



RUDDERPOST

Shilshole Bay Yacht Club

Calendar for 2017:

Mar 3-5 Winter Cruise/Bell Harbor

Apr 14-16 - Yellow Fest

TBD - June Dinner Dance

July 26-27 - Summer Rendezvous

Sept 29-Oct 1 - Salmon Bake

May 19-21 - Burger Burn

July 3 - Poulsbo Fireworks Raft Up

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Commodore's Corner By Colin Shannon-Garvey



Here we are already almost half way through February and spring is just around the corner.

We started the year at our January Dinner with a wonderful music performance by our guest violinist, John Weller, and our very own Roger Newby on the piano. Ken McKenzie, our Vice Commodore, has already lined up some speakers for the coming dinners

but always welcomes suggestions for new and interesting people to deliver a presentation in exchange for a free dinner.

Although I wasn't able to attend the [Wintery Wenatchee Weekend](#) reports are, not surprisingly, that a great time was had by all and the passes were open in both directions.

Next on our calendar is the [Bell Harbor Rendezvous](#), March 3,

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4 and 5. If you haven't been to a Bell Harbor rendezvous you have missed a fun event. The best way, of course, is to come on your boat and enjoy the camaraderie but it is also easily accessible by car, bus or bike. It's a great place to enjoy the city; Pike Place Market, Benaroya Hall, art galleries, restaurants, entertainment and shopping are all within walking distance. As always, we will have a group dinner at [Anthony's Home Port](#), right there at the harbor. Cruise Chair, Nancy Kick, has all the details below.

Our 2017 Board has settled in with our second meeting of the year, after which they celebrated my birthday with wine and cake. We have established a budget with no increase in membership dues. Our dinner meeting contract with McCormick & Schmick's expires and we will be negotiating a [new contract](#) to start on April 1.

AJ Mallory, our Web Master, has our [new website](#) almost ready to launch; we will let you know when it is up and running. I know you will be pleased with the layout and new contents. We have given AJ a long list of new content which he will implement incrementally. One of these, which I am really looking forward to, is the ability to make online payments for membership renewal, racing fees and event fees.

As some of our members age and sell their boats we need to find new members to take their places. Always [keep recruitment in mind](#) when you meet other boaters in your personal and business activities; emphasize what a great group we are, what fun events we have and that the dues are so reasonable. Also, boat ownership is not a requirement for membership.

Feel free to contact me if you have suggestions on how we can make our club even better.

Cheers,
Colin.

Next Dinner Meeting: **Tuesday February 21, 2017**

McCormick & Schmick's Harborside/Lake Union

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

Topic: The Story of Footloose Sailing

Speaker: Bob Ewing



Come hear about the journey Bob has taken since a devastating diving accident in 1973. Hear and see how he and a partner started an organization for people of all ages and disabilities. Bob has owned a sailboat since 1996 and spends many days and hours on her. This is the organization that receives the proceeds from our Trans Puget race that we hold in September, so come and see this wonderful man and his great club! By the way, Ben Lobaugh & I are also on the board at Footloose and spend many hours taking people out sailing. We both find it extremely rewarding.

Come see and hear his amazing story!

The deadline for dinner choices is **Thursday, February 16 at 9:00pm.**

McCormick & Schmick's Harborside/Lake Union

MENU

Seasonal Mixed Field Greens Salad

Choice of:

Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Mushroom Marsala Cream

Or

Horseradish Crusted Steelhead, Lemon Sauce

Or

Penne Pasta with Roasted Vegetables and Alfredo Sauce

Includes:

Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables with Protein Entrees

Coffee, Decaf, Hot Tea

Special dietary needs can be accommodated; just let me know.

Main course dinner selections are due by [9pm on Thursday, February 16](#).

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

Please respond with your choices to vicecommandore@shilshole-bayyc.org

Please have your check or cash ready when you arrive. Correct change is appreciated. Dinner is \$35 per person. We cannot accept credit/debit. Please purchase your drinks in the banquet bar as the receipts count towards our room rental minimums.

McCormick & Schmick's is located at 1200 Westlake Ave N in the AGC Building. \$4 validated parking is available on the south side; free parking is along Westlake Ave.



Membership Cards

by
Roger Newby, Rear Commodore



Getting Your 2017 Roster and Membership Card

Each year the club prints a very handy Membership Roster. A good deal of work goes into efforts at the end of each year to get this listing of members and their contact information accurate and up-to-date. The Roster also contains helpful things like our Race Schedule, Board Members, Reciprocal Club List, and even our By-Laws (outstanding bedtime reading for those with insomnia). In recent years, we've been printing up Membership Cards, which are like a business card, that can be used to obtain discounts at local marine stores and as identification for reciprocal moorage.

These new 2017 items will be available at each of the upcoming Dinner Meetings and almost certainly at the Cruising Events as well. To keep costs down, we'd greatly prefer that club members get their Rosters and Member Cards in-person at a club event. If that isn't an option, perhaps consider whether another friend in the club could pick your items up for you at an upcoming event they attend (assumes that club friend lives near you or you'll see them soon in another capacity).

If all else fails, send me an email in April and I will either mail you your Roster/Cards or call my nearest Amazon drone delivery station and get them to you – by hook or by crook.

One last thought – when annual dues are paid only very late in the year (after December 1), that is what creates a small amount of chaos and panic for the team trying to get all the info correct in order to print the new year's items in January. If possible, please try to get the annual dues taken care of no later than December 1st going forward. The Roster team thanks you in advance.

Happy Rostering!



CRUISE REPORT

by

Nancy Kick, Cruise Chair



The year of cruising started off with a most enjoyable wintery trip to wonderful Wenatchee. People enjoyed a variety of snowy activities and fun gatherings. Thanks again to [Mike & Bonnie](#) for planning such a fun trip. I wasn't able to find the creepy stuffed animal store in Leavenworth but did find plenty of fun. Our second tour at Martin Scott winery did not disappoint. The wine was flowing and as always Mike gave a fun and informative tour. I think they like us there, as Mike sent me a note to thank us for coming and to say what a great time he had with us.

Our trip to the [Boat Show](#) was also fun. We met up with many members and had a fun time tasting beers and checking out the latest and greatest ways to spend 2017's boat units.

Please do not pay attention to the cruise dates in the roster. The following are the [2017 CORRECTED Cruise Dates](#):

March 3-5 – [Bell Harbor Cruise](#) (Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle)

If you haven't made your reservation do so ASAP by calling (206) 787-3952 - make sure to tell them you're with SBYC. Also please let Jewels or me know if you are planning to attend the Saturday dinner.

April 14-16 – [Yellowfest](#) (Blake Island)

The Krauses' annual celebration and bottle hunt take place on Saturday of that weekend. Please plan to head over Thursday or Friday if possible to help secure dock space - and please bring firewood. Look for more info from Sam & Dave about timing and rules of the hunt.

May 19-21 – [Burger Burn](#) (Blake Island)

I think we'll bring burgers instead of the giant Fred Flintstone steak we tried to eat last year. But really you can bring anything you like to the Saturday potluck, just make sure to bring yourselves. Larry is planning a fun activity for us that you won't want to miss! Please plan to head over Thursday or Friday if possible to help secure dock space – and please bring firewood.

June – **Dinner Dance**, TBD

We had a very productive meeting about the future of this event and are currently researching some options for it. We will announce the 2017 date and location as soon as they are confirmed.

July 3 – **Fireworks Raft Up** (Liberty Bay / Poulsbo)

Last year we stayed over until the 5th and it was clear enough to see the high fireworks from several other venues...also a lot quieter.

July 26-27 – **Rendezvous** (Reid Harbor / Stuart Island)

We hope many people will be able to Rendezvous in the islands this year.

September 1–4 – **Purple Passion Cruise** (Vashon Island / Quartermaster Harbor / Dockton Park Marina)

Our second annual Purple Passion cruise to Vashon's Dockton Park marina. Start testing your purple cocktails and thinking of purple food. Jewels and Chris are once again planning a fun weekend full of purple splendor. Please plan to head over Thursday or Friday if possible to help secure dock space.

September 29-October 1 – **Salmon Bake** (Port of Brownsville Marina)

This is a fun and popular end of the summer cruise. Join us for delicious salmon and a fun party.

Looking forward to another fun filled year on the water!





Race Report

by

Tom Madden, Race Chair



"Snowbird" season nearly complete February, 2017

As February is in full swing I find myself thinking about spring and the warmer weather. This year has felt really wet and cold and I feel like we have not had a decent day since September.

So what is happening? On [January 14](#), we held the [third race](#) in the [Snowbird](#) series for this season. The first two races were held in either gale force or near gale force winds. The third race forecast was for light winds, and I actually worried we might have to cancel for lack of wind. Although the morning forecast was for winds of 10 knots or less, they were predicted to fall off to nearly nothing in the afternoon.

As we set the starting pin buoy and got the committee boat anchored, we started looking at the conditions. We thought of a course using the lower hamburger buoy (now an STYC racing buoy) and making two laps, and actually set that course on the side of *Olele*. The wind was from the north at about 7 or 8 knots, but as the start time grew near, the wind began to die, so we changed to a shorter course using the entrance buoy to the locks and Meadow point twice around. If the wind really did die we could always call the race after the first lap.

The wind held at about 8 knots for the start, and all the classes of boats (there are 5 classes this time) got off without any issues. The wind held nicely for the first time around, and most of the boats had finished the first lap in under an hour. We let them go for the second lap, and the wind actually began to build. At this point I was wishing I had set a longer course, but it was too late to change, so we just settled for what is was.

In the end, all the boats that started, finished without any issues that we were aware of, with all the boats finishing with elapsed times between one and two hours. We had to DSQ one boat for going through the S-F line on the downwind leg when it was not specified as part of the course. My guess is they will never make that mistake again.



Skana II, a Sabre 386, heads for the finish line with lots of wind. Note the starting mark is a temporary buoy. The Corps of Engineers has removed the "Hamburger" buoy.

Saturday February 11 was the date for Snowbird #4, which will probably be history by the time this article is published. If you wish to participate in the Snowbird series, you can still register for Snowbird #5 on [March 18](#), and at a fee of just \$15, it is still a very good bargain.



Jolly Green, a J-80, makes her way to the S-F line. These pictures are from the December Snowbird, taken from shore by Dave Sinson, the skipper of *Aquavit*.

See you out on the water – come on spring!!
Tom Madden

In Memorium
JP Peterson (1951-2017)

January 19, 2017

We said goodbye to JP today. Many friends and family have been here to see him at the Treasure Coast Hospice House where he spent his last days, and his passing was peaceful.

It is hard to find the words to express the sadness we are all feeling. Hopefully, with time, we will learn to live with this heartbreaking loss.

Thank you all for the love and support we received as we made this difficult journey. We know he is no longer in pain and is at peace.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 17 (on what would have been his 66th birthday) at the Mariner Sands Chapel in Stuart, Florida. I hope many of you will be able to attend as we celebrate JP's life.

In the meantime, hold his memory close to your hearts. I know we will all miss him. We were blessed to have had him in our lives.

JP was a long time member of SBYC and a friend to many of the club members.



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:

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