

Please mark your calendars for our meeting on [January 22](#) to [talk about the Dinner Dance](#). Larry Clark has graciously agreed to give us some history about the event, and we want to hear your ideas. Everything about our annual June party will be up for discussion. The meeting is at Chris Powell & Jewels Mellen's home and begins at 1pm. It would be great to know if you are coming so we plan for the right size group.

Following along just a few days later is our [Wintery Wenatchee Weekend](#), which takes place the last weekend in January. I hear some are heading over as early as Wednesday. Mike & Bonnie will have more details about the events and activities in their article.

Some of us are heading to Leavenworth for the day on Saturday to enjoy the wintery little town. All are welcome to join us. I love Leavenworth and have wonderful memories of stopping there every year in the winter when my Dad would drive us over Highway 2, always insisting on taking the long and snowy road back and forth from Spokane. Every year I'd get a new stuffed animal, the most memorable was a cat with three nursing kittens - they had velcro tongues that stuck to the mamma cat's belly (yeah, I guess that's kinda weird).

For those of you who are interested in snowmobiling, please contact Mountain Springs Lodge <http://www.mtsprings.com/winter-activities-leavenworth-wa> or [snowmobile@mtsprings.com](mailto:snowmobile@mtsprings.com) for more information. When I checked with them a few weeks ago there was still plenty of availability for tours. Mike & Bonnie might have a better idea of who all is interested so you can coordinate and, hopefully, go in groups.

I am working on setting up a tour at [Martin Scott](#), our favorite [Wenatchee winery](#), for Saturday afternoon. I am aiming for 3:00 pm but as of this moment I have not heard back from them to confirm that they are available, so I will let Mike & Bonnie know when I hear back from them. Whether or not we have a tour, it's a beautiful winery and I suggest we plan to meet there and taste wine and look at the beautiful scenery anyway.

Last thing on the near future agenda is the [Bell Harbor Cruise March 3-5](#). To make your reservation call the Marina office at [\(206\) 787-3952](#) and make sure to tell them you're with SBYC. When you reserve your slip it would be great if you could let me know so that I can make sure we have enough slips for everyone. We have eight slips reserved at this time. If you're planning to attend either by land or sea and want to be included in events, please be sure to let me know. I'll be looking around the downtown area for events that weekend after I get back from Mexico (yeah, I just found a way to gloat about going to Mexico.)

Hoping to see you all in a couple weeks at the dinner. I hear our Speaker/Entertainer will be the amazingly talented (and all around great guy) [John Weller](#). Trust me, you don't want to miss this one.



## WINTERY WENATCHEE CRUISE

by  
Micheal Thompson

### **WENATCHEE WINTERY WEEKEND GETAWAY AGENDA**

[Friday - Jan. 27, 2017](#)

Meet and Greet in Coast Wenatchee Hotel Lounge 5:30 PM.

Dinner afterwards will be decided then, possibly at the Cottage Restaurant in  
Wenatchee WA.

[Saturday – Jan. 28, 2017](#)

Downhill skiing – Mission Ridge, WA

Cross Country Skiing – Leavenworth, WA

Wenatchee River Walk (Time TBD)

Shopping and Lunch in Leavenworth, WA

Lunch and Shopping at Wenatchee Public Market 12:30PM

Wine Tasting Martin Scott Winery 3:00 PM

Hot Tub Wenatchee Coast Hotel 4:30 PM

Get together in Lounge for pre-dinner drinks 5:30 PM

Dinner at El Agave Mexican Restaurant 7:00 PM

# Board Meeting and Dinner Meeting Dates 2017

by  
Jewels Mellen, Secretary

## Dinner Meetings 2017:

Jan 17	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 16	Sep 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19
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## Board Meetings 2017:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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