



**Shelter Bay Office Open**

The office is open again for regular business. We ask that you visit only if you need to be there in person, otherwise, emails and calls are the best communication. Payments can be left in the payment drop box. We appreciate your patience for these past two years!

**Martha's Beach Closing Hours**

April 1st to September 30th the Beach closes at 10 pm.  
October 1st to March 31st the Beach closes at 7 p.m.

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**Community Shredding Day**

**SATURDAY JULY 23—9 AM TO 12 NOON** (*Correction from last months newsletter*)

A lot of members have been storing up for the Annual Community Shredding Day so be sure to get it on your calendar! This event takes place in the parking lot of the Clubhouse/Office. Shredding may be witnessed via camera monitor mounted on the outside of the shredding truck. Certificates will be available upon request.

**REMEMBER: NO plastics, metal binder clips, or 3-ring binders.**



**CONGRATULATIONS NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Elaine Dixon is the newest member of the Board. Elaine was selected to fill the seat of passed member Judi Slajer. Elaine was selected out of five candidates and will serve out the rest of Judi's term through June 30, 2023. Elaine brings her expertise in strategic planning and execution. She has lived in Shelter Bay for two years and believes her ability to see the bigger picture and help organizations find their way to solid results along with having a new perspective are what she brings to the Board. We welcome Elaine and thank her for her willingness to serve along with all the candidates. It was a difficult decision and it's great to see the number of members willing to serve.

Monte Hicks, Board Secretary



*In Loving Memory*

James A. Kersiskofski

June 7, 2022

## Vice President's Message



This month's President's Message is from the Vice President. I want to thank President Jack Galbraith, who resigned this month, for his efforts over the past year as President and wish him a wonderful Board retirement. This past year has been a whirlwind, with challenges and changes, which also present opportunities. I look forward to welcoming and collaborating with the new Directors as we navigate the coming year together and as a team. I would like to provide a few updates on the hot topics that seem to keep the Facebook ads selling.

**LEASE** – Last summer, the Shelter Bay Board of Directors invited the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC) Chairman and Senators to meet. It was an introductory get-to-know you meeting with a little bit of history. The outcome was the decision to continue to meet in an even smaller group (4 Senators and 4 Shelter Bay Lease Committee Members – Jack, Louise, Steve, and Wendy) so that we could get to know each other better to facilitate lease negotiations. We have met several times since, most recently as last week, and we are committed to doing everything we can to negotiate a new master lease that is acceptable to all parties. I have had a positive experience in these meetings so far, and I look forward to future discussions.

**POOL** – I am as disappointed as everyone else that the pool is not open. My youngest has been enjoying this pool since she was a toddler. Please refer to Rick Tanner's pool article in this newsletter for an update on the current situation.

**RENT ADJUSTMENT** – The community approved the 2022-23 fiscal year budget, which included a doubling of the capital assessments (for capital improvements and facilities maintenance), along with a \$5.25/month increase in HOA assessments. In addition, the 10-year rent adjustment, projected to be almost double, will start being collected this month for the monthly supplemental rent and next May for the annual lease fee. [Click here](#) for the **Supplemental Rent Roll** or go to [shelterbay.net](http://shelterbay.net) – log into Pitera and click *Budget and Financials* – click on the 1<sup>st</sup> document to the right – *FY2022-2023 Supplemental Rent Roll*. You can find rent adjustment details in the August 2021 newsletter, page 7.

Summer weather has finally arrived and more people are spending time outside! Please remember to watch out for walkers, as well as children riding bikes. When you return from vacation, consider getting involved in a Shelter Bay committee. Attend various committee meetings to find the one you are most enthusiastic about. The stronger our committees, the stronger our community. Have a wonderful July!

## **Dock Notes – July 2022**

It's a busy month for the harbor and it's great to see activity on the docks as folks ready their boats for cruising, crabbing or just "condo-ing" in their slip. Please let Harbormaster Vanessa know if you see anything concerning or needing attention while you're at the Marina. She can generally be found on the docks or in the Harbor Shed (aka "Snack Shack -where a bag of treats awaits your pup). **You can also reach her by phone at 360-333-2952.**

July brings the next phase of preparation for our autumn/winter dredging and dock replacement projects. Harbor Administrator Kendra will begin contacting boat owners from the F – J Docks about moving into newly available A – E Dock slips. As noted before, all boats currently moored on F- J Docks must move out of those slips in order for the dredging work to occur. We will accommodate some of the boats, temporarily, elsewhere in the harbor. Some boats are using those slips just for the summer season and will move out of Shelter Bay entirely. If you have a boat on F – J or anywhere else in the harbor and are planning a haul out or any major work to your vessel, October to December would be an ideal time to schedule that work.

### **The new F – I Docks will consist of longer slip lengths as follows:**

F = 55' slips on the south side and 50' slips on the north side

G = 50' slips on both sides of the dock

H = 50' slips on both sides of the dock

I = 44' slips on both sides of the dock

J = will remain configured the same with 48' slips both sides

**We hope to have the new docks operational in January 2023.**

**Shelter Bay Harbormaster, Vanessa Finch    email) [vfinch@shelterbay.net](mailto:vfinch@shelterbay.net)**

## **Pool Update Letter**

There has been a lot of information circulating within our community on the state of the lower pool and I would like to highlight how we arrived to be in the current situation –

Last summer, Shelter Bay management initiated a pool inspection for liability and safety reasons

The inspection report was presented to the Swinomish Planning Department, along with a request for a Use Permit

Prior to this request, the Swinomish Planning Department had never issued a pool occupancy permit or requested that Shelter Bay obtain one

The Planning Department accommodated that permit request and the results of that inspection stated the condition of the lower pool would require many changes, upgrades, and improvements before a Use Permit would be issued

Existing pool pumps have been rebuilt 3 times and are no longer functional - Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Connelly, has determined that the pumps are not able to be rebuilt a 4th time and new ones are the only option

Shelter Bay Management determined that the funds needed to correct the inspection report issues would be much better spent on efforts to build a new, modern pool that is big enough to meet the community's needs

The Pool Implementation Team (PIT) continues to work towards presenting options to the Board for a new pool

I am as frustrated as anyone that one of Shelter Bay's best summer amenity is not available. A pool is part of summer fun and memories. For many, it has become a tradition here. I fully understand the expectation of every resident to have a pool they can both enjoy and also be proud of. Even if you do not use the pool, it's part of the value of your investment. We are working on all aspects of this situation and will continue to inform you on the situation as it unfolds.

Respectfully, Rick Tanner General Manager



## Manager's Corner - Rick Tanner



“Ch Ch Ch Ch Changes” - *David Bowie*

We are still eyeballs deep in major operational changes, with no break in sight.

Last week we eliminated our phones and are now on a computer-based system. So much for land lines in the office. This change will save us about \$1 million a year! Not really, but does help lower the operating expenses.

We have a new facilities cleaning vendor starting this week that replaces a long-time vendor, but will also reduce our operating costs.

We have had a number of staffing changes that will help refocus our efforts in customer service, accuracy, and reporting. Still to join our team will be a new Administrative Assistant. Interviews are underway and we are excited about the level of interest. Over 50 applicants and counting.

Banking is another big change as we move our accounts from US Bank to Pacific Premier Bank. This change is based on the need for a closer relationship on the banking side and the added bonus of this bank's close relationship with eUnify. PPB also provided our recent marina loan.

The 900 lb. gorilla of change is still eUnify, our property management software package. This new system was selected ages ago and we have been working hard to prepare implementation. The new system will be running alongside the old system for the month of July as we work out all the bugs.

I anticipate many more changes as we navigate the unknown economy ahead. I hear the word “Recession” about a dozen times a day (I watch a lot of news). I want to insure we are doing all we can to position the Association to weather any possible storm.

Finally, the Board has experienced some big changes this election cycle with five new directors coming on to help lead the effort and one only three months in. For those leaving the Board I want to offer a sincere thank you for all your hard work. For those just joining, welcome, we will be going on quite the journey together.

Rick Tanner

General Manager



Photo credit: Jim Barrett

### MARINA FIRE DRILL

Fire District 13 held a Marina Fire Drill in Shelter Bay on June 22nd in an ongoing effort to work collaboratively as neighbors. Invited were District 13, La conner FD, District 11, District 2, Refinery FD, and Swin 1 and Skagit Bay Search and Rescue (see more photos on page 7).

The drill included a simulated fire on A Dock, trapped people at the end of A Dock, one victim in the water, and a boat on fire.

Thank you Captain Chris T. W. Olbu, Skagit FD 13 for coordinating this effort and for all of those who participated. We are a better community for it.



**Board Meeting—June 15, 2022**

1. Accepted the resignation of Board President, Jack Galbraith effective June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
2. Approved to extend the sunset of staff run GLOT Committee until September 1, 2022.
3. Agreed to table signing contract with Skagit River Cooperative for replanting of Rainbow Park until issues are resolved.
4. Moved to update Fees and Fines Schedule based on the Member Ratified 2022-2023 Annual Budget.
5. Accepted the Resignation of Director Colin Walker effective July 1, 2022.
6. Approved to recognize Communiversity as a sub-committee of the Communications Committee.
7. Appointed Brad Howton as an alternate member of the Harbor Committee.
8. Appointed Elaine Dixon open Director seat of Judi Slajer whose term ends June 30, 2023.

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**Regular Meeting June 15, 2022**

1. Accepted the Resignation of Director Steve Swigert effective May 18, 2022.
2. Accepted Resignation of Board President, Jack Galbraith effective June 8, 2022.
3. Accepted the Resignation of Director Coin Walker effective July 1, 2022.

Soc & Rec Happy Hour & BBQ

Saturday, July 9, 2022

5 p.m.—7 p.m.

Shelter Bay BBQ Pavilion

Bring something to grill and a side dish to share. (Using Covid safe precautions)

BYOB (*Bring your own beverage*)



**All Call for Committee Volunteers!**

The Community structure is such that the innerworkings are often handled by our committees and each committee needs a certain number of members to be affective and for some, a certain number to even make decisions. With the high demand for more communication, would you be surprised to know that there are only three active members of the Communications Committee? This committee handles the website, newsletter, Communiversity, and town hall meetings. If you really want to help, please get involved. All of committees can use more volunteers and more ideas. Whether you help with one project or serve the whole year, the old saying “many hands make light work” is still key to the success of the Community. If you don’t want to pay for more staff, please volunteer because the work has to get done either way.

# SHELTER BAY HAPPENINGS

## Harbor Committee Sails through the End of the Year

Harbor Committee Chair Bruce Romero thanked his Committee with a fabulous BBQ for the committee and staff on a beautiful yet brisk June evening. Food & beverage was provided by Bruce & Gail several committee members and their spouses and enjoyed by all.



## PICKLEBALL

Play Pickleball in Shelter Bay! It's fun and easy to learn! All abilities welcome. Contact the group at ([Pickleball@innomm.com](mailto:Pickleball@innomm.com)) for more information.



## New Shelter Bay Library Hours

Our fiction library is open once again with extended hours.

Monday — Friday 8:30am — 4:30pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am — 4:30pm

For those new to our community, the library is located across the street from the clubhouse, one block east, in the Annex Building. Come browse and enjoy!

## Shelter Bay Garden Club Diary

In June, the Garden Club came out in force! The Patio Garden, the White Picket Fence Garden, the Marina Walkway, the Mound Space and the Triangle Garden as well as the Adopt-a-Gardens were groomed to perfection.

Our Garden Club meeting was hosted by Tracy Pegg and included a tour of Larry and Marcia Houghton's home garden as well as Tracy's Garden. Lovely time...

Plans are afoot to upgrade and manage some unkempt areas which surround the Clubhouse.

Interested folks are always welcome to come join the party.

Contact: Karen Mason for more info. [karenmason321@gmail.com](mailto:karenmason321@gmail.com)

## SHELTER BAY BOOK CLUB

Generally, we meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Please watch your email for further information. All Shelter Bay residents are invited to participate. You are welcome to come and go as your availability and interest dictate. Please contact Janice Gates at: [jprrygates@hotmail.com](mailto:jprrygates@hotmail.com) with any questions and/or to be added to our email list.



When: Monday, July 11, 1 pm\*  
Book: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue  
By: V.E. Schwab  
Location: Kay Arrowsmith, 802 Shoshone  
RSVP: (360) 399-1477  
Discussion Leader: Still needed  
\*Date change due to conflict

When: Monday, August 1, 1 p.m.  
Book: Ride of Her Life  
By: Elisabeth Letts  
Location: Elaine Beck, 279 Soleduck Place  
RSVP: [laneybb@hotmail.com](mailto:laneybb@hotmail.com)  
Discussion Leader: Still needed

Communiversy is looking for instructors who would like to be a presenter. We would like to continue providing educational opportunities on Zoom and are looking for instructors. Can you do a cooking or a stained-glass demonstration? Think about what you love to do and share it with us. Contact Carolyn Caporgno at:

[glencaporgno@frontier.com](mailto:glencaporgno@frontier.com) if you have a class idea or if you can share a skill you have with us.

Looking forward to a return of Communiversy classes to the Shelter Bay Clubhouse when that comes available again. We are lining up presentations for the near future. We will continue Zoom presentations as well as in person once allowed, since we still have many presenters and audience members who remain comfortable with that venue. Watch the website and future newsletters for details.

## FIRE DISTRICT 13 May 16—June 15, 2022

### Response Summary

Falls	7
Fire Alarm	0
Welfare Check/ Citizen Assist	0
Medical Calls	16
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>23</b>

### Skagit Bay Search and Rescue (SBSAR) Takes a Plunge

Skagit Bay Search and Rescue, a non-profit organization established in 2002, provides marine related support under the authority of Skagit Sheriff's office from Skagit Bay to Deception Pass, throughout the Swinomish Channel into Fidalgo and Padilla Bays. SBSAR is toned for missions through the Sheriff's office and 911 plus trains regularly like this summer version of the polar plunge. Inquiries about how to become a volunteer member or to support their efforts contact by email [Skagit-BaySAR@gmail.com](mailto:Skagit-BaySAR@gmail.com)



An interesting point would be that three of these folks taking part in this exercise are Shelter Bay residents and there are two other SB residents currently in the group. Four other long-time members, recently retired from the group were also SB residents.

Participants in photos: Gary Ladd, Kelly Kaeding, Garry Cline (SB residents), Dan Zimmerman and Ian Shipley  
Photo

Photo credit: Zayna Cline



## SHELTER BAY MARINA BOAT OF THE MONTH



One of our newest Marina tenants is also one of our prettiest!

“*Memorable Event*” is crewed by Sara & Mike who brought her from a fresh water home to her first summer in the Salish Sea. This sweet Tollycraft is original, inside and out, and can be found on D Dock when not being enjoyed out in the islands.

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