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✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ FEBRUARY 2010

By the time you read this issue of *The Bilge Pump* our major projects (and some smaller, unexpected ones) will have been completed. The fire standpipes, a major component of our Fire Code Compliance Project, have been installed and have passed inspection by the Seattle Fire

Department. This is a major milestone and its successful completion is due to the hard work of Docks Chair, Art Mauldin. Further good news is that most of the issues surrounding the trenching (oil, creosote, & cut phone lines) have been remediated. Naturally, these unexpected problems have increased the cost of the project. The Bridge, Board, and Planning & Finance are working on ways to cover the costs.

The new Dock B at Winslow will be installed mid-February. This will greatly improve the outstation infrastructure, not to mention safety concerns, and eliminate the need to anchor in order to support the end of Dock B! The new Dock B and the new transverse dock are wonderful and necessary improvements to our beautiful outstation. A large part of Dock A is also scheduled for replacement as part of our long-range plan.

The special committees I've appointed are making great progress. The Special Committee on Membership, chaired by Peter Anderson, has presented several ideas to the Board and Bridge for consideration. The Special Committee on Flag Protocol, chaired by Ken Klett, has taken into account the suggestions made at the Breakfast with the Bridge. You can view the recommendations on our web site and a sample of the proposed memorial burgee is on order for further review. The Special Committee on Storage Boats, chaired by Robert Murphy, is continuing its work and working with the members involved. Thanks to the committee chairs and the committee members for their hard work, diligence and sensitivity in dealing with these important issues.

Another great Boat Show is behind us. We made initial contact with

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HIGHLIGHTS

February 2010

Feb 1,15,22	Dancing with the Bridge
Feb 5	Sweetheart Dinner
Feb 6	Log Race Mtg.
Feb 6	Tacoma Commodore's Ball
Feb 13	Bremerton Heavy Weather Race
Feb 20	Prospective Member Open House
	Steak, Scotch and Cigar Night
Feb 27	Fleet Cap. Cruise: Wine Country Party

several interested folks who stopped by our booth and inquired about membership. Kudos to Chris Benson, Membership Chair, and a big thank you to all the members who volunteered to staff the booth. This is a major undertaking. We have a follow-up open house for prospective members scheduled for February 20th from 10:00-2:00. Let's show them our famous Queen City hospitality!

Regatta Sail hosted an outstanding Friday Night Social featuring an America's Cup theme. There were excellent speakers to supplement the video, beautiful scale models of America's cup boats & the 'sailors stew & brew.' A great job by Pete Delaunay, Regatta Sail chair, and his crew.

Adding to our great variety of social events, the ever-popular Martini Madness was hosted by Tracy & Scott McPhee. It was a rousing success and much enjoyed--thank you Scott & Tracy!

Our first 'Dancing with the Bridge' series is off to a great start. We have 40 high-stepping people who are learning a variety of ballroom dances and having lots of fun. We have 40 people and 40 left feet -- what could be better!

February brings the Sweetheart Dinner on February 5th and Scotch, Steak & Cigar Night on February 20th. Both of these events are always Club highlights so be sure to get your reservations in early. We also have a Fleet Captain's land cruise on February 27th to explore the wineries of Woodinville. The event includes limo transportation to and from QCYC so you can enjoy the tasting experience to the fullest! Larry & Dorothy Dubia have thought of everything!

Looking a little bit farther ahead, mark your calendars for a St. Patrick's Day Friday Night Social on March 12th. It will come as no surprise that Paul Grimm and his band of leprechauns will put on a lively social. As always, you can check the calendar on the web site for information about all the many events we enjoy.

Fair Winds,

Ed Jennerich
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Check out the club calendar for upcoming events, take a Fleet Captain's Cruise, take your boat out, have some fun, winter will soon be over.

DOCKS

The water pipe on dock three is repaired. Thank you to Dave Svendsen, Victor Thompson, Dick McGrew and Bob Myers plus \$2,000.00 for parts. Please watch the temperature: if it's icy/slippery on the dock you know it can freeze the water pipes, so make sure the water is flowing out the valve at the end of the dock (running water does not freeze) please contact Art Mauldin if there is a question.

The Standpipe Project is complete. We're going to have some soil remediation problems due to an old oil tank that had left mixed oils in the ground and these were migrating towards the lake. Planning and Finance, the Board and Bridge are looking at alternative solutions for cleanup. We'll have a report later.

MARCH BILGE PUMP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 10TH

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I do want to thank Art Mauldin for his efforts during this project. Lining up the project and then having the oil contamination problem about drove him over the edge. Art stays at the club and has no place to get away when we have problems. Please take a minute and thank him for his efforts.

Watch *The Bilge Pump* and go on-line for dock work party dates. We're always in need of helpers. It's only a couple of hours on one Saturday a month. Thanks to those who always show up and if you are extended stay on the docks you really need to be involved in the maintenance of your home site.

HOUSE

The Captains' room on the 3rd floor of the in-station is getting lots of use so we are asking you to schedule, with Crystal, the hours you want to use it. She will check you out with a key and please clean up when you are done.

Continue to contact P/C Jeff Ewell for house projects. If you see something that needs to be looked at, put it on his "To Do List" clipboard in the galley. Jim Damery, our thoughts are with you and Donna.

WINSLOW OUTSTATION

The new dock section for Dock "B" will be arriving before the end of February. We've paid a little more money on these and are moving smoothly towards completion.

Take a look at the club calendar and make a plan to be at the Winslow Cleanup. It's a great way to get yourself outside after a long winter. We will have less dock repair needed, so rebuilding the deck on the clubhouse will be the biggest project. Bob Lindal and John Alving have been making drawings and



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picking out wood for this so this will be all ready to tackle.

We now have a retired Weyerhaeuser executive (Eric Wood) staying at the outstation and in between his cooking and cleaning chores on his boat he can probably answer some of your outstation questions (he may have to clear his comments through his boss Barbara), but try him anyway.

George Austin
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Grounds:

With the standpipe project completed we are moving forward to get the plantings replaced. Work has started and the old hedge plants have been replaced along with some new ones. We attempted to build a retaining wall on the west side, but the soil was so saturated with water we couldn't even stand on the slope without sliding down. We still have planting to do on the east side of the clubhouse. The plants that were dug up for installation of the standpipes need to be replanted. If anyone has the time and inclination we sure could use some help. Call Becky Garvie or myself to get the scoop of what needs to be done. The fence on the west side toward the bridge needs to be repaired and painted soon. If there are any carpenter types that can take charge and get it done, please let me know who you are. We will soon be scheduling the Spring Clean Up. Our Grounds budget has really taken a hit with all of the soil mitigation challenges, so we will have to be creative this year and have a lot of work done by our members.

Membership:

Looking forward to the Boat Show and hope to have a number of new applications. If you know anyone with a boat, now is the time to get them to enjoy the benefits of our club. The Membership Committee is working hard developing ideas to obtain and retain new members. Those ideas will be presented shortly. I think we will have some exciting plans to present. Every time you come to the club, try to meet someone you haven't met before and make them welcome. Chris Benson, Membership Chairman, works very hard to get new members. It is our job to make them feel welcome and give Chris our full support. A Prospective New Member Open House will be held on February 21 from 10 - 2. Please plan to come and greet them. Any prospective member that comes to a meeting or Friday lunch, Chris or I will be glad to treat them to meal. Just let us know.

Security:

This is a happy report in that we seem to be quite secure at the present time. A big thanks goes to Rod Hilden, our Security Chairman.

Reception:

I would like to take a moment and welcome all the new members that have joined since the last annual was published. I know I have not met all of you and would be happy to buy you a drink and become acquainted with you. Track me down at the meetings or any function. I would like to welcome you personally!

Spring will be here before we know it and we will be getting ready for Opening Day. Happy Boating!

Don Wilson
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

LET'S GO CRUISING, QUEEN CITY!

People have told me that "Queen City doesn't do much cruising, which is why I belong to fill-in-the-blank yacht club." Well, for those of you who like to cruise, we've planned a full schedule for you, and I hope you will join us. Our schedule includes one more land cruise and a bunch of water cruises. Since the New Year is a good time to do some planning, here are the dates of the remaining cruises for your calendar.

February 27 - Have you ever been on a wine tour and wished you didn't have to be the "designated driver?" On Feb. 27, we'll do the driving for you as we tour some of the top wineries in Woodinville. A luxury limo or bus will pick us up and deliver us home to QCYC. We'll have some snacks and activities along the

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way. The cost will be about \$45 per person, depending on how many sign up. **If more sign up, the price goes down! Reservations are a MUST by February 20th:** please make your check out to me for \$45. If the price goes down, we will refund the difference. **Bring your friends** -- especially those are interested in QCYC.

March 20-21 - We head to a "mystery" location for a "mystery cruise" including a "mystery" to be solved. What part will you play?

April 17-18 - Gary Halverson will guide our way to the Daffodil Cruise in Tacoma. This cruise includes Tacoma YC's famous hospitality and challenging games.

May 15-16 - How long has it been since you've been to Brownsville? Did you know there is a world class underwater museum nearby, and a gourmet smoked meat store within walking distance - not to mention inexpensive fuel, great walks, and the potential for a "cook's night out?"

June 18-19 - This weekend is a cruise to the world class Edmonds Art Festival. I need to know as soon as possible so we can secure our reservation. If we are unable to secure Edmonds, our default will be Kingston.

July 24-25 - We head north to Port Ludlow for a "beach party barbecue." We'll supply the meat, you provide the side dishes. Earlier in the day, you can hop on the bus for a quick visit to Port Townsend.

August 15-28 - Finally, we've had a load of people tell us they haven't been to the South Sound for a looong time. Well, this summer is a good time to go. And Queen City is a good group to go with. Our itinerary will

include Bremerton, Blake Island (and the salmon dinner), Tacoma, Gig Harbor (for a wagon wheel), Filucy Bay (Longbranch), Fair Harbor, Jarrell's Cove and Olympia. What's down there? Crabbing, world class floating and non-floating museums, plays, great restaurants, a fabulous farmer's market, good anchorages, great golf courses, fishing, interesting places to tour, some friendly competitions and get-togethers, and a LOT of relaxing. If you are thinking about the long cruise, please let me know so I can keep you in the planning loop.

Larry Dubia
Fleet Captain

OUTSTATION REPORT

In between changing channels from ESPN to the World Fishing Network, Eric informed me he doesn't have the time to write this month's Outstation Report. As most say when they are newly retired, "I don't know how I ever had time to work." He's no different!

We were told that quite a few people came over for an end-of-the-year event - the sign-in log had a lot of names in it.

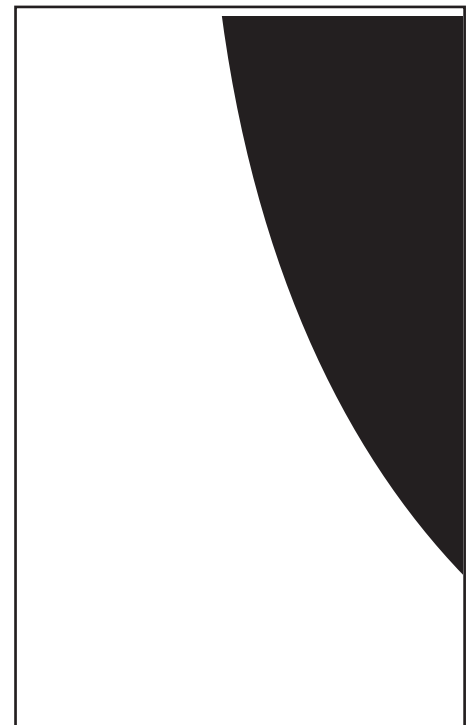
Special thanks to Jody Russell for cleaning the grills in the galley. It's great to see this marvelous facility used year-round. We were up in the San Juan Islands for about 10 days - the weather was just incredible for much of the time, and there were hardly any boats out, so we had everything to ourselves.

The Past Commodores from the Grand Fourteen found their way to Bainbridge Island mid-January. The weather improved after a soggy Friday and it turned out to be quite

nice. It was fun showing off the improvements in the clubhouse to many that had visited before. Past Commodore Dale Roberts and Susie put on quite a weekend, with a steak fry Saturday night and Past Commodore Ron Rolstad and Carolyn put on the omelet breakfast Sunday. Even more important, they did a great job cleaning up after the event!

We are having a hard time figuring out when to schedule the annual "Work Party" at the Outstation. At this point, it looks like it will be April 17 - 18th. We're usually able to get most of the projects done on Saturday, but there always seems to be some work that needs to be completed on Sunday. If you can only come for one day, that's fine - we'll take all the help we can get. We had a lower-than-usual turnout last year, and as a result, the gardens have grown; so we expect to really dig into them (get it?). Details will be in next month's report.

Maybe I can get Eric to skip an episode of Oprah or that fishing show he likes to watch and write



next month's report. Hope the clicking of these computer keys doesn't wake him.

Barbara Wood

VISITING REPORT

New Year's greetings to all you captains and mates. The year 2009 is history, and with it, we hope 2010 will bring an abundant amount of good health to all of us.

Last year we had at least twelve captains who incurred a variety of health issues --- some not so serious, and others of a very serious nature. Once advised that a captain is "under the weather," a personalized get-well card is sent to him/her on behalf of the entire QCYC membership. This is a way of showing our support and conveying words of encouragement for each affected captain. Of course, those members who may know the captain on a personal basis can also make phone calls when appropriate.

So if you know or hear of a fellow captain who is "under the weather," ailing, or might have some special needs, drop me a note, give me a call or e-mail me with any particulars so that the individual can be contacted or a get-well card can be sent.

You'll find my "contact" information below.

Here's to your health!

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For the first time in decades, the start of the QCYC First of the Season Race was delayed one hour due to a "pea soup" fog that settled in all morning. By the time the first racers started at about noon, the fog had burned off for a great calm day on the lake with a few showers and lots of sun breaks. The 30 racers is also the third year in a row of increasing participation.

Once again a simple race of nearly 19 nm, we had 5 racers best the magic mark of less than one half percent error and joined the 500 club - i.e. 0.500% error and 4 of them were QCYC members. First overall and the Binnacle Trophy went to SYC's Bill Grady on *Zorro* with 0.3171%. Second overall went to P/C Dick

Timmerman on *Vagabond* with 0.4072% error. Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell on *Suzy Q* took third with 0.4257%. QCYC racers won 4 of the top 5 places with P/C Dean Lentgis on *Kalos Filos* in fourth overall and Bill Anderson on *TheTillie* in fifth earning 500 club honors and combined with Dick and Bob/Jeff to win the Al Smith Trophy for best four boat team from a club.

First in class plaques went to Dean Lentgis in Class 4 and Bill Anderson in class 3 as well as Ken Klett and Marv Elbon in Class 5 and Bruce Cullen in Class 2. P/C Lynn Montgomery was second in Class 5 and P/C Russ Oberg was third in class 2.

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REGATTA POWER REPORT

QCYC First of the Season Race 2010

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.

The overall results were:

#	Skipper	Boat	%
	Dick		
2	Timmerman	<i>Vagabond</i>	0.4072
3	Bob Lindal	<i>Suzy Q</i>	0.4257
		<i>Kalos</i>	
4	Dean Lentgis	<i>Filos</i>	0.4278
5	Bill Anderson	<i>The Tillie</i>	0.4925
7	Bruce Cullen/ Vince Firlotte	<i>Caroline</i>	0.7042
10	Ken Klett/ Marv Elbon	<i>Klettitat</i>	0.9574
	Lynn	<i>Likely</i>	
13	Montgomery/ Larrie Chmela	<i>Lady</i>	1.1125
		<i>Nordic</i>	
15	Russ Oberg	<i>Lady</i>	1.1522
16	Terry Baker	<i>Choppers</i>	1.1744
19	Ed Hedges	<i>Jo Sea</i>	1.2595
		<i>Slip</i>	
22	Dave Padgett	<i>Away</i>	1.6140
26	Andy Gerde	<i>Windy i</i>	2.1888
		<i>Rhumb</i>	
27	Bob Yates	<i>Line</i>	2.2333
30	Richard Kay	<i>Matana</i>	5.0659

Next Race - Bremerton Heavy
Weather
Feb 12-17

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 13.

The upcoming races are:

MBYC Boomerang - 3/5 to 7
Novice & Old Timers - club race
3/12 to 14
GHYC - 3/26 to 28
QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor - 4/9 to
11
POYC/BYC EZ Pickens - 4/23 to 25
Filucy Bay - Thurs 5/27
Poulsbo YC - Friday 5/28
ICR - Sunday 5/30

Bob Lindal
Regatta Power Chair

CHET GIBSON MEMORIAL LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

I wish to thank all who participated in the parade. Unfortunately I found myself in the hospital on December 1st for several weeks and was not able to participate myself. I especially would like to thank P/C Larrie Chmela for taking over for me and putting the final touches on the parade. He did an outstanding job. I would also like to thank those who provided turn boats. A big thank you goes out to V/C George Austin, Kent Soffel, Tom Wilson, Jess Hill, Lynn Montgomery, Andrea Schock, Bob Lindal, and P/C Bob Yates, who actually covered two locations, and again Larrie Chmela. Of course this parade doesn't happen without the lead boats provided by Dick McGrew and Chuck Gould. I understand that we had a good turnout and the weather was a bit chilly but nice. Until next year, have a wonderful boating season and live life to the fullest.

Randy Jamerson
Lighted Boat Parade Chairman

DOCKS COMMITTEE

Our code-required fire standpipes project is now complete. The Fire Marshal's Office has accepted the system as installed for Docks 1 and 2. Dock 3 has been connected to the new underground supply pipe, but modifications to the system on the dock and acceptance will wait for further word on the status of SR-520. This completes a very large part of our obligations to meet the new fire code clauses of 2005. The project itself went very well and as predicted.

The January 9 work party was another success. We took on many smaller tasks this time and while the crew wasn't all that large, it was productive. Thanks to Pete Collins, Bob Lindal, Dave Svendsen, Chuck

Gould, Jim McFadden, V/C George Austin, R/C Don Wilson, Art Mauldin, and the proverbial character, "Those whom I have forgotten!" I know you are there.

A very special note of appreciation must go to Vic Thompson and Dave Svendsen for their persistent and hard work at making repairs to the damaged Dock 3 water pipe. It seems our 30 plus year old thermal valves at the ends of the pipes are wearing out. Once they fail, if it's cold out the pipes freeze and fail as well. Vic and Dave did a huge amount of work to restore the water on that dock and we all owe them great thanks, if not a few meals! Thanks to a few others on this task as well.

Our next work parties are the second Saturday Feb. 13, and March 13 as well. 8:30 AM gives time for a breakfast and the work will commence before 9:30. We try to wrap it up by 3:30, after a club-provided lunch at about noon. The next Docks Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM Feb. 23. Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Our yearly contribution to the health of the under-structure of our docks should be happening within the next month or so. The work will be scaled back this year, partly reflecting the incredible progress and efficiency of the work last year.

The Docks Committee must delegate its responsibilities much sooner rather than later, or we, the members, risk there being no real management of our most valuable asset of all. Much praise goes to those who have stepped forward, but the need probably exceeds the resources of the club. Please join with us.

Arthur Mauldin
Docks Committee Chairman.

Happy Valentine's Day



LOOKING AHEAD

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Sweetheart Dinner 2010

**Friday, February, 5th
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 Crystal in the office by Monday, Feb 1st



Steak, Scotch & Cigar Night

Saturday, February 20, 2010



5:00 p.m. Bar Open



6:00 p.m. Dinner

- Large Steak
- Baked Potato
- Salad
- Dessert



7:30 p.m. (approx.) Scotch Presentation & Tasting

Cigar Sampling

- Outside the Bar
- Under Tents
- Overhead Propane Heaters



COST: Meal - \$15.00 - 75 seat limit

Scotch/Cigars - \$20.00 - 50 seat limit

This is a 2-tier price event. If you wish to participate in the meal only - \$15.00 per person

If you wish to participate in the meal & scotch/cigar event the total is \$35 per person

Due to the need to purchase quality steaks and expensive Scotch, the need arises for full prepayment prior to February 17, 2010

****** MUST PREPAY ******

NO PREPAY - NO PLAY!!

SEND PAYMENT TO: CRYSTAL in QCYC Office

PLEASE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS

Jess Hill (206) 948-1237 jh@redunn.com



Queen City YC Woodinville Wine Tour

Saturday, February 27, 2010

ROUNDRIP FROM/TO QUEEN CITY YC

HOW: Our personal luxury coach will whisk us to the exquisite wineries of Woodinville for an afternoon of relaxation and fun. (Invite your non QCYC friends -- especially prospective members!).

COST: \$45 per person (or less, depending on turnout!), plus wine tasting fees.

RESERVATIONS BY FEBRUARY 20th ARE A MUST!

Send your check made out to Larry Dubia to Larry at 2442 NW Market St., #290, Seattle, WA (Your check is your reservation).

Questions? Call Larry or Dorothy Dubia, 206-300-2933.





Come Cruise with us to Norway



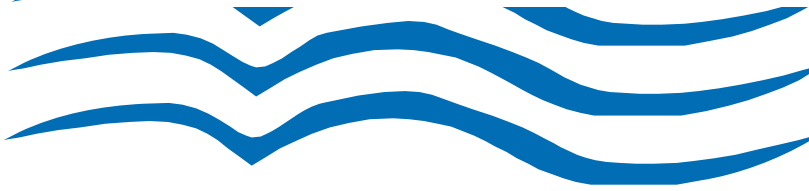
Aug. 14-28 2010

Plan a few days before to tour London with us. We might take in a play at the Dome, see Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Hampton Court, Parliament, Hyde Park, and Buckingham Palace

This cruise/tour is planned through "Let's Go Travel" and the Tarettes. Cabins are being held in the groups name. More info And pamphlets will be available soon.



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Contact Jean Larson at "Let's Go Travel" She will help with all price levels and air fare
206 367-1199

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Dancing With The Bridge Start: 1900	2	3	4	5 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Sweetheart's Dinner Start: 1730	6 Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Log Race Mtg.-Start: 1000 Tacoma Commodore's Ball Start: 2040
7	8 Board Meeting Start: 1900	9	10 General Meeting Start: 1930 Tarette Board Meeting Start: 1930	11	12 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	13 Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Bremerton Heavy Weather Race - Start: 0900 Docks Work Party-0830 Private Event - Start: 1700
14 Valentine's Day	15 Dancing With The Bridge Start: 1900	16	17 WIC Luncheon SYC Start: 1200	18	19 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	20 Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Prospective Member Open House - Start: 1000 Gig Harbor JO Ball - 1800 Stk. Sctch. Cigr. Nt. - 1730
21	22 Dancing With The Bridge Start: 1900	23	24 General Meeting Start: 1930 Tarette Gen. Meeting Start: 1930	25	26 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	27 Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Fleet Captain's Cruise: Wine Country Party Start: 0900
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