



Shelter Bay Office Hours

The office is open temporarily from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or by appointment. We are currently operating under a shortage of staff. 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 24/7/365.

Thank you for your patience.

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"Contemplative Morning" — Photo by Lois Watson

FILING FOR BOARD MEMBER CANDIDACY



Saturday, May 20, 2023
Annual Membership Meeting/Election
Deadline for Board Members Candidacy Applications

Monday, March 27, 2023

Three positions on the Board of Directors will be elected at the May 20, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting/Election to fill the three expiring terms held by Elaine Dixon, Joseph Hurley, and Louise Kari.

Members wishing to file should complete the Board Candidate Application Form which is available at the Forms Page on the website at www.shelterbay.net or by calling the Office to request one. Anyone wishing to become a Board candidate must be a member in good standing in the Community. Board candidates must file (mail or drop your application to the Shelter Bay Office to the attention of Executive Secretary, Ann Serwold), by no later than:

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5 p.m.

All interested members are encouraged to file.

— Monte Hicks, Board Secretary

Martha's Beach Closing Hours Change

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



Larry Killinger December 2

Robert Rosso December 7

New Shelter Bay Library Hours

Our fiction library is open once again with extended hours.



Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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!

President's Message



Happy New Year! I wish to thank our dedicated staff and volunteers for stepping up and dealing with immense challenges during 2022 and in such a positive way. We are fortunate to have so many working hard to make Shelter Bay a wonderful place in which to live. May we all move into 2023 with a focus on being a positive light for others.

MANAGEMENT – Shelter Bay is very fortunate to have Interim Manager, Pat McGarry, at the helm while the Search Committee seeks a permanent Community General Manager. He has done an amazing job as volunteer Project Manager with the marina project and has jumped into the interim role with enthusiasm which is greatly appreciated. You can find the job description on our website in case you would like to share it with your sphere, or just learn more about what the job entails. Shelter Bay is also searching for a *Senior Accountant* (job description on front page of website) in case you know someone who might be a good fit.

LEASE – Many of you attended the Open Floor meeting at the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community's Social Services Building on December 13 presented by our consultants, Akidn'son. We look forward to more open conversations in 2023 with these types of meetings, as well as the Town Halls that we will continue the Sunday after Board Meetings. Shelter Bay is a wonderful place to live, and I look forward to moving forward together to find a lease solution.

RAINBOW PARK – The replanting project on December 15th had a wonderful turnout with volunteers from both Shelter Bay and the Swinomish Community coming together to restore Rainbow Park. A big thank you to Nancy Shimeall for not only organizing this event, but also getting her hands dirty planting. Brenda Clifton, Senior Restoration Botanist with Skagit River System Coop was instrumental in helping to restore this area to something that everyone will enjoy for years to come. I am grateful to Doug York for providing a blessing and Kevin Paul, Master Carver, and Swinomish Tribal member, for singing and drumming at the afternoon ceremony. Thank you to the many community members who attended this event!

SOCIAL – Thank you very much to the Social & Rec Committee for planning so many wonderful opportunities throughout 2022 to gather, have fun and meet neighbors. My favorite, BINGO & Ice Cream Social, is coming back January 21st!

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD? There are several ways to get your questions answered – send an email to board@shelterbay.net, write a letter and send it to Shelter Bay Community, 1000 Shoshone Dr, La Conner, WA 98257. You can also drop a note at the office or in the payment drop box to the right of the office door.

Wendy Poulton

President, Board of Directors

Dock Notes—January 2023



Did you know that our Marina has received Clean Vessel Act grant funds since 2016? The *Clean Vessel Act of 1992* established funding for the construction, operation and maintenance of sewage disposal systems serving recreational boaters. 75% of construction costs for our “Pump and Dump” sanitation station was offset by funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, available through the Washington State Parks Clean Vessel Program. We submit annual reports on usage and receive reimbursement for 75% of eligible operating costs.

Our floating pump-out station is located north of A Dock and east of the boat launch in the main basin of the Marina. It’s accessible only by boat and is available to any recreational boater, not just Shelter Bay Marina tenants.

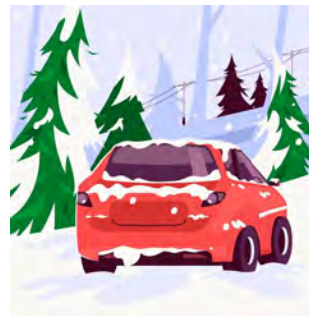
Shelter Bay Harbormaster, Vanessa Finch
email: vfinch@shelterbay.net

Shelter Bay Christmas Caroling



Folks got together at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse to sing Christmas carols. Thank you to our song leader Dan Niven accompanied on the piano by Elizabeth Mahoney -Niven for leading this lively group. Thank you to the Christmas elves of the Social and Recreation Committee for providing delicious refreshments.

Winter Driving Supply List

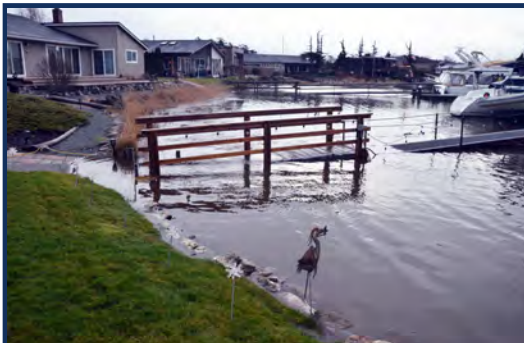


Accidents, flooded roads, pass closures and other winter events can mean unexpected time in your car. Be prepared. Pick up these items on your next shopping trip and then pack them into your vehicle.

Keep a **basic winter survival kit** which should include a **flashlight, extra batteries, blankets, nonperishable food/snacks, water, gloves, hats, scarves, boots,** and a **first aid kit.**

Washington State law **requires** vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or greater, including some large SUVs and RVs must install chains when traction tires are required. All vehicles, except 4WD and AWD, must put on chains when tire chains are required. However, **4WD and AWD need to carry chains in order to proceed across the pass.** Also, carry a cell phone charger/battery booster, ice scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, flares or a warning triangle, kitty litter or sand to help with traction and a whistle to signal for help. If you find yourself stuck or stranded, stay in your car, put on your flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

- Washington State Department of Transportation website



KINGTIDE

Photo by
Jim Barrett

Manager's Report

Thank you, Shelter Bay Community for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Community Manager. Carol and I have lived in Shelter Bay for over 12 years now and we love it here. Shelter Bay Community is short-staffed right now. If you know of individuals looking for positions in accounting, maintenance, or management, please let the office know. Please consider volunteering for a position on one of our great committees. Our staff is doing an admirable job of keeping up. We made it through the snow and cold with only two small water leaks, one pump station failure and the sander stripped a gear. Our plowing crews were on top of the snow the whole time and if you were out away from Shelter Bay, you realized our roads were the best. Good job crew! Our huge marina project is in its final phase. American Construction will complete the dredging between Christmas and New Year's. Our harbor now has a consistent elevation of minus 9. Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of material was removed. We apologize for the noise in the early mornings. It was unavoidable. Marine Floats has arrived with all the components for the new F thru I docks and has begun assembly. J dock, which was replaced by Marine Floats after the fire, was removed for the dredging, put in the North basin and is now back in place. We hope to be moving boats back within the next few weeks. The true nature of a community can sometimes get blurred but the old saying "actions speak louder than words" is so true for this community's accomplishment of a 6-million-dollar marina project. Congratulations to all of those involved. Marina staff is working on a marina dedication and christening early in 2023. Wishing everyone a joyous and Happy New Year.

- Pat McGarry

Rainbow Park: New Beginnings



Photos by Nancy Shimeall

Many hands working together completed the Replanting of Rainbow Park on December 15. Award winning senior botanist for SRSC, Brenda Clifton, prepared the site with native plants, including Douglas Fir, Pacific Madrone, and Shore Pine which is native along Washington's coast and previously successful at the park. Volunteers helped put plants in the ground, then later more people gathered to hear Pastor Doug York's blessing and Mr. Kevin Paul's drum songs. Wood chips will soon provide mulch, and informational signs will line the short path to complete this "new beginning." Over the next few years Clifton will tend the plantings to ensure as many survive as possible, expected to be about 50%. Thanks to all who were able to join this day and remember to watch for a larger celebratory event in the warm spring.



Photos by Jim Barrett

Special Board Meeting—December 5, 2022

- 1) Appointed Pat McGarry as Interim Community Manager
- 2) Appointed Ethics Committee
- 3) Approved to increase the portion of the Dredge & Marina Project from the Capital Reserves from \$2 Million to \$2,113,665 and to continue funding the Dredge and Marina Project from cash reserves pending receipt of the loan from Peoples Bank.

Emergency Board Meeting – December 13, 2022

- 1) Approved to sign the Peoples Bank Commitment Letter for the Marina Project Loan pending verification of the five items as noted in the letter from legal counsel.
- 2) Approved, based on new information, to discontinue moving forward with Paul Taylor as interim real estate legal counsel.

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No Meeting Held

Community Manager Recruiting Taskforce

The Shelter Bay Board of Directors has asked Elaine Dixon to form a taskforce to recruit and select a small set of candidates for the position of Shelter Bay Community General Manager. These candidates will be presented to the Board for final selection. Joining Elaine on this team are community members Dale Freidig, Brad Howton, Julie Peddy, and Lois Watson.

Here is the link to the board approved Community Manager position description: www.shelterbay.net

If you know anyone who fits the qualifications and might be interested, please let them know about the opening and encourage them to apply.



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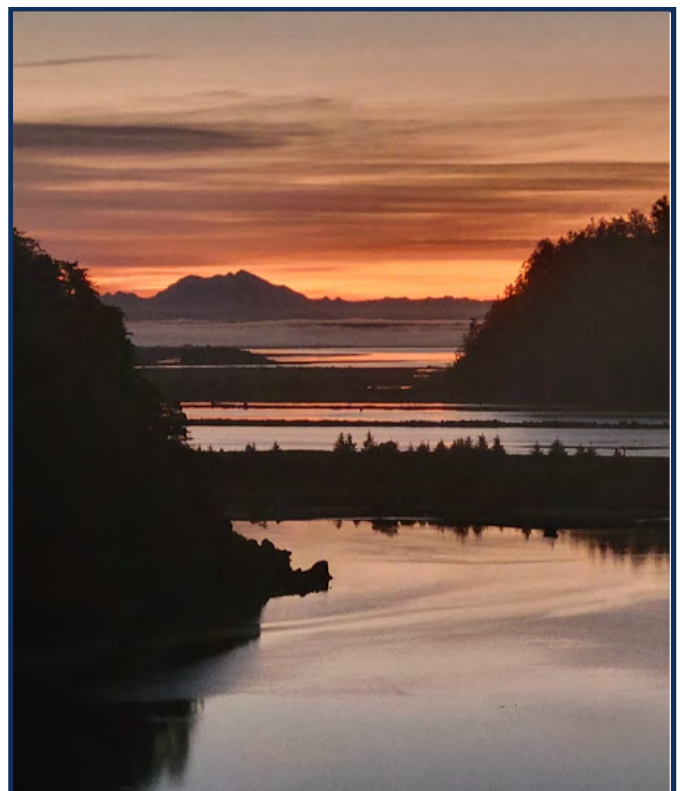


Photo by Lois Watson



Shelter Bay Happenings

Save the Date for BINGO Night



Ready for some Bingo with fellow Shelter Bayers?

Come join SRC's fun bingo night at the clubhouse! PLUS, an Ice cream bar with all the yummy toppings!



January 21, 6:30-8pm.

All ages invited.

Prizes for winners!



Photo by Lois Watson



Napier's Chili Rellenos Cooking Demonstration (with Tom and Vickie Napier)



Jan. 12 at the clubhouse @ 2pm.

Each participant will receive the recipe.

Class limited to 25 people.

Please sign up by calling the office and asking for Jennifer at 564-225-2939

Shelter Bay Book Club

We meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. 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: jprlygates@hotmail.com with any questions and/or to update our email list.



When: Monday, January 2nd, 1pm

Book: By Her Own Design

By: Piper Huguley

Location: Kathy Hageman
818 Shoshone Drive

RSVP: hagemankathy@gmail.com
509-781-0173

Discussion Leader: Kathy Hageman

When: Monday, February 6th, 1pm

Book: The Great Circle

By: Maggie Shipstead

Location: Laurie Carah
538 Olallie

RSVP: carah@gmail.com

Discussion Leader: Who would like to volunteer?

FIRE DISTRICT 13

November 16—December 15, 2022

Response Summary

Citizen Assist/ Welfare Check	5
Falls	7
Fire Investigation	1
<u>Medical</u>	<u>17</u>
Total Responses	30

GOOD MORNING FIRE DISTRICT 13

Have you been sick recently? Just released from the hospital? Partner is going through some trying times? Or are unstable?

You can ask District 13 EMTs to check on you daily for a few days, a couple of weeks or months or full time.

Please leave a message for Captain Gary Ladd at (360) 399-1027 to obtain more information.



Know Your Community: An Educational and Informative Series of Classes

The third class will be offered **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** and is scheduled to last 2 hours.

Let's Talk about Leases and Taxes

- Master and Sub-lease 101
- Swinomish Tribe vs Allottees Land Ownership
- New Lease
- Hierarchy of Authority
- Great Wolf Decision, Tribal Tax Authority
- TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance or Office) Tax Presented by Rod Proctor
- You must be registered to attend. If you have already registered for the series, you are all set; just come to the Clubhouse by 6:30 p.m. on January 10. You can use the same Zoom link sent to you for the last class. If you are not registered, just click on the link below to get started. If you are registering for two people, put both names in the "First Name" box. For those attending via Zoom, look for the Zoom link in your email prior to the class.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/zPyeENTbuFMbQqAf9>

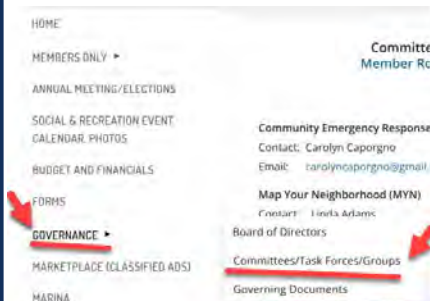
Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW?

Want to attend committee meetings on Zoom or read the agenda? Here is how to find that information on our website, <https://shelterbaycommwa.pilera.com>

First, log into your account. Locate the **Governance** tab. Select **"Committees/Task Forces/Groups"**. Then "click here" in the green box to the right of that page.



Committee Agendas, Minutes, and ZOOM Meeting information.

Shelter Bay Committees will not meet in person until Phase 4 of Washington State's COVID-19 Phasing Plan. Upcoming meeting links can be found at the top of meeting agenda pages. All members are welcome to attend any committee meeting.

[Click Here](#)

Scroll down that **"Resident - Document Library"** page until you locate the Committee you are interested in. Download that Committee's agenda packet. The "Zoom" link is at the top of the agenda's page.

The agenda is usually posted 3 days before the committee meetings so look at the Shelter Bay Calendar for the Committee meeting schedules.

Communications Committee

Communications Committee Guidelines
01-03-2026

[Download](#)

12-08-22 Communications Agenda Packet
12-01-2022

[Download](#)

Hopefully some of you will join one of these committees in the future in person or by zoom.



Would you like to learn more about helping your community in the event of an emergency? Do you want to learn how to protect yourself in the event of an emergency? Shelter Bay Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for new members. Learn Community Preparedness Roles and Responsibilities, Hazards and Their Potential Impact, Home, and Workplace Preparedness, Reducing the Impact of Hazards Through Mitigation, CERT Disaster Response. We provide FREE textbook and training, both online and hands-on. BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. Contact Carolyn Caporgno, Chairperson, CERT Advisory Team at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com.



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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Holiday— Office Closed 3pm Safety Committee Meeting CANCELLED	3 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting (ZOOM) 10am Mahjongg Group—Annex 3pm Rules Committee Meeting CANCELLED	4 9:30am Exercise Group 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	5 9am Facilities Committee Meeting CANCELLED	6 9:30am Exercise Group	7
8	9 Deadline to Sign Up—Napier’s Cooking Demo 9:30am Exercise Group 10am CERT Advisory Committee Meeting — Annex	10 10am Mahjongg Group—Annex 3pm Harbor Committee Meeting (IN PERSON) 6:30pm Know Your Community: Let’s Talk Leases & Taxes	11 9:30am Exercise Group 3pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	12 10am Green Committee Guidelines Work Group 2pm Napier’s Cooking Demonstration	13 9:30am Exercise Group	14
15	16 9:30am Exercise Group 4pm Communiversity Committee Meeting	17 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting (ZOOM) 10am Mahjongg Group — Annex	18 9:30am Exercise Group 4pm Board Meeting—Regular 6pm Board Meeting—Company	19 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting	20 9:30am Exercise Group	21 6:30pm BINGO Night at the Clubhouse
22 7pm Town Hall	23 9:30am Exercise Group	24 10am Mahjongg Group — Annex	25 9:30am Exercise Group	26 10am Green Committee Guidelines Work Group	27 9:30am Exercise Group	28
29	30 9:30am Exercise Group	31 10am Mahjongg Group — Annex				

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Dan McCaughan, & Gary Ladd

Executive Secretary - Ann Serwold

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