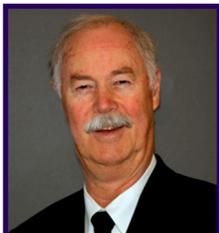




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### ZOOM Into November!

SBYC will host a Friday Night Zoom meeting for all members on **November 5 at 5:00 pm** CST (Cocktail Standard Time). We will be discussing open Bridge positions, volunteerism, 2022 cruising destinations, and Springtime dinners. We hope you will join in the fun. [Use this link to join the meeting](#), or watch your email the first week of November for reminders.

As we enter into the last couple of months of 2021, it is time to organize our transition to the next year and to new leadership on the Bridge. We need and look forward to your participation in this hand over.

First, our slate of nominees for Bridge and Appointed positions is published below. Please think about these positions and volunteers and be ready to support the current Bridge's recommendation to vote these nominees into office at the **Annual General Membership Meeting on December 10**. Furthermore, you will notice several positions that are still open. We encourage you to volunteer to join this fine team to fulfill the Club's mission for 2022 and beyond. **We particularly need nominees for Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain.** These are important positions that are essential to running the Club. We need your help! If there is no Fleet Captain there will be no cruises, if there is no Rear Commodore there will be no dinners, it is as simple as that. Call any current Bridge member to discuss this opportunity. It will be a rewarding year as we emerge from the Cloud of Covid.

Bridge		Appointees	
Commodore	<b>Rod Proctor</b>	Dolphin Editor	<b>Julie Tice</b>
Vice Commodore	<i>Open</i>	Fleet Medic	<i>Open</i>
Rear Commodore	<i>Open</i>	Summer BBQs	<b>David &amp; Jane Edgley</b>
Fleet Captain	<i>Open</i>	Member Records	<b>Jim Barrett/Jon Galbraith</b>
Secretary	<b>Elizabeth Scott</b>	New Member Coordinator	<b>Patti Snyder</b>
Treasurer	<b>Bob Brown</b>	Photographer	<i>Open</i>
Trustee Position 1	<b>Terry Sigmond</b>	Publicity Coordinator	<b>Ken &amp; Susan Olsen</b>
Trustee Position 2	<b>Bud Myers</b>	Recycling Coordinator	<b>WC Harvey</b>
Trustee Position 3	<b>Larry Lien</b> (final year)	Reciprocal Coordinator	<b>Jon Galbraith</b>
		Ship Stores Coordinator	<b>Janet Cheetham</b>
		Training Coordinator	<i>Open</i>
		Website Manager	<b>Jim Barrett</b>

We will have our **Annual General Membership Meeting on Friday, December 10 at 5:00 via ZOOM**. This way you can join your fellow members virtually for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, ring in the holiday season, and attend to Club business all at the same time! As in past years, and not to be missed, **Jim Barrett's "Year in Review"** will be presented, so expect a bit of roasting, toasting and remembrance.

The Bridge has also affirmed that **we will hold our Opening Day as planned on May 7**. Regardless of the situation with Covid, we will present a full day of opening activities either with or without the clubhouse. We are planning now for both contingencies, and will be seeking volunteers to help present this annual ritual to the members. Please join us in the planning and bring your ideas! Contact any Bridge member to discuss how you can make a difference this next year.

The Bridge has also agreed to devote funds to an upgrade to our **Club web site**. It has become a key element of Club and member communication, and needs to be robust, easy to navigate, and highly accessible. This will require a shut down of the site for approximately one month while **Jim Barrett** and crew work their magic. Please read our **Web Manager's message** on Page 3.

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## Commodore—Ken Olsen (Cont)

As we plan for next year, we must also discuss our **annual dues**. I think most of us agree that our annual SBYC dues continue to be an outstanding bargain when compared to other regional yacht clubs. Those dues are earmarked to cover our Club's annual operating costs (office and clubhouse fees, Dolphin production, insurance, office and galley supplies, and postage and other operating costs). Those costs are part of the business of running a yacht club. They do not decrease in times of forced reduction in activity. Just as we all pay for our boats even when they are at the dock, so it is with our Club.

Thanks to **our many volunteers** who help "keep the lights on," those expenses continue to be kept at a minimum. After the bills are paid to fund the business side, the remaining budget consists of subsidizing the costs of our six annual clubhouse dinners, four cruises, three summer barbecues, and our annual Commodore's Ball. We offer a few of those events **free of charge** each year, and when we do charge you a fee to attend a dinner or a cruise, it's because the cost of that event exceeds the amount that the club is able to contribute to it.

As we look forward to increased club activity next year, and remember what a loss it was to be denied the fellowship of our members during these last two years, the value of club membership comes into clear focus. The Bridge therefore recommends that the **annual dues shall remain at \$80**, and that events shall be self-supporting but with a stipend from the Club as budgeted by the Bridge.

## A Note from 2022 Commodore-Nominee Rod Proctor



It will be my honor to be the Commodore of Shelter Bay Yacht Club next year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you. I am very interested in hearing what activities interest you. Remember this is your club. Get to know your fellow members. Shelter Bay Yacht Club is made up of a very diverse group of people. They all love boats and cruising. If you are an old salt or just getting started you will never stop learning from each other.



## From the Charthouse—Fleet Captain, Vanessa Finch



### Ahoy, SBYCers:

I'm reporting in from a remote location where the balmy ocean is the same shade of blue as a Bombay Sapphire bottle. That I am now intimately acquainted with that color should inform you of the questionable choices I may have made these past 28 days at sea. Some people go on cruises and learn ballroom dancing or how to play Bridge. I take mixology classes and attend wine tastings. Both require extensive practice. Good times.

Cocktails and fine vintages aside, there are a multitude of learning opportunities on a vessel of this size and much to marvel at. Measuring 936' long and 106' wide, this floating hotel is a behemoth of a boat (though it doesn't even come close to the real biggies which carry twice the number of people). And, watching as the Captain aimed this oversized floating hotel at the narrow entrance of the Panama Canal is top of my list of marvels.

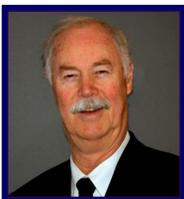
I know many of you have cruised through this remarkable feat of engineering. But this was my first experience and I was awed by what it took to safely, efficiently maneuver the big ships up and down the 85 foot height difference between sea level and Gatun Lake. It was immediately apparent that our Captain could get us to the locks but it took the guidance and control of the Canal's train engines to move our party barge the distance it needed to go in order to have a successful transit.

A Captain alone, regardless of skill level, is unable to perform all the duties necessary to ensure a successful transit in a challenging environment, be it on a cruise ship **or a yacht club**. And yet it would appear that is what we are expecting of our nominee of 2022 Commodore. In order for our ship/our club to continue on its course we need three members to assist our Commodore and share the responsibility of moving SBYC forward. Without a **Fleet Captain, Rear Commodore** and **Vice Commodore** we would effectively be blocking our club from getting to the fun stuff: the dinners, parties and cruises which have been the source of so many good times.

So, I appeal to you (me and my Bombay bottle, that is) to please consider volunteering to serve on the Bridge, or suggest someone you think should serve, or - just as urgently - PLEASE volunteer to host/help with a specific dinner or cruise in mind. Contact Ken or Jon or me if you have questions.



## From the Clubhouse—Acting Rear Commodore, Ken Olsen

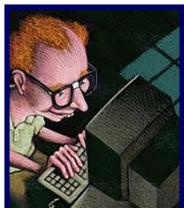


It has been a difficult year for social gatherings. Just as we thought that we could open up for a fall season of clubhouse activities, we were beset by the late summer Covid Delta variant surge, and all of the facility closures that came along with it, forcing us to abandon our dinner plans.

We must now look ahead to next year's spring season and plan for success. At our October Bridge meeting, we discussed the possibility of "themed" small-group dinner parties held simultaneously in members' homes, much as we had a couple of years ago with the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" events. By all accounts, that format was a great success; six to eight people having a convivial evening around a dining table laden with food and refreshment...sounds like a good time to me! Maybe they are the "**Renaissance Dinners**"! Our thinking is that we establish a framework for such an event by choosing a culinary theme, say "Italian!" so that all dinners have a common reference point, and that pot-lucking and wine selection has a sense of direction. Further, we could schedule a Zoom period, where we could enjoy after dinner drinks or dessert with a wider audience and compare notes on menus, stories, gossip and plans. This gives us a group activity without the group, massively increasing the safety factor.

If you would like to help define and organize this event, or if you would be willing to host a small dinner group, please contact me as soon as possible so we can start this off in January.

## From the Web Manager—Jim Barrett



After ten years the Shelter Bay Website is having its first planned shut down for maintenance. Actually we are planning considerable operational upgrades which require the site to be down while a new look and feel gets built. At this point my hope is that it will be back fully operational in a few weeks, but it might take most of November because I'm rather slow and I often get myself into trouble when I start poking around under the hood, so to speak. While it is down you can continue to go to the same address and there will be a link to read the current Dolphin newsletter. You will also continue to get announcements from our Commodore via our email list.



As you have likely experienced, almost everything related to a computer gets out of date eventually and needs to be updated in order to keep working. Several things in our server have now reached that point. If those components are not updated to the latest versions our site literally will quit working by December. The problem with just updating those components, is that other parts of our site won't work with those server updates, so many things have to be updated at one time in order for it all to work for years (I hope) into the future.

You can participate in this upgrade by recommending features you have seen on other sites or letting me know about something you would like added to the site. Now is the time, just email me what you think would make our site more useful to you and, if possible, I will try to make it happen.

[jim@barrettmarine.com](mailto:jim@barrettmarine.com)

### **SBYC RECIPROCAL PROGRAM**

Hopefully many of you were able to take advantage of our reciprocal agreements with partner yacht clubs throughout the Salish Sea this past summer. We are fortunate to continue offering this valuable benefit to our membership. If you lease a slip on one of the lettered docks (A-J) in the marina, please consider putting your slip into SBYC's reciprocal pool so that we may offer its use to a guest from one of our reciprocal clubs while you and your boat are off cruising. We will manage the arrangements, and you will be compensated \$15 for each night your slip is occupied by a guest from one of our reciprocal partner clubs — it's a **win-win** proposition. Please contact **Reciprocal Coordinator Jon Galbraith** at (360) 630-5404 or [jon.w.galbraith@gmail.com](mailto:jon.w.galbraith@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

You can click [here](#) to view the yacht clubs with whom SBYC currently has reciprocal agreements.

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Pierce Hoover	11/1
Linda Adams	11/4
Marnie Lee	11/4
Toni Rehage	11/4
Past Commodore Clark Scarboro	11/4
Juanita Shuler	11/4
Sandy Strutzel-Pittenger	11/5
Diana Greer	11/6
Gayle Sabin	11/6
Jan Meuter	11/7
Janet Malseed	11/9
Pien Ellis	11/10
Kinsey Jackson	11/10
Roger Meuter	11/10
John Cline	11/11
Louise Kari	11/11
Carol McGarry	11/13
Ginny Houser	11/15
Peggy Miller	11/16
Brian Boyd	11/17
Ilse Gee	11/17
Don Bloye	11/19
Janet Bargmeyer	11/20
Past Commodore Kirsten Chandler	11/23
Kristy Larson	11/23
Walter "Bud" Myers	11/24
Carolyn VanderVegt	11/25
Richard Wisniewski	11/26
Carolyn Bushey	11/27
Carol Dorton	11/27
Jeanice Veselka	11/29

Earl & Louise Kari	11/4/1972	49 Years
Bruce & Gail Romero	11/11/2000	21 Years
Randy & Julie Tice	11/16/1985	36 Years
Syd & Kay Arrowsmith	11/20/1982	39 Years
Steve Wyman & Valerie Burkhart	11/22/1985	36 Years
Douglas & Barbara Crim	11/23/1973	48 Years
Pat & Carol McGarry	11/25/1967	54 Years
Ronald & Patricia Kostanich	11/26/1971	50 Years
Bill & Susi Holleman	11/29/1976	45 Years

## 2021 / Spring 2022 CALENDAR

*(Note that all 2022 activities are tentative, pending recruitment of a Rear Commodore, a Fleet Captain, Dinner & Port hosts, and a Training Coordinator)*

### NOVEMBER

5 ALL-MEMBERS MEETING—2022 PLANNING (via Zoom)

### DECEMBER

10 SBYC ANNUAL MEETING (Online via Zoom)

11 SWINOMISH YACHT CLUB LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

### JANUARY

3 TRAINING

15 DINNER

### FEBRUARY

7 TRAINING

19 DINNER

### MARCH

7 TRAINING

19 DINNER

### APRIL

TBD SHAKEDOWN CRUISE

TBD FIRE EXTINGUISHER CERTIFICATIONS

### MAY

7 OPENING DAY

## Help Us Keep Our Records Up To Date

Is your anniversary or birthday missing or incorrect? Is your name misspelled, or do you see something else that needs to be corrected? Let us know! Contact us at [membership@shelterbayyachtclub.org](mailto:membership@shelterbayyachtclub.org) with any updates.

## SBYC Logo Items For Sale

**UPDATE: Kathy of Clever Kathy Designs** is now also making face masks to order, and has all kinds of new items— Shelter Bay Yacht Club license plate frames, mats for your boat with your boat’s name, etc. Just call Kathy at (425) 301-2528. She will invoice you directly. **Support our club and the La Conner vendors!!!**

Below is a list of embroidered SBYC logo items on-hand available to Club Members for purchase at cost. Items may also be purchased from our online catalog at [sbyc.cleverkathydesigns.com](http://sbyc.cleverkathydesigns.com). **Janet Cheetham** will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have, share a catalog, and/or help you with filling out your purchase order. You can contact Janet at [cheetham@ryanlaw.com](mailto:cheetham@ryanlaw.com).

**Items for Sale for Women & Men in a variety of colors:** Twill Caps, Long Sleeve Denim Shirts, Sweatshirts (hooded, zipped, crew), Short Sleeve Polo Shirts, Reversible Vests, Poplin Jacket, and SBYC Burgees in three sizes: 10” x 15”, 12” x 18” and 14” x 21”.

The online catalog has much more for you to choose from as well. Contact Janet for current pricing and assistance with ordering.

## RBAW—What is it and why would I want to contribute?

As **Ken** mentioned in his article, SBYC annual membership dues will be collected shortly. When your dues statement arrives in the mail in December you’ll notice that, again this year, you’ll have the option to pay an extra \$20 for a one-year membership in RBAW, the Recreational Boating Association of Washington.

2022 SBYC Annual Dues	\$	80.00
2022 RBAW Annual Dues <b>Optional (Recreational Boating Association of Washington)</b>		20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Due By Jan. 01, 2022</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

So what is RBAW? Decades ago, a consortium of Washington state yacht clubs, cruising clubs, and boating enthusiasts formed the *Puget Sound Interclub Association*, with the goal of raising funds to purchase land on Sucia Island and donate it to the State for a marine park, in an effort to stop plans for development of the area for vacation cabins. The purchase was completed in early 1960, and is commemorated with a large sign at the head of the “old” dock on Sucia Island.



The original association remained active through the years, advocating for regional recreational boaters (including assisting the Princess Louisa Society in its early stages), and in 1992 adopted its current name: *Recreational Boating Association of Washington*.

Today RBAW maintains a strong lobby in Olympia that is dedicated to ensuring that recreational boaters are protected from unfair taxes and fees, that the taxes and fees paid by those boaters are dedicated towards boating programs (and not consumed by the State’s General Fund), that boaters have a strong voice against unnecessary restrictions, that state funding is directed towards boater safety and education and marine environmental issues (including derelict vessel removal), and providing support to pro-boating legislation at both the state and national level.

When you contribute that extra \$20 with your annual SBYC membership, we pass 100% of your payment along to RBAW and you become an association member for the year. In addition to supporting an organization that has Washington state boaters’ interests at heart, you’ll get discounts at BoatUS and Fisheries Supply. You don’t even need to be a boater to join. Click the logo below if you’d like more information about RBAW.



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