

Shilshole Liveboard Assoc. Annual Meeting Notes

On Tues. April 30th, the Shilshole Liveboard Association (SLA) held their Annual Meeting at the CYC clubhouse. It was open to all authorized liveboards at Shilshole and was posted on the gates and the Shilshole Blog for the past month. It ran from 7pm to 8:30pm and there were 34 attendees.

- President Ned Kohlhauff introduced the Board and a brief description of their duties to the members.
- John Walsh then reviewed the SLA accomplishments for the past year (see attached).
- Kristen Sierra discussed our working relationship with the Port/Marina in such matters as conflict resolution and partnering for events like EarthDay and Marina Days.
- Sheryl Wytychak discussed the SLA's ongoing efforts and partnership with the Sunset West Condos to bring bus service back to Shilshole. A survey has been done, the needs identified and future meetings will be held, will be open to the tenants and will be posted on the gates and the Blog.
- Don Aupperle then discussed the SLA's active involvement with the [Ballard District Council](#), where we hold a seat on that Council. The BDC is active in the Ballard Community promoting business, safety, and community participation within our Ballard neighborhood.
- Kristen then spoke about the Shilshole Kids program (through Facebook) that organizes activities for the kids of the marina and gives them an opportunity to interact. There are approximately 70 kids signed up and they participated in EarthDay and an Easter Egg Hunt on the Plaza.
- Ned and Richard Meeks discussed their bi-monthly [New Boaters Forum](#) to help new and old boaters share their questions and knowledge (dates and details are posted on the Blog and the gates).
- Jess Pavlin discussed our partnership with the Port on EarthDay and our focus on clean-green, environmentally sound boating. Topics include pollution prevention, sea life protection, the Ridwell recycling program in the marina, the Ballard Tool Library for tool checkout, the SeaBin project with the Port to capture plastic and refuse in the marina waters, and zero-waste boating. Please see our [Environmental page](#) for more details.
- Sheri Medley runs the Monday V-Man on VHF Chan 71 at 8pm and the Kids-V-man an hour earlier on the same channel. She discussed the history of the program that is designed to familiarize boaters (and kids) to the use of the radio and to utilize it in times of emergency.
- Ned and Kristen discussed the purpose of the [Dock Captain program](#) with the Port. Every dock has a designated representative that is a liaison between the Port and the tenants on that dock to share security, dock issues, construction and marina updates.
- Kristen reviewed the city-wide emergency preparedness system that [Shilshole Prepares](#) is an active part of. She also discussed the recently installed Marina-wide Emergency Alert System that the SLA and Port have been working together on for several years. This is a means of broadcasting to the docks in times of emergency.
- Nominations for new board members were held. Richard stated that there were 6 open positions on the board out of the 15 total. Five liveboards offered to join and, with no objections aired, were accepted. The new members are Sonny Stolsig, Sheri Medley, Jim Harris, Dave Brocurd, and Ellen Ross-Hodge.
- A drawing was then held for a couple of boating items graciously donated by local businesses.

Questions and comments were addressed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Thanks to all who attended.

SLA 2018-2019 Accomplishments

1. SLA Board Member *Sheryl Wytychak* has been actively pursuing **Transit Service** to West Ballard (Golden Gardens, Sunset West Condos).
2. An **Emergency Alert System** has been installed through-out the marina by the POS. This project was originally proposed and spearheaded by the founding membership of Shilshole Prepares. This took years of effort on the part of SLA. (*Jim Doub, Al Hughes and Kristen Sierra* all worked to get this to happen)
3. The **Second Annual Earth Celebration** will take place of April 20th. Last year *Jess Pavlin* organized the event. At the event she and others introduced us to the Seabin project. Two weeks ago Tracy McKendry, the Senior Manager, Recreational Boating for POS announced the POS has purchased two Seabin for the Shilshole Bay Marina as a result of efforts of the SLA/Earth Day Committee.
4. **Kid's V-MAN** was created by the SLA just a few months ago. *Sheri Medley* and Dave Krause put together a program to educate and encourage the children at Shilshole to learn how to use the marine VHF radio properly. This program has been a wonderful/delightful success. Sheri is truly magical, a real Mr. Rogers spirit of kindness and fun, the kids are getting the hang of the use of the radio and they are learning the protocols of using the radio. Tune in at 7 pm Monday nights VHF channel 71
5. The **"Boater Forum"** a bi-monthly gathering that endeavors to answer boating maintenance questions boater-to-boater has been gaining popularity and is increasing in attendance. The 'old salts that started this program are *Richard Meeks, Ned Kohlhauff, Dave White and Kristen Sierra*. The first gathering was so successful that it overflowed the marina meeting room and ran almost an hour long! CYC is now the providing space to hold the meetings.
6. *Shauna Walgren* (recently she stepped down from the SLA Board) had been actively engaged in improving our communication with the POS as the Chair of the **Collective Representations' Committee**. Our thanks to her for time and effort. This committee has been involved in issues such as: Conflict Resolution, Community Recycling Activism with Ridwell, electric car charging and several other projects. We will be meeting with Tracy our marina manager monthly. Special project: Earth Day Celebration is a joint POS/SLA event this year. Other members of this Committee are: *Al Hughes, Jess Pavlin, Richard Meeks and Phil Sommer*.
7. SLA has been active this year in local **Ballard District Council** meetings. Three of our SLA board members have been alternating attendance at these meetings which are held monthly. The Liveboard community is taking an active part in shaping this our larger community of Ballard by our participation in the BDC. *Don Aupperle, John Walsh and Sheri Medley* have given much time and energy to this endeavor, connecting SLA to the larger community of Ballard/Seattle.
8. **Shilshole Kid's Facebook** page (invitation only) is a social media platform for the families here at Shilshole Marina. At last count there were 70 families here at Shilshole (this number is changing daily). Parties, play dates, events and stories/pictures and adventures have made this portion of our SLA community even more active. Thank you *Brianne Wojtesta* for creating this page.
9. **Shilshole Dock Captain's Program** continues to fulfill an essential role in our good relations with one another and the Marina.
10. **V-MAN** Monday nights at 8 pm VHF 71, Every Monday Night thanks to the efforts of (*Dave Krause*, recently retired to live in Oregon), *Sheri Medley*, (our new Net Control) and *Tom McIntyre* (One of Our Alternate Net Control Hosts).
11. **Shilshole Prepares Hub** continues working with the City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management/SNAP program/ACS to provide training and communications/response to catastrophic events. This hubs founding and currents members have supported and guided us to a present position of readiness here at Shilshole. *Hub Captain Kristen Sierra, Hub Manager Ned Kohlhauff*