



Shelter Bay Office Hours: Monday—Friday, 8am—5pm

Community Town Hall

Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 7 p.m.
at the Shelter Bay Clubhouse. Send questions to
board@shelterbay.net. Watch for website reminders.

Martha's Beach Hours

(Note change of seasonal hours.)
April 1 – September 30
The Beach gate hours are 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Safety Committee Members Needed

The Safety Committee seeks new members for the year 2025/2026 and beyond. The mission of the Safety Committee is to identify public safety and security issues in the Community and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding those issues; working with the Manager and Compliance Officer, support the enforcement of the governing documents of Shelter Bay Community, Inc. as they pertain to safety issues; recommend cost effective solutions to safety and security issues as approved by the Board; and provide Community safety education and prevention awareness. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact the Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley, at 360-466-3805 Ext 8 or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net

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Garden Club News

Rain or shine, the Garden Club keeps things beautiful!
On June 3, the gang weeded the boat launch and A-dock garden, with Jana

finishing up the A-dock garden on June 4. On June 12, Berit, Diane, Janel, Dávid, and Linda weeded the white picket fence garden and trimmed the Annex rhodies. The next day Berit and Linda used weed eaters and trimmed a trailer-load of foliage from the Annex. June 20, Linda, Diane, David, Kasey, and Janel weeded the triangle garden and dock gardens. Throughout the month, Berit watered the blue pots, and Kati checked the hanging baskets on docks A-E.

Remember to Weed! Even with the limited rainfall and warmer weather in June, there is an endless supply of weeds. It is best to get them young before they become too noticeable, and the root systems become too established. Worse yet, try not to let them seed, as the average lifespan of a seed is 7 years, which equates to 7 more years of weeding!

Annual Community Shredding Day

Saturday, July 19
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

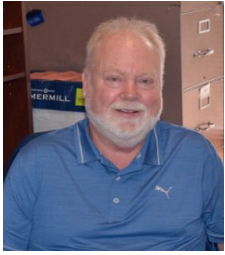
The event will take place in the parking lot next to the Shelter Bay Clubhouse/Office.

Paper only. No plastics, metal binder clips, or 3-ring binders.

**Reminder**

NO FIREWORKS
permitted in Shelter Bay!
Have a Safe & Fun 4th of July!

Community Manager's Message



Pool Update – The pool has been open since the Memorial Day weekend, and all is going well. We currently have 4 part-time pool attendants, and this number currently seems sufficient. Most of the sidewalks around the pool and down to the BBQ pavilion have now been completed and look great. We still need to finish the walkway on the golf course side of the Clubhouse and hope to have that done soon. There is also additional work to be done on the stairs from the Clubhouse, and we are currently discussing what to do with the decking around the Clubhouse.



Playground — We continue to work with the Swinomish Planning Department to finalize the details required to maintain the playground in its current location. We are hoping to install the new equipment that has been sitting next to the tennis courts sometime over the summer. We have an on-site meeting with the Planning Department scheduled for the end of June to advance this project. I look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

Tennis — The tennis courts will get refreshed sometime in July. This will include thorough cleaning, patching of cracks, and repair of any other damaged areas. It also includes painting and redoing all the lines. It should look new once completed.

Marina – The Marina continues to have extremely high occupancy and consistently outperforms Budget month after month.

Harbormaster Derek, along with his assistant Steve, work diligently to address a variety of issues, ensuring the Marina is kept in top-notch condition. Most recently, they were replacing some of the handrails on the docks. They also did an excellent job cleaning up the median area in the Marina parking lot. Derek works closely with Kendra to ensure we fill any available slips as quickly as possible. We are still swapping out keys for the Boat Launch lock. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Maintenance Department – The Maintenance Department remains busy addressing various issues throughout the community. The work on installing the Drive-by water meter tops continues, and we will soon begin the installation of the full Drive-by meters. We recently added two new team members. One of these new staff members is currently cleaning up a variety of areas, including Rainbow Park, and has now moved on to clean all the signage in Shelter Bay. The repainting of all the signposts will follow this.

Roads/Pavement— We will be sweeping the roads sometime soon. We will then repaint all the lines and will strive to do this more frequently as needed. We are also gearing up for various asphalt repairs as we move into the new Fiscal year. We encourage you to report any potholes or other road-related issues to the office so we can ensure they are reviewed and addressed.

Golf Course—The Course is starting to look better, but it still needs additional work. We have addressed irrigation in several areas, but there are still sprinkler heads that require replacement. We will also examine whether additional heads need to be installed to help eliminate brown patches. We are still planning to have the greens plugged and sanded sometime soon.

Coquille Park Building

The remodel of the old pool building at Coquille Park continues to move forward. The majority of the interior work has been completed. The concrete around the exterior of the building was recently poured, and the outside area will be clean once the concrete is completely cured. We will have some topsoil brought in on the back side of the building to fill in low spots, and we are looking to install grass.

Volunteers

On June 24th, we held a Volunteer Appreciation dinner to recognize the time, knowledge, and dedication that the Shelter Bay Volunteers put into committees, projects, and wherever needed. We genuinely appreciate all they do for the Community. If you are interested in volunteering on any of the SBC Committees or other community projects, please contact our Committee Secretary, Renata McCauley at 360-466-3805, Ext. 8, or via email at rmccauley@shelterbay.net.

As always, my sincere thanks to all our hard-working Shelter Bay Staff members. The team continues to work diligently to accomplish a wide variety of daily tasks and various projects, and we look forward to continuing that moving forward.

Bill Palmer

Board President's Message



Greetings Shelter Bay Members;

My remarks this month will pertain to your monthly bill from Shelter Bay. There have been misconceptions posted on social and thru the grapevine about how high the Shelter Bay Hoa dues are. Here is a breakdown of the charges. This is a typical bill for members of Shelter Bay. The utility charges are listed in blue and a total is listed in blue. These charges are for water and sewer. Shelter Bay sewer and water charges are extremely economical. A friend who resides in Sedro Woolley stated their sewer bill ran about \$150.00 per month. Our water is the most economical in this area. The taxes are listed in red and show where the taxes go. Your monthly assessments and the total amount are listed in purple, which is paid by all members of the community. This is the actual amount of the HOA dues that go to Shelter Bay! The last is Lease related assessments on this bill are the supplemental rent and Lease Admin Fee which is collected monthly is listed in green and only collected from leased properties. This varies by lot and your total amount is paid to the Swinomish Tribe every year on June 30th.

When you see statements made about how high our dues are this will clarify the fact it is not \$600.00 dollars plus per month. The true amount for current fiscal year 7-1-25 to 6-30-26 is \$307.04. This is the money that operates Shelter Bay and maintains the infrastructure and amenities. We are a city of 2000 plus and our HOA operates much more economically than most municipalities our size.

Another thing I would like to mention is all the work and time put in by community volunteers. This contribution by members helps keep our HOA operating this economically. We are looking for volunteers for our committees and all our projects. Anybody interested in volunteering please contact the office or a board member.

I hope this explains our HOA bills and clarifies the misconceptions floating around out there about how high Shelter Bay Hoa bills are.

Have a great month of July.

Monte Hicks
President

Water Usage (Based on meter reading every other month)	utility department	\$	21.98	
Water Base Rate	utility department	\$	34.89	TOTAL UTILITIES \$89.56
Sewer Charge	utility department	\$	32.69	
Total				
Water State Tax - Water Usage Utility	Washington State	\$	1.11	TOTAL TAXES \$ 6.82
Water Tribal Tax – Water Usage Utility	Swinomish Tribe	\$	0.66	TAXES GO TO SWINOMISH TRIBE,
				CITY OF La CONNER,
				AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Water State Tax – Base Rate Utility	Washington State	\$	1.75	
Water Tribal Tax – Base Rate Utility	Swinomish Tribe	\$	1.05	
Sewer State Tax	Washington State	\$	1.27	
Sewer Tribal Tax	Swinomish Tribe	\$	0.98	
Total				
Monthly Assessment - Operating		\$	142.25	TOTAL HOA DUES FOR SHELTER BAY
Monthly Capital Assessment		\$	164.79	IS \$ 307.04
Total				
Supplemental Rent	Swinomish	\$	203.63	TOTAL GOES TO SWINOMISH TRIBE FOR LEASE
Lease Admin Fee		\$	40.00	TOTAL STAYS WITH SHELTER BAY FOR LEASE
				RELATED EXPENSES

Dock Notes



Tips For Boating Safely This Summer:

- **Always have life jackets available.** Wearing a life jacket and encouraging others to do the same is the single most important step to staying safe. The life jacket should be U.S. Coast Guard-approved and fit appropriately. We have loaner life jackets available at the Harbormaster Office.
- **Avoid alcohol and drugs.** Washington state's Boating Under the Influence (BUI) law applies to all boats, including kayaks, canoes, row boats, and inflatable fishing rafts. Make memories, not mistakes, with a sober skipper.
- **Bring communication devices.** Boaters should carry two forms of communication that will work when wet, such as a whistle, a waterproof cell phone, or a Marine radio. The Harbormaster monitors channel 16 if you need assistance while within the Shelter Bay radio range; otherwise you should phone the Harbormaster.
- **Check and understand the weather.** Boaters should check the weather frequently before and during their boating excursion, keeping an eye on current conditions and forecasts.
- **Beware of cold-water shock.** The biggest risk is not hypothermia; it is cold-water shock, which occurs in the first stage of immersion. Boaters need to take caution and prepare themselves by always wearing a life jacket.
- **Get educated.** All boaters and paddlers are responsible for knowing the laws and keeping themselves and others safe. Always be aware of your surroundings and consider navigational hazards and tides before heading out.

Shelter Bay Yacht Club Commodore's Cruise: SBYC will be cruising to Port Townsend July 16 & 17, Port Ludlow July 18 & 19, Kingston July 20 & 21, and will conclude in Port Orchard July 22 & 23.

30-Day Notice is required if you are giving up your slip. Please contact Kendra in the office if your moorage needs have changed.

A Contact Card with your emergency contact information needs to be displayed on your boat, where it will be visible from the dock and waterside. Blank cards can be picked up at the office or from the case between the restroom doors. The office can laminate these cards for you.

E-Statements for moorage billings can be received if you want to reduce the amount of mail you receive. Contact Kendra at kemerson@shelterbay.net to quickly set that up for your account.

Dogs must be leashed in Shelter Bay, including areas on the docks and in the marina parking lot. By leashing up, you are protecting your dog from harm, ensuring the safety and comfort of other people and animals, and being a responsible and courteous member of your community.

We wish you a memorable and enjoyable summer of boating!
Your Marina Team: Kendra Emerson, Derek Woods, and Steve Shipley



shelter bay community, inc.™ **Board of Directors - Action Items** **Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2025**

- 1) Approved a donation to the La Conner Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$250 for flowers.
- 2) Approved the recommendations of the Shoreline Bank Stabilization Task Force to have the Facilities Committee as the authority for requests for bank stabilization work and dredging, with consultation from the Harbor Committee as necessary; to incorporate the process within their guidelines; to continue the historical practice of holding the Lot owners financially responsible for the repair of individual lot's shoreline armoring and dredging near private docks with exceptions; and to sunset the Task Force.
- 3) Adopted Resolution 25-11 – Amending Green Committee Guidelines to provide for staff as the authority, and updating forms and references to other governing documents.
- 4) Adopted Resolution 25-12 – Amending Lot Committee Guidelines to Lot Compliance Guidelines with the authority to be the Manager and Compliance Officer, and removing all tree, shrubbery, and plantings, as those are now under the Green Committee Guidelines.
- 5) Approved two new members of the Social & Rec Committee.

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Company Board Meeting June 18, 2025
Meeting Canceled



Fire District 13

May 16—June 15, 2025

Shelter Bay Response Summary

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	15
Service Calls	7
Assists	1
Total Responses	23

Burn Ban

Due to the current and forecasted weather conditions in Skagit County, a burn ban went into effect on Sunday, June 15, and will remain in effect until further notice.

Per Article IV of our Covenants, Section 27 – Outdoor burning of any kind is prohibited within the survey of Shelter Bay. Barbecuing on a member's property or a community barbecue is not considered outdoor burning.

Shelter Bay Rules & Regulations Part 1 General states:

2.2 All outdoor burning, including the use of weed-burning equipment, is prohibited. The supervised use for recreational purposes of propane or charcoal appliances such as barbecues, patio heaters, and fire pits is permitted. Supervised and controlled fires are permitted only at community-approved and installed fire rings located at park or beach areas, **except during those times when a burn ban is in effect.**

5.9 Only fires in the firepit at Martha's Beach and the permanent BBQ facility at Rainbow Park are allowed. (No open fires are allowed during burn bans. Use of charcoal briquettes and/or propane in barbecues is allowed during a burn ban.) Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving.

A Word from Your Fire District 13 and Shelter Bay Safety Committee

Hyperthermia (body temperature of 101 degrees F or higher). Normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, and the body's heat-regulating mechanisms usually maintain this temperature through sweating and dilation of skin blood vessels, even during extreme temperature changes.

Illnesses from heat exposure usually manifest as **heat cramps**, **heat exhaustion**, or **heatstroke**. People at most significant risk for these illnesses are children, the elderly, and individuals with heart disease, COPD, diabetes, dehydration, obesity, and/or limited mobility. **The best prevention measures include drinking plenty of fluids (at least 3 liters per day), urinating frequently, checking that your urine is not dark (a sign of dehydration), and staying in a cool environment.**

Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, and are due to the loss of essential electrolytes in cells. If this occurs, **move to a cooler environment out of the sun, rest the affected area (e.g., sitting or lying down), replenish fluids with water or diluted Gatorade (or a similar solution), and use cool water or a misting spray.**

Heat Exhaustion is usually caused by excessive heat exposure, stress, and fatigue resulting from the loss of water and electrolytes through heavy sweating in poorly ventilated or heavily clothed environments. Signs include dizziness, weakness, faintness, cold or clammy skin with ashen pallor, a dry tongue, and thirst. If this occurs, **call 911, then remove excess layers of clothing, particularly around the head and neck; move the person to a cool, preferably air-conditioned environment; splash the person with cool water or misting spray; encourage the person to lie down and elevate their legs; and, if they are fully alert, encourage them to drink water.**

Heat Stroke is the least common but most dangerous type. The body temperature rises rapidly to 106°F or more, and the person's level of consciousness falls. The person may become unresponsive, and seizures may occur with a weakening pulse. If this occurs, **call 911, move the person to a cool, preferably air-conditioned environment, and remove clothing. Cover the person with wet towels or sheets or spray the person with cool water and fan them.**

Coquille Park Update/DAC Painting

Thank you, Shelter Bay volunteers!

The new clubhouse is nearing completion thanks to multiple days of dedication by **Rick Parnell, Monte Hicks, Tom Ulrich**, and several pickleball players under the leadership of **Alan Dietz**. We are getting close to having an alternative location for parties, reunions, social events, and club meetings. Stop by if you haven't yet done so, check out the progress, and thank the volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers... Can you lend a hand from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 22nd or 23rd? The Safety Committee needs help to paint our Disaster Assistance Center at the storage lot. It's only a few hours. Lunch, refreshments, and all materials will be provided. If you haven't volunteered for anything lately, you've been missing out on the fun and camaraderie. Please consider volunteering by registering your name [here](#) or by contacting Bernard Robinson at bnbrobinson@yahoo.com. or 360-728-9287.

Interested in pickleball? Discover the joy of fun and friendship! Meet **Monday, July 7, 9:30 a.m. Coquille Park**. Be there or be square.

Shelter Bay Happenings

Communiversity – Bulletproof Aging

When: Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Where: Clubhouse and Zoom

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Course Instructor: Connie Colleen

Connie has said, “*Aging in place?* Bah! You mean falling in the bathroom, eating toast for dinner, and pretending you don’t need help? Not on my watch!”

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This is a free class open to Swinomish Tribal members and residents of Shelter Bay. Registration is required. You can register online at the Community Website under Resources/Communiversity, or you can click here for a description and a registration link: <https://shelterbay.net/test-bulletproof-aging/>.

If you are attending via Zoom, you will receive your Zoom link prior to the event.

Save the Dates



Shelter Bay Pickleball Tournament
(Shelter Bay residents only)
Spectators and all ages welcome.

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Details to follow soon. Check shelterbay.net. Sign up in the Shelter Bay office, via WhatsApp, or email echertc@outlook.com.

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social and Recreation Committee.

Music on the Green By BroHamm
Saturday, August 16 4 - 6 p.m.

Great live music and dancing! Come enjoy a fun community evening! Bring your delicious items to BBQ, a dish to share, and your favorite beverages!

Charcoal for BBQ, plates, and utensils provided.

Sponsored by Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

SHOW UP & SHOW OFF!!!

Shelter Bay HAPPY HOUR CAR SHOW

Join your neighbors for a fun evening of seeing our community members' fun and interesting cars! Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverages!

Sunday, September 14th from 4 to 6
at our Community Clubhouse.

Shelter Bay Women's Monthly Breakfast



It's a wonderful time meeting and connecting with fellow neighbors. Please feel free to bring a dish to share, if you'd like (but not required). Coffee, tea, cocoa, paper supplies, and utensils provided.

When: Second Tuesday of each month (**July 8**)

Time: 9-10:30 am.

Where: Shelter Bay Clubhouse

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

Shelter Bay Men's Fireside Gathering



At Rainbow Park (end of Chinook Place)

Enjoy an evening of meeting other men in your community!

Thursday, July 10th at 4 pm

Light snacks provided. BYOB and a lawn chair.

Sponsored by the Shelter Bay Social & Recreation Committee

ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH **LA CONNER**



Come **shop and stroll** in La Conner on
Saturday, July 12th
and acquaint yourself with all that the town has to
offer. A variety of independently owned shops,
restaurants, museums and art/photography studios are
waiting for you.
Make sure and stop by the Visitor's Center to get your frequent shopper
punch card that, upon completion, will make you eligible to win a prize.

Shelter Bay Family Picnic & Pool Party



Come join in the summer fun with an afternoon at the
community BBQ pavilion and lawns!
A labyrinth will be available to enjoy!
Enjoy lawn games and a bouncy house for all the kids!
Hot dogs, condiments, plates, and utensils will be
provided.
Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share.
Bring your favorite beverages!
Saturday, July 26th from noon until 3.

The Color Wheel Labyrinth



Shelter Bay resident Dan Niven has been creating labyrinths in all sorts of materials and settings for over twenty years and is delighted to provide a twelve-foot, three-circuit design as a fun activity at the Shelter Bay Family Picnic on July 26. A maze has dead ends along the way, but this traditional labyrinth is unicursal—a fancy word meaning a single path leads to the center, then back out—and may be easily navigated by young and old alike. See more of Dan's work at www.moderndaedalus.com. Enjoy!

Area Happenings

La Conner Free Concert Series, Gilkey Square, Sundays through Labor Day weekend, 1-4 p.m.

Whidbey Island Garden Tour, **Saturday, July 12, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, tickets at www.wigt.org.

The **Coupeville Wharf Anniversary Party**, in 2025, marks the 120th anniversary of this historic wharf on **Whidbey Island**. There will be historical exhibits, kids' activities, marine displays, live music, a beer garden, and local food vendors.
Saturday, July 19, 12:00 P.m. – 6:00 p.m.

<https://portoc.org/event/coupeville-wharf-120th-anniversary-party/>

Skagit Valley Studio Tour, **July 19 and 20, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**, Self-guided tour of artist studios in La Conner and Mount Vernon, Washington. www.skagitvalleystudiotour.com.

Whidbey Island Fair (the 100th), **July 24-27**, 819 Camano Avenue, Langley, www.whidbeyislandfair.com.

Northern State Public History Day, **Saturday, July 26, 9:30-4 p.m.**, <https://www.northernstatehospital.org/events>.

Interested in hiking? Visit Skagit Valley gives suggestions for several hiking trails in Skagit County.

<https://www.visitskagitvalley.com/blog/discover/off-road-adventures/spring-into-skagit-hiking-trails/>

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360.466.3300 Art, Marcie & Tony

An aerial photograph of a marina filled with numerous sailboats and motorboats docked at piers. The marina is surrounded by lush green trees and some residential buildings. In the bottom left corner, there is a portrait of a man, Tim Good. In the bottom right corner, there is a portrait of a woman, Mo Good.

Shelter Bay Real Estate News

[HTTPS://www.shelterbaylaconner.com](https://www.shelterbaylaconner.com)

Tim Good (360) 708-3828

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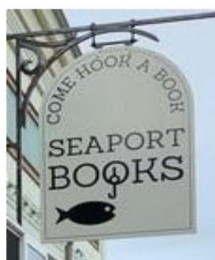
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July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting 1pm Special Board Meeting 2pm Rules Committee Meeting	2 3pm Finance Committee	3 9am Facilities and Amenities Committee Meeting	4 Office Closed- HOLIDAY	5
6	7 3pm Canceled— Safety Committee Meeting	8 9am SRC SB Women's Breakfast 3pm Canceled— Harbor Committee Meeting 6:30pm Communiversality— Bulletproof Aging	9 2pm Social & Recreation Committee Meeting	10 1:30pm Communications Committee Meeting 4pm SRC Men's Fireside Gathering	11	12
13	14 10am CERT Annex	15 9am Architectural Compliance Committee Meeting	16 4pm Shelter Bay Board of Directors Meetings	17	18	19 9am Shredding Day
20 7pm Town Hall	21 4pm Canceled— Communiversality Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 12pm SRC Family Picnic & Pool Party
27	28	29	30	31		

Clubs, Groups (classes), and agendas are posted at the Website. Shelter Bay residents are encouraged to attend.
 Please visit the Calendar page at shelterbay.net for updates.



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