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We've seen the worst that winter has to offer but now can see some early signs of spring. It won't be long before we all can enjoy hanging around our boats without being pelted by rain, blown by wind or merely being cold all the time. Can

you believe that Opening Day is only a few months away?

My job as Commodore is made infinitely easier by our club's strong committee structure. It is somewhat overwhelming when I think about all that is accomplished by our committee chairmen and the members that serve on those committees. As usual, I'd like to thank some of those who have been caring enough to work their tails off for the greater good of our club. First of all, Roger Courson and Kathy Fish have done a wonderful job on the 2009 Annual, with Roger selling the advertising and Kathy going page by page to update the information that changes from year to year. Roger also sells the advertising for *The Bilge Pump* and what is surprising is that he has been able to increase advertising revenues in these difficult economic times. Those revenues are significant to our budget and we appreciate all that Roger does for the

club.

P/C Dick and Donna Graddon and Larry and Lynette Richards hosted the New Year's Eve Celebration and if you weren't able to attend, you really missed a great event. Even when the band played the last song at 1:00 AM, members and guests were still rockin' out on the dance floor. The Graddons, who are veterans at chairing club events, helped the Richards, for which this was their first event. The four of you did a fantastic job.

Chairing the Sweetheart Dinner on February 6th are Brian and Carolyn Barton. This event has special meaning for Susie and me because it was the first event that we chaired. For \$20 per person, you get a dinner catered by Willie with dancing to follow. Right after the Fleet Captain's Mystery Cruise to the Winslow Outstation on Presidents' Day weekend, some of the club's wood boat owners are hosting a

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HIGHLIGHTS

February 2009

- Feb. 6 Sweetheart Dinner
- Feb. 14-16 Fleet Captain's Weekend
- Mar. 7 Breakfast w/the Bridge II

Friday Night Social on February 20th. We hope to see you at some of these events.

The following day, on Saturday, February 21st, the Membership Committee is hosting an open house for prospective members, which is a follow-up to the recruiting efforts that will have taken place at the boat show. If you know of any fellow boaters who might be interested in joining QCYC, bring them down to the club that day. Chris Benson, our Membership Chairman, should be acknowledged for his diligent efforts in organizing the club's presence at the Boat Show. Besides purchasing the display cabinet and arranging for the art work, he recruited members to fill all 55 slots needed to fully man the booth during the entire Boat Show run. Great job Chris!

Mark your calendars for March 7th, as this will be date for "Breakfast with the Bridge, Part II." Starting at 9:30 AM, and lasting for an hour and a half, the Bridge will give an update and listen to members and spouses as they ask questions and express opinions about club affairs. This will be a casual, open forum meeting that is more conducive to exchanging ideas that aren't easily expressed at the general meetings. This feedback loop helps the Bridge understand what our members are thinking. We'll also be able to enjoy a complimentary breakfast catered by Willie. We hope you'll plan to attend.

Hard as it is to believe, Opening Day is fast approaching and our Opening Day Chairman, Bob Stettner, is busy organizing the multi-day event. From start to finish, the event has over 100 volunteer positions to be filled and your help is needed. Please contact

either Bob or me about helping.

Dale Roberts
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Let's hope the "Seattle Snow-Fest" is history. While the "Snow-Fest" was in town it made life on the docks interesting. Art Mauldin lost lots of sleep keeping his eye on one of the roofs on Dock 1, which showed some signs of distress due to the weight of the snow and the subsequent rain. As a precautionary measure, Art and I contacted each of the individuals concerned and gave them the option of moving to the "U" or the reciprocal dock. Fortunately, everything turned out fine and, if we don't get any more heavy snow, the remaining suspect roofs will be replaced this summer and we won't have this matter hanging over our heads in the future. The unseasonably cold weather, not to mention a few leaks, also necessitated turning off the fresh water on Dock 1. In places where the water had either leaked or burst from the pipes, ice formed, creating a slippery and hazardous situation. We are currently in the process of replacing the water line on Dock 1 in order to prevent this from happening in the future. The cold weather also caused the sump pump in Cummings Hall to break, creating quite a mess. Again, Art stepped forward to correct the problem and replaced the pump. So, the next time you see Art, give him a big "Thank You" - he deserves it.

The weather also created a delay in the start of the Waterfront Construction project on the pile caps. Waterfront's schedule had to

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be pushed back, so our project will be starting later than we anticipated. However, we still plan on completing the scheduled work for this year.

On January 10th we had a successful docks work party. Projects ranged from re-inspecting some of the pile caps to determine any damage done from the snow, to cleaning out unnecessary material behind Cummings Hall, to checking fire hoses and other miscellaneous repairs. Thanks to all of you who participated. In case you missed out on this work party, the Docks Committee is planning to have similar work parties once a month. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the Club and to work off some of those pounds gained over the holidays.

As you can see from the above, our docks require an enormous amount of on-going maintenance. Added to the "routine" things we have several major projects in the offing. For example, we have the Fire Code Compliance project which includes the fire vents, draft curtains and stand pipes. We have the docks electrical upgrade. We have environmental compliance issues. The Fire Code Compliance and the electrical project alone are huge undertakings costing many thousands of dollars. The amount of coordination required to complete these tasks requires an enormous commitment, not to mention a major responsibility. For many of the items, we don't have much time to complete them before we face penalties from the Fire Department. In order to make the position of Docks Chair more manageable, I've worked with the Docks Committee to develop an organization chart and establish guidelines which outlines the tasks of each of the six major areas of responsibility. These have been

shared with the Bridge and the Board of Trustees and supported by them. The organization chart and the guidelines are contained elsewhere in *The Bilge Pump* for your perusal. We now have a framework in which to attack the tasks at hand – that's the easy part. What we need now is for people to step up and volunteer to take on one of Vice Chair or Sub-committee Chair positions. By breaking the tasks down into smaller components, we've made them more manageable. Please take a moment to review what each position entails and if you have an interest please let Art Mauldin or me know as soon as possible. We have a long, proud history of volunteerism at QCYC -- let's keep our tradition alive!

House Chair Jim Damery has been busy keeping the House in excellent repair. We've installed commercial-grade freezers in the kitchen to replace the old, malfunctioning residential freezers. The old freezers would self-defrost, leading to loss of food and a general mess. Jim has also been researching replacement grills for the patio since our current ones are rusted out. Prior to Opening Day, the burgee on the outside of the building will be repainted. Please thank Jimmy for all that he does for our Club.

Plans are also moving forward at the Outstation. The permits are, hopefully, in the final stages and we should have a new transverse dock and electrical upgrades by spring. The reason for the delay is that the city reversed itself and is now requiring a permit. In conjunction with the AAC, we are finalizing the lighting upgrades to the Clubhouse and P/C Dick Timmerman is busily constructing new bookshelves and cabinetry to improve the appearance and functionality of the interior to complement the fireplace

and flat screen TV being contributed by the Tarettes.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate my request for volunteers for committee chairs during my Commodore year. As you've no doubt figured out by now, I need all the help I can get!

There are lots of opportunities (big and small) and they all contribute to make QCYC the special Club it is.

Fair Winds,

Ed Jennerich
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Christmas is over and the New Year has sprung. We had a fun Lighted Boat Parade with snow blowing and adult beverages for everyone, then our real snowstorm creating chaos in Seattle. Thanks to the dock crew for keeping an eye on everything, I checked our boat a couple of times and tried to get some snow off before the next round but it was coming down faster than I could get it off. I saw a few tops and biminis that needed to be cleared. The covered boat slip roofs held with some concern that with the snow on them and if it were to rain then we may have had a problem (make sure your insurance is up to date).

On Jan 10th Steve Weiss, John Strong and I helped Art and his dock crew do some cleanup behind Cummings Hall. There were many years' accumulation of wood, steel, plastic and concrete of all types and we filled the big dumpster. There is more to be disposed of so if you have a favorite item stored behind any of the buildings you need to contact Art about it ASAP. The Boat Show will have passed by the time you get this, so if you have a prospective

member it will be time to have them come to the open house (see Chris Benson's article).

Grounds – February 7th 2009 (already) we have our next grounds cleanup from 9:00 to 12:00 am. Bring your rubber boots, pants, gloves, rain hat and weed bucket. Schedule April 25th for the next Pride of Queen City cleanup and planting, we have a great turnout for this and new plantings and spring weather make this a popular event. Linda Roehl will be looking for commitments (email her at lroehl58@hotmail.com) so she can divide up the work. Our club looks terrific after all this work and by then we're just a week away from Opening Day.

Security – P/C Grimm has been our security chief this fall and has been working with Rod Hilden for a change of watch. This occurred when

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Rod received the keys to the keys on Friday Jan. 9th. Rod has lots of new ideas, so make sure and talk to him about any concerns.

Membership – We have openings for 25 new members and the boat show will be done by now and we will have an open house on Feb 21 for prospective members. Remember there is the yearend raffle for \$1,000.00 for those who bring in new members. Remember our Vice Commodore's famous saying, "the number one reason people don't join an organization is that they aren't asked;" so ask the prospects to join. Our outstation at Ganges is still in negotiation. The average cost per night is pretty high (it would help if all the boats who stay there would sign in, more nights logged means less cost per night, making the cost more palatable) and we need to have Winslow, Deer Harbor and Ganges to attract new members, give current members places to go and meet prospective new members. We are a first class organization. Be proud to fly your burgee and have fun boating.

George Austin
Rear Commodore

OUTSTATION REPORT

Eric and I always wondered why there was a brand-new snow blower in the tool shed, and why it was purchased at all. Well, those questions were sure answered a few weeks ago! Eric mixed gas and oil, and the (never-been-used-in-8+ years) device fired right up. He said it was great fun, throwing fresh snow around. Steve Jones took a turn a couple of days later - I was afraid they were going to fight over the new toy.

We had about 4-6 inches of snow on the docks and on shore. The weight of the snow certainly was a concern on

the docks and keeping a path clear was important, too. This is certainly going to be a winter to remember!

One of the things that always surprises us is how often light bulbs need to be replaced. Eric just finished replacing burned-out bulbs on the docks and we both climbed the big ladder inside the clubhouse to replace some bulbs in the ceiling lights. Wow, is that ceiling high! I ran out of bulbs and had one more to replace. One Friday as I was up on the ladder trying to reach that last fixture, the Bainbridge Island Police Chief, Matt Haney, came in. How many people does it take to replace a light bulb? Only one, if it's the Police Chief.

You might be wondering why the Chief of Police was visiting the Outstation (no, he wasn't looking for Jess). Chief Haney and a detective were just dropping by to see what needed to be done before the party. Bainbridge Island Police had their annual Christmas party in December and again, it was a complete success. Anyway, as we were talking, the ice machine started to make ice and I saw the detective jump and almost reach for her gun. I laughed and said "Don't shoot, it's just the ice machine!" (That ice machine has been working great and I'm protective of it.) We all had a good laugh.

New Year's Eve was quiet here on the Island. A few boats came over but the weather kept most at home. Again, this winter weather is getting to be a real pain!

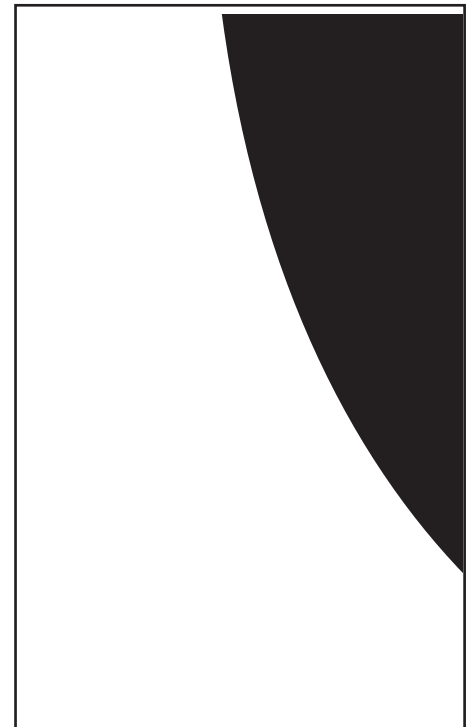
As I'm writing this, the Past Commodores from the Grand Fourteen are starting to arrive. It looks like there's going to be a good turnout. Now if the wind will stop blowing and the rain stop pouring, everyone should have a good time!

Barb Wood

BOARD REPORT

At the December Board meeting there were rules and policies assigned to review and clarify, as required. Specifically, these were QCYC's e-mail Privacy Policy and late fee penalty. After receiving input to reflect the procedures that have been followed for the past few years from Kyle Bixby (QCYC Website Chairman) and Commodore Dale Roberts, the policy was updated and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Board also approved a rule



documenting the late fee of \$50 that has been applied to moorage and the application of the late fee for locker rentals, dues and other expenses. It was also brought to the Board's attention that the guidelines for posting delinquent accounts were not defined. Therefore, it has not been done consistently over the past few years. The Board of Trustees appreciates that times may be difficult with the current economy. Unfortunately, it is also true that the club has expenses that we have to meet. Our Treasurer, the office and Board have spent countless hours monitoring and following up with members concerning their outstanding payments to the club. Therefore the Board of Trustees also approved reinstating the practice of posting delinquent accounts, including names and amounts outside the office. This practice will begin with the January 1, 2009, billing on accounts that are 45 days or more past due. This could result in the first posting in the latter part of February. Your prompt payment is really appreciated. The specific details of the meeting minutes, policy and rule updates can be found on the Board Reports section of the website.

The Board has also been working with the Planning and Finance Committee to review the budget, primarily concentrating on capital improvement requirements over the next five years, together with a plan for funding these items.

I also want to acknowledge the ongoing work of Gary Stone and the entire 520 committee. They have been doing a great job and have spent countless hours working to keep the Board and Bridge informed, while looking out for the best interests of QCYC as a member of the community during the 520 project implementation.

Thank you,

Mark Weiss
Board Chairman

DOCKS COMMITTEE

We held a first of the year work party on January 10 with 11 persons attending. Our collective thanks have to go to: John Strong, Allan Bender, Steve Weiss, Ray Huggins, P/C Larrie Chmela, Gary Johnson, Jim McFadden, R/C George Austin, Commodore Roberts, Docks Chair Arthur Mauldin, and Vice Chair Dave Svendsen. That's eleven Free Lunch Opportunists! Let's eat up even more free lunches when Dave hosts the next work party on Saturday, February 14. A big thanks goes to Willie for taking such good

care of us. Our work parties on the second Saturday of every month can begin with breakfast by Willie at 8:30 am when we'll hold a small meeting to set the day's goals. Work parties should end by about 3:00pm with a lunch break in the middle. The committee needs persons to head up the many tasks that can be done simultaneously, if there is a person who knows what needs doing for each task. Almost all of those tasks require several persons to perform them, so please don't feel you are required to manage them.

The club used to benefit from a weekday component to the work party concept. With time, lets bring back the Tuesday morning docks work idea. Contact us if you are

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GATE SECURITY: In order to improve club security, the driveway gate will continue to open weekdays at 6 AM, but will now close at 7 PM. The gate will remain closed on weekends.

interested. The Vice Commodore has addressed a considerable amount of the committee's business in this issue. We ask that you read it and ponder the possibilities. It's these efforts that will keep your spending less than it otherwise might be. We own some very substantial holdings on prime property and it's our main station docks that make our yacht club sustainable. They are our major holding, our appeal, and our future. They deserve nothing less than our greatest devotion and care, but we must also understand that they are very demanding and require a lot from us as they have now done so many years service. Times do change and with those changes, updates also come due.

The Docks Chairman and committee members would like to answer your further questions and share real understanding of where we go. Please do feel free with the questions and given time, we'll participate more in the web site where more people can gain that understanding.

Arthur Mauldin
Docks Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By the time this is printed the boat show will be over. I want to thank all the members that volunteered their time and hope that all enjoyed the event. We had approximately 55 people help with the boat show.

Our next event is the Queen City Open House on Saturday, February 21st at the QCYC Main Station from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We encourage you to invite and host a perspective new member. We will provide a tour of our facility and docks. We also will have refreshments and

food for our guests.

Keep in mind we have memberships open to join the Club. We currently have a membership total of 372. This is 28 members short of our 400 membership goal. All current members who are primary sponsors for a new applicant will be entered into a drawing for a CASH prize of \$1000.00!

Finally, the number one reason that someone did not join a club or an organization is because no one asked them to join.

Keep Recruiting!

Chris Benson
Membership Chairman

DOCKS COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

PREAMBLE

The on-going docks maintenance projects (both current and deferred) and fire code compliance projects are critical to the Club's long-term viability. The extensive and expensive nature of these projects requires immediate identification and implementation of specific organizational responsibilities. These projects are multi-year in duration, require technical expertise and must be coordinated.

MISSION

The Docks Committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the docks, floats, and Club-owned boat sheds (QCYC By-Laws, Article IV, Sec.9.H.)

ORGANIZATION

DOCKS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Reporting to the Vice Commodore, the Docks Committee Chair shall be

responsible for directing and coordinating the work of the major subcommittees. These major subcommittees shall be chaired by Vice Chairs who report to the Docks Committee Chair and who collectively constitute the Docks Committee. The Docks Committee Chair shall have responsibility for identifying Club members with the requisite expertise to complete the necessary tasks and/or make recommendations to the Vice Commodore for outside contractors.

DOCKS COMMITTEE

Under the direction of the Docks Committee Chair, the members of the Docks Committee shall implement the specific tasks in their respective areas of responsibility and serve as the coordinating body for projects occurring on the docks, floats and boat sheds. The primary role of the Docks Committee is to ensure coordination and cooperation among the many tasks and individuals necessary to complete the projects. The Vice Chairs, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, may establish additional subcommittees as necessary to complete specific tasks. The Docks Committee shall meet on a monthly basis at a minimum.

The Docks Committee shall consist of the following Vice Chairs:

- Docks Electrical;
- Docks Safety;
- Docks Maintenance;
- Fire Code Compliance;
- Docks Fire Marshall;
- Environment Compliance

DOCKS ELECTRICAL VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall coordinate the development and implementation of the docks electrical upgrade project, including preparing budgets for Bridge and Board approval, securing bids, and other related tasks. The Vice Chair is also responsible for

coordinating on-going electrical maintenance projects as necessary, including but not limited to, inspecting electrical connections, conduits and systems; performing thermal tests; maintaining spreadsheets on member connections; and, maintaining service records. The Vice Chair may, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, appoint additional subcommittee chairs as appropriate.

DOCKS SAFETY VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall coordinate the work of the 3 Dock Captains. The Dock Captains shall provide periodic inspections, moorage security, safe walking spaces, advocating work party participation, liaison with mooring members on their respective docks, and report safety issues to the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair may, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, appoint additional subcommittee chairs as appropriate.

DOCKS MAINTENANCE VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall coordinate the on-going maintenance of the docks, floats and sheds, including but not limited to organizing work parties and weekend work, including identification of tools and materials needed as well as assigning personnel. The Vice Chair shall also coordinate the pile cap and other projects with Waterfront Construction and the roof replacements on the docks. The Vice Chair shall maintain a prioritized list of needed projects and establish, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, additional subcommittees to address those projects as appropriate.

FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall be responsible for completing the Fire Code Compliance requirements in the time period specified by the Seattle Fire

Department. These requirements include the fire vents, draft curtains and stand pipe projects and may include additional permitting requirements. The Vice Chair shall, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, appoint additional subcommittee chairs to effect the completion of the projects in a timely manner.

FIRE MARSHALL (VICE CHAIR)

The Fire Marshall shall be responsible for recommending improvements to the docks fire management and control projects, including but not limited to: identifying an appropriate fire alarm system for the docks; implementing the recommendations of the Seattle Fire Dept. regarding placement and number of fire extinguishers on the docks; developing and installing appropriate fire signage on the docks; and, developing and implementing a Fire Emergency Plan. In addition, the Fire Marshall shall be responsible for coordinating the inspection and testing of ladders, fire extinguishers, life rings, assuring periodic service compliance, arranging for periodic fire drills and maintaining service records. The Vice Chair may, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, appoint additional subcommittee chairs as appropriate.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair shall be responsible for maintaining the Club's commitment to be an environmentally clean marina, including but not limited to monitoring the Club's Marina Best Practices and implementing the requirements for obtaining *Clean Marina* designation. The Vice Chair may, in consultation with the Docks Committee Chair, appoint additional subcommittee chairs as appropriate.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT

While it is the prerogative of each Commodore to select their specific chairs, the multi-year nature of these complex projects demands a longer term view – especially with regard to the Fire Code Compliance Project. Thus, it is ideal for the Bridge, the Docks Committee Chair, and the members of the Docks Committee to commit to a three-year minimum commitment, with reappointment if agreeable to those concerned.

**COASTAL EXPLORER CLASS –
March 26TH**

Another Coastal Explorer class will be held on Thursday, March 26th on the upper deck of the Clubhouse at 6:00 PM. It will again be taught by Jeff Hummel and will include all the info on the new upgraded program, **Coastal Explorer 2009**. You can check it out yourself at <http://www.coastalexplorer.net/>.



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In Memoriam

William E. Castrow 1932 - 2008

Captain William "Bill" Castrow passed away with his family at his side on the morning on November 30, 2008, after a long illness at the age of 76. Bill was a lifelong resident of the Seattle area, growing up in West Seattle, where he excelled in sports at West Seattle High, and spent his last 44 years in Burien, where he and Arlene chose to raise their family.

After high school, Bill was encouraged to attend junior college, by Howard Odell, the UW football coach, to get his academics up so he could play for the Huskies. After JC, Bill found new coach John Cherberg at UW, who was recruiting his own players, so Bill volunteered for duty in the United States Coast Guard, where he served proudly. It was in the Coast Guard while patrolling Elliot Bay and the Seattle Seafair races that Bill realized his love of boating. After his discharge from the Coast Guard, UW's football loss became apparent as Bill excelled as a player and player-coach well into his 30's for the now defunct semi-pro Seattle Ramblers. Fellow club member Wynn Eddy managed the team and George Foster, Bryan's dad, was a teammate. Bill and Arlene have maintained their friendship with several of the teammates to this day. Bill was so good that he was invited to the Rams' and Packers' training camps for tryouts; but his mom was severely ill, and Bill felt that with her situation and a new wife that he had better stay home in Seattle.

Bill and Arlene met while Bill was at a picnic at Lake Wilderness with a group of guys and Arlene was there with a group of girls. Arlene ended up giving her phone number to one

of Bill's pals but Bill had his eye on Arlene. His friend wouldn't give Bill her number until Bill paid him for it! That turned out to be a great investment as Bill and Arlene celebrated their 54th Anniversary this past August.

Bill was a respected businessman in the food service distribution and brokerage industry, specializing in the sale of frozen seafood. He owned and/or managed several companies in his 40 year career before retiring in 1997.

All his life, people described Bill as a "gentle giant" who experienced and enjoyed life to its fullest. In addition to football, he was one of the original Seafair Pirates and an avid boater. He was a life member of Queen City Yacht Club, an inductee to the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame and a proud member of the West Seattle High 50 year Monogram Club. Bill was a generous man who would not hesitate to help a friend (and often times a stranger) in need.

Yet with all of his accomplishments, nothing gave him more joy than his family. He was a loving father who took great pride in his children's accomplishments. He never missed one of his kids' sporting events (a trait that carried forward to his grandchildren). In fact he rarely missed a football practice. Bill was always willing to lend an ear when asked or to offer advice when needed: his wisdom always proved true over time. He was a great role model for his family and all of his friends and fellow club members.

Captain Castrow joined Queen City in 1970 and was a stalwart contributor and worker from the day he joined. Bill and family had met

the Huber Grimms, the Art Janes and the Jerry Hawleys at Scott Point Marina on Saltspring and they recruited Bill for membership in QCYC. The Castrow family spent almost every weekend cruising over to Winslow while the members were building the outstation, and Bill was an integral part of the construction crew with Cliff Roberts, Bob Burfitt and all the others. The Castrow kids, Nick, Janet and Chris, remember fondly the fun times at Winslow and/or cruising with the Grimms, Janes, Todd Deems, Al Tregonings, Gordy Sutherlands, Gordon Aucotts, the Cliff Roberts and the Bob Burfitts. The family cruised the South Sound a lot and the San Juans with their favorite destination being Roche Harbor. Often, Bill would leave the family on the boat at Roche and commute on weekends. Later, when Bill and Arlene spent time at Winslow; the Hiram Walkers, the Dean Lentgis', the Gary Christensens, the Jerry Wallachs, the Chuck Carrols and the Brooks Stephens, and many others were great company. Bill & Arlene really liked to fish and quite often at 0600, Bill would slip the *Arlene J* off the dock for a few hours of fishing in Puget Sound. Arlene was the most avid fisherman, so Bill would handle the boat, bait the hooks and man the net to allow Arlene to catch the fish.

Bill owned three boats while a member of Queen City: the *Adventurer*, a 48' Chris Craft they purchased from member Don Filer; the *Arlene J*, a 46' diesel powered Chris Craft and finally the 40' Chris Craft, also named the *Arlene J*, that is now owned by son Nick. For the past 10 years or so, Bill and Arlene have also owned a 21' Wellcraft they used for fishing.

Every person that knew Bill

described him as a true gentleman. We will miss him dearly. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Arlene, son Nick (Laurie), daughter Janet Pennacchi (Mike), son Chris (Barbara) and 7 grandchildren, Billy, Dani, Michael, Tim, Sydney, John and Ashlyn.

Chaplain's Note: After reading Pat Grimm's entry on the Bonney Watson web site Guest Book, I felt that Pat's message should be reprinted here in *The Bilge Pump*, so here it is:

"Bill Castrow's passing has affected me in a way that I didn't expect. I feel very blessed to have a number of very close friends. Nick is like a brother, so perhaps that makes Bill Castrow, "Mr. C" as we called him, kind of like a step father, but I think there's more to it in this case. Nick and I have been very close friends since we were 9 years old, and boating with other families provides a closeness that you just don't get with other parents most of the time. If it is true that it takes a village to raise a child, then Bill Castrow was an elder in my village.

There's a lot you say about Bill Castrow, but being around Mr. C, one thing certainly stood out. You were always aware of his strong, quiet confidence that made him a terrific role model. Mrs. C (Arlene) always said that she wanted to marry John Wayne, or at least the character that John Wayne portrayed, and she said that she got that when she married Bill. Nothing could be more true. I remember once when our families went to the SeaFair races in the early 70's. The Castrows had a 50 foot Chris Craft similar to the *Gee Gee* and the 2 boats were side by side on the log boom. A teenage boy was walking the log boom and tried to discreetly reach into the Castrow's cooler, pull out a beer and then stuffed it into his

pants. Mr. C was watching all this and calmly said to the young man, "Are you gonna wear that or drink it?" The kid replied, "I'm going to drink it," to which, Mr. C replied, "You're going to put it back." The stare down took all of one second and the kid quickly put the beer back and dove into the water to swim away. I have been the recipient of that look on several occasions and you knew that it meant business. Strength... confidence... he was the Quiet Man. There were numerous instances where his strength of character came through. Too many to recount. Suffice it to say that you could always count on Mr. C to do what was right even when it wasn't comfortable... and he passed this trait on to his kids but also to some of his so-called step-kids too. He left a great legacy, and there's probably no higher compliment that I can bestow on another human being. Certainly, Mr. C is worthy of it.

I will miss Mr. C., and I wish that I can take away the hurt that Nick and his family feel right now. But I also know that this is a life worth celebrating. Perhaps everyone has had a Bill Castrow in their life. If they haven't, they should. I know that I am a better person for having known him. Mostly, I just want to say thanks.

Here's to you Mr. C. Thank you! Pat Grimm Dec 4, 2008, Seattle, WA"

Ken Klett

RACE FOR THE CURE

Save the Date - Sunday June 7th

QCYC members are once again forming a team to march in the 5-10K walk in support of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer research program.

Last time we had 25+ club members and friends gather at Safeco Field and join the march of thousands up the Alaska Way Viaduct. Here is your chance to see it up close before our mayor and governor tear it down!

Susie Roberts and Doug Lindal, co-chairs, will be forming a QCYC team in a few weeks once registration opens on February 9th. Look for more notices and instructions on how to join our team soon. Questions? E-mail Doug at douglindal@msn.com.

Mark your calendars!

REGATTA POWER REPORT

QCYC First of the Season Race 2009

The morning fog burned off for a "birdy" blue day with gorgeous white capped mountains all around for the 28 racers competing in the **First of the Season** race sponsored by our club 1/16 through 18.

Despite a short simple race, only one racer bested the magic mark of less than one half percent error and joined the 500 club - i.e. 0.500% error or less for the third year in a row. QCYC's **Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell** on *Suzy Q* took the Binnacle trophy for first overall with 0.4753%. Second overall went to **P/C Dean Lentgis** on *Kalos Filos* with 0.5907% error. **Bill Anderson** on *The Tillie* took third with 0.7404%. QCYC racers won the top 5 places and **Dave Padgett** on *Slipaway* in fourth overall combined with them to win the **Al Smith Trophy** for **best team**

First in class plaques went to Dave in Class 3 and Lynn Montgomery in

Class 5. **Second** in class went to Dick Timmerman and Ed hedges in Classes 2 and 3. **Third** in class 5 went to P/C Bob Yates.

The overall results were:

#	Skipper	Boat	%
1	BobLindal Jeff Ewell	<i>Suzy Q</i>	0.4753
2	Dean Lentgis	<i>KalosFilos</i>	0.5907
3	Bill Anderson	<i>The Tillie</i>	0.7404
4	Dave Padgett	<i>Slip Away</i>	0.7588
5	Lynn Montgomery Larrie Chmela	<i>Likely Lady</i>	0.7765
7	Ed Hedges	<i>Jo Sea</i>	0.9181

9	Dick Timmerman	<i>Vagabond</i>	1.1365
15	Terry Baker	<i>Choppers</i>	1.9088
17	Bob Yates	<i>Rhumb Line</i>	2.0950
26	Bruce Cullen Vince Firlotte	<i>Caroline</i>	3.3989

Next Race - Bremerton Heavy Weather, Feb 13-16

The largest race each year has usually been the BYC race held at their main station in conjunction with their Skit Night. The Race will be on **Saturday, Feb 14.**

The upcoming races are:

MBYC Boomerang - 3/6 to 8

Novice & Old Timers - club race 3/20 to 22

QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor - 4/3 to 5

POYC/BYCE EZ Pickens - 4/23 to 25

Poulsbo YC - 5/15 to 17

Coastal Explorer Class - March 26th

Another Coastal Explorer class will be held on Thur Mar 26th on the upper deck of the Clubhouse at 6:00 PM. It will again be taught by Jeff Hummel and will include all the info on the new upgraded program **Coastal Explorer 2009**. You can check it out yourself at <http://www.coastalexplorer.net/>.

Bob Lindal
Regatta Power Chair

Tarettes' Corner

December was so packed with activities, snow and cold weather it is time to start thinking about days getting longer, maybe a little sunshine and warmth.

February will be arriving and the annual Sweetheart dinner will be on Friday February 6th. This year's requested dress, is festive so get in the romantic mood, have a great dinner, and then dance your night away.

The next WIC Luncheon is at Poulsbo. Please see Vice President Debbie Foote's article for date and sign up details.

Lastly the Winslow project is progressing. Past Commodore Dick Timmerman is in the process of building the cabinets and Vice Commodore Jennerich has met with the electricians for the lighting. This project was started by the Tarettes playing (what else, Mexican Train) and commenting how nice it would be to have nice bookshelves and maybe a fireplace along the kitchen wall.

Until next month stay safe and we hope to see you at one or more of the activities.

Kathy Fish

President



Sweetheart Dinner 2009

Friday, February, 6th
5:30PM for cocktails
\$20 per person

dinner at 7:00pm - catered by Chef Willie
music by seattleparties.com
dancing to follow
festive dress requested



Please RSVP to Jonelle in the office by Monday, Feb 2nd

Breakfast With the Bridge Part II



When: 9:30 AM, Saturday
March 7th

Where: Mainstation Clubhouse/3rd Deck

Cost: Complimentary "Touchdown" breakfast
for those who attend the meeting.

Why: The Bridge will give an update on
comments and ideas from BWTB Part 1. Members
and spouses can ask questions and express
opinions in a casual, open forum meeting while
enjoying breakfast prepared by Willie.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S WEEKEND!

Murder & Mayhem at the Outstation

February 14 - 16

Join us at Winslow for the Valentine's Day/President's Day Weekend.

There will be a Murder Mystery Dinner on February 14.

- Friday - There will be potluck hor d'oeuvres & cocktails for early arrivals.
- Saturday - daytime activities to be announced.
4:30 PM - Potluck Hors d'oeuvres & "Dead Man Walking" cocktails. Cocktails are made with Red Rum (Murder spelled backwards).
- 6:30PM - Saturday night (Valentine's Day) Murder & Mayhem Mystery Dinner. Dinner is still a mystery!
- 9:00PM - Sunday morning - Pancake breakfast.
- 5:30PM - Potluck hor d'oeuvres & Cocktails
- 6:30 - Sunday Dinner - "Beefy President's Stew".
- Monday Morning - Continental Breakfast along with eye-openers (of course)...and then we will say goodbye.

RESERVE SPACE WITH JONELLE IN THE OFFICE ASAP.

WEEK-END PRICE IS \$25.00 PER PERSON.

February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Super Bowl Party Start: 1000	2	3 Ladies Bridge Start: 1200	4	5	6 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Sweetheart Dinner Start: 1730	7 Mainstation Winter Grounds Clean-up Start: 0900 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 TYC Comm. Ball: 1800
8	9 AAC Meeting Start: 1730 Board Meeting Start: 1900	10 Ladies Bridge Start: 1200 Race Planning Skull Session Start: 1900	11 General Meeting Start: 1730 Tarette Board Meeting Start: 1930	12 WIC Luncheon @ TYee YC Start: 1200	13 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Valentine's Day Start: 2359	14 Bremerton Heavy Weather Start: 0900 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 Fleet Captain's 3 Day Mystery Cruise Start: 1600
15 Fleet Captain's 3 Day Mystery Cruise all day President's Day Start: 2359	16 Fleet Captain's 3 Day Mystery Cruise	17 Ladies Bridge Start: 1200	18	19	20 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Friday Night Social: Woodies Start: 1700	21 Open House for Prospective Members Start: 1000 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 Poulsbo YC JO Ball Start: 1800
22	23	24 Ladies Bridge Start: 1200	25 General Meeting Start: 1730 Tarette General Meeting Start: 1930	26	27 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	28 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 Seattle YC JO Ball Start: 1800

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