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## ✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ MARCH 2010

**S**pring is right around the corner and Club activities are on the rise! Plans are well underway for Daffodil at Tacoma Yacht Club on April 16-17, followed by the Pride of Queen City on April 24th, and the perennial favorite, Opening Day April 29-May 2. The Seattle Yacht Club Trio will be making its presentation at the General

Membership Meeting on March 24th. Volunteers are always welcome for the many committees that make these events so successful. So, mark your calendars now and plan to participate.

Closer on the horizon, we have a St. Patrick's Day Friday Night Social on March 12 with lots of things green. Our resident leprechaun, Paul Grimm, has put together a great social -- hope to see you there.

Our always creative Fleet Captain, Larry Dubia, has put together a mystery cruise for the weekend of March 20-21. I know for some of us, every cruise is a mystery but this one is actually planned. Even your Commodore is in the dark as to the final destination. Be sure to get your reservations in soon.

The Past Commodores have a Friday Night Social planned for March 26th, chaired by P/C Bob Yates. This event is open to all members and is always lots of fun. If you ever wondered where past Commodores go, here's your opportunity to find out.

Our predicted log racers have a busy schedule this month with three races: March 6 MBYC Boomerang, March 20 Novice and Old Timers, and March 27 Gig Harbor International. Hopefully we'll bring back some Haaardware! Your Bridge Officers will also be busy representing QCYC at Grand 14 events with 3 Commodore's Balls and a Junior Officers' Ball in March.

We start off the month of April with the Children's Easter Party. Bring your children and/or grandchildren to this special event hosted by Sherry Weiss. The kids always have a great time.

Dock B at Winslow should be installed by the time you read this. Thanks to #2 outstation boss, Eric Wood, for overseeing the installation. This is a huge improvement to our outstation facilities with improved lighting and electrical upgrades as well as gratings to allow more light to reach the water. The Bridge, working closely with Planning and Finance, has identified funds in the current budget to cover the costs of the oil contamination remediation at the main station. This

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### March 2010

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Mar 6	MBYC Boomerang Race Rainier Commodore's Ball
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Mar 26	Past Commodores Friday Night Social

means some approved capital projects will not be completed this year as we redirect funds to cover this unexpected situation.

Dancing with the Bridge has been a great success, so much so that we are having another six week session. We continue to perfect the waltz, foxtrot, jive and rumba and we'll be starting on the two-step and polka. Be sure to watch for your twinkled-toed Bridge Officers at Opening Day!

The Club has enjoyed many fun-filled activities this year and we've also accomplished two important capital projects and innumerable smaller projects, some of which go unseen and unheralded. This is a hallmark of QCYC -- a Club whose many volunteers accomplish a great deal and a Club that knows how to have a good time. Thanks to all of you for all that you do.

*Fair Winds,*

Ed Jennerich  
Commodore

**VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**W**e've been dancing through the long winter nights. 44 twinkle-toes have been meeting on Monday nights to learn a few basic dance steps. All I can say is we're getting better and Nancy is happy I'm not stepping on her feet as much.

The Sweetheart Dinner was very very nice. Brian and Caroline Barton are wonderful hosts of this event and have agreed to do it again next year. We had a few newer members who seemed to be enjoying themselves: we hope to see more of them.

Start marking your calendar for

2011: this club is full of great events and you should be involved.

DOCKS

Thank goodness for warm winter weather so we don't have to repair more water pipe. The Standpipe Project is complete. We have contracted with Pacific Groundwater to keep us on the right path for cleaning up the oily soil in the north lot that was discovered while putting in the Standpipe piping. We will not start digging until we're sure of dry weather for 2 weeks, so this is looking like mid-July.

We're moving along on the required projects for the Fire Compliance Project and next up is to start working on draft curtains. These are wood dividers that will help direct fire and smoke out the ends of the covered moorage roofs if we were to have an incident. John Alving has a couple of them up on Dock One if you want to see them. Please give John or Art a few hours, as the more hands we have the quicker this will be completed. If we don't do this with our own labor we will have to pay to get it done.

You will see some new signs on the docks about swimming. There have been some verified deaths from swimming in marinas with stray electrical current shocking people. See this link:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/kritz.asp>. We have adopted a new "No Swimming" rule to hopefully make sure this never happens to anyone we know. When the water warms up this year please take your dinghy out into Portage Bay to cool off.

Watch *The Bilge Pump* and go on-line for dock work party dates. We're always in need of helpers. It's only a

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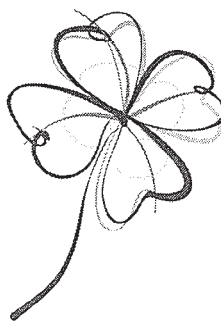
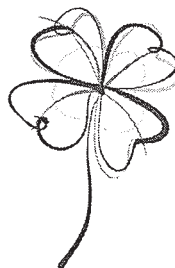
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couple of hours on one Saturday a month and you will get a free lunch.

HOUSE

Jim Damery and his crew are back in shape to keep things in the clubhouse from falling apart. Put the things you see that need help on his clipboard in the galley.

WINSLOW OUTSTATION


Eric Wood is now officially retired and will be able to complete any tasks you need completed at the outstation. Well, you might want to check with Barb first. It was mentioned at the board meeting that laundry income is up at the outstation and we think Eric may be taking in laundry from around Bainbridge. He's pretty creative.

Take a look at the club calendar and make plans to be at the Winslow Cleanup. If you're new to the club it's our spring cleaning weekend where everything gets some attention and we're ready for the summer events. Ask me about it: it's a great way to meet the other volunteers.

George Austin  
Vice Commodore

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT**


**A** spring day is being sprinkled in our weather now and then just to remind us that real spring is only down the road a piece! Well, as usual the commodore and vice commodore will fill their reports with all that is going on and leave me to repeat what they have already reported. I will attempt to ferret out some different items of interest so as not to repeat too much.



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Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Festival is coming up April 16 - 17 and they always do an amazing job. Great food, music, activities and a boat parade in which your bridge will represent Queen City Yacht Club on my new boat. If you have gone before you know it is an event not to be missed. If you haven't gone before I encourage you not to miss out on it. Of course if you can't make it I will assume that it is because you will be at the Winslow Clean Up at our outstation. I have found that the more active you become the more fun you have. Many activities are coming up and I hope to see you at many of them.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all of our log racers for continuing to bring home the Haaardware!! And wish them good luck for the three races coming up in March.

A special thanks to Eric Wood for all of the work he has done overseeing the installation of Dock B at Winslow that will be completed by the time you read this. Improved lighting and electrical upgrades as well as having gratings to allow the fish to have more light in the water. What more could we want?

Judy and I have enjoyed representing Queen City at the Junior Officers' Balls this year and have learned much, not only about our club but about many of the others. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you as your Rear Commodore.

The Queen City Junior Officers' Ball is coming up on May 22nd. The theme will be "An Evening in Paris" and it promises to be a lot of fun. We are looking for props (or those who could build them), ideas and

Francophile volunteers. Contact me, Judy Wilson, Nancy Austin or George Austin if interested.

Dancing with the Bridge has been a great success, so much so that we are having another six-week session. It has been great fun. Contact Crystal if you want to sign up . Once again I would appeal to those of you with skills to assist in managing our docks projects. Art Mauldin has done great job to date but the job becomes larger every year and he is in need of assistance. We are diligently looking for not ONE but TWO Assistant Dock Chairmen. I know there those of you out there with the skills needed to oversee and implement these projects. Your Club really needs you. Please contact the bridge or Art to volunteer.

Grounds:

It has continued to be too wet to replant the hillsides where the stand pipes cut through the plantings. Becky will need people to help replant them and tidy the grounds at the Pride of Queen City on April 24th.

Security:

Thanks to Rod Hilden we continue to be secure most of the time. He does a great job.



A personal note... my new 48' Navigator has arrived. We are excited for the season to begin. We will be taking it to Gig Harbor for the Juniors Officers' Ball and by the

time you get this we will have had time to get some hours on it.

Don Wilson  
Rear Commodore

**FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

**It's a Daffy Mystery**

Mysteries and daffodils are on the horizon for QCYC cruisers.

Last year's Mystery Cruise was so successful that Commodore Ed Jennerich especially wanted us to do it again this year, and we are, on March 20-21:



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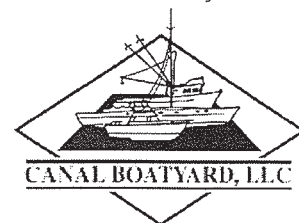


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• Chefs among us will be invited to stump us with "guess the ingredients" hors d'oeuvres

• A "murder" will occur, and you'll get to figure out "who done it."

• Your \$6.50 per person will help defray costs, which will include the mystery game, a wine and beer social time, and a light breakfast Sunday morning.

You can sign up with me or Crystal in the office by March 6th. For more details, see the flier elsewhere in this *Bilge Pump*.

### Daffodil

As usual, Tacoma Yacht Club has a wonderful weekend planned for the Daffodil Cruise, and as usual, Queen City will be part of it. Cruise chairman Gary Halverson is handling reservations and arrangements for this event and urges you to make your reservations early. The dates are April 16-17-18. The event includes a marine trivia contest, decorated boat parade, and inspiring flag raising ceremony. Not to mention great food and drink.



### Brownsville in May

May is a busy, busy month for Queen City, what with opening day and the JO Ball. We hope you'll take a weekend to kick back, relax and unwind on your boat with a cruise to Brownsville, May 14-15-16. Our plans include a visit to the world class Navy Undersea Museum in

nearby Keyport. You can learn more about the museum by visting <http://www.history.navy.mil/museums/keyport/index1.htm>.

Larry Dubia  
Fleet Captain

### OUTSTATION REPORT

We were out of town during the "Officers' Cruise-In" on January 22 - 24. We heard it was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves. No one was left behind, and everything was spotless afterwards. Apparently macaroni & cheese with meatloaf was served one evening: Eric was really unhappy about missing that one - those are two of his favorite foods. (How does he stay so thin?)

The new section of Dock B (the east dock) will soon be completed, and is expected to be installed beginning the third week of February; so keep that in mind if you're planning to come over the end of the month. The annual "Outstation Work Party" is scheduled for April 17 - 18. We have some deck reconstruction, serious gardening, and inside cleaning projects on tap this year. We'll have a list of projects that everyone can pick and choose from - it's rewarding to see that list get smaller and smaller as the day comes to an end. We seem to get most of the projects done on Saturday, but there is always pick-up stuff to do on Sunday. Meals are provided, so that's one thing you don't have to worry about. Plus, it's a great way for new members to meet others in the Club!

I know some of you are wondering why Eric didn't write this article - "retirement" is sure keeping him busy. He did, though, manage to

make a wonderful stew from scratch the other day for dinner, and today he even did laundry! I guess I can't complain too much.

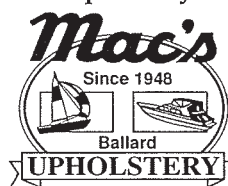
Barb Wood

### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 3rd new BBQ has been assembled and gas lines attached. It is installed in the middle section of the of the other new BBQ. The BBQ's are ready to be used for club functions . Please after each use clean the BBQ. This will be a big help for the next club activity. Remember that the House Committee meets each Tuesday to fix repair and whatever to keep the club in looking good shape. We have a job board attached next to the walk-in reefer. If you find anything that needs our attention, please write it on the board and we will fix it.

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**MARTINI MADNESS- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MARTINIS!**

On Saturday January 30th QCYC enjoyed the 3rd annual Martini Madness cocktail party. It was a lovely evening of laughs, delicious appetizers, cocktail attire & camaraderie.

Don't let the name of this event mislead you -- as we've done every year, the full bar was open for beer, wine & cocktails. Yet for those of us who enjoy martinis, a delicious selection of concoctions was served up by our talented bartending crew coordinated by Andy Gerde & Dave Krows. They poured top-shelf offerings such as Manhattans, traditional gin or vodka martinis, cosmopolitans, appletinis & many more at very reasonable prices.

It was lovely to see our club sparkle with members & guests in cocktail attire. And for those of you who've retired your neckties or don't feel like wearing your rhinestones, we are pleased you joined the fun in whatever attire makes you feel festive.

Everyone who helped with this event deserves a great big thanks (hope you received your thank you card). We received so much help: you made this event fun for the guests, and it was a great experience to volunteer alongside all of you!

Nelson, David & Irene - prep-work partie(s) & set-up, food donation, galley, serving, tear-down & clean-up, & moral support

Voegeli, Carol & Ron - Galley & food donation

Bob Myers, Judith Pippin, Jess Hill & John Steckler - Bartending

Pippin, Judith - phone calls to encourage enthusiasm

Diede Janel & Wayne - Galley & dishwashing

Frisch, Gayle & Richard - appetizer donation, galley help & clean-up, photos

Scott, Heidi & Greg - food donation, guest check-in & set-up

Soffel, Carol - decorations & moral support

Montgomery, Kathy - set-up & loan of Tarette linens & decorations

Roehl, Joie & Denny - prep-work partie(s) & galley help

Kingery, Crystal - RSVP's & coordination

Krows, Margaret & Dave - appetizer donation, bartender scheduling & moral support

Buller, Bill & friend - pre-work party

Bixby, Kyle - web team support

Frodesen, Paul - photography

Steen, Linda - pre-work party & serving.

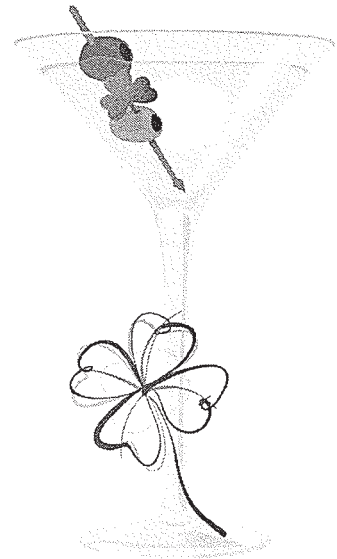
If you enjoy delicious appetizers like bacon-wrapped scallops, chocolate-dipped strawberries and stuffed mushrooms to name a few, and top-shelf martinis complemented by a full bar, please plan to join us next year!!

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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.

## DOCKS COMMITTEE

### Focus: Draft Curtains Project

The February 13 work party was another success. We did a few small tasks, but mostly we were absorbed with de-commissioning the old standpipes on Docks 1 and 2. The pipes themselves still need to be removed, but now we have satisfied the requirements for out of service systems. Thanks to Pete Collins, Dave Svendsen, Jim McFadden, Mark Pywell, Richard Thymian, Dick McGrew, Art Mauldin, and to last month's winners of the "Forgotten Laborer's Cup," Tim and Nadeane Rutledge for their efforts in January.

March should see a genuine beginning to progress with our fire-code-required draft curtain project. This task is a simple one requiring a fairly small investment for materials and tools. While there is a lot of work to be accomplished, it is work that doesn't require a lot of special expertise. It fits us and it is the one large project on the list where member labor can save us the most of our precious treasury. The Docks Committee has pursued a quote for the job done by a contractor. Ask about that price if you wonder about the worth of member labor and how it can make our yacht club thrive and even survive.

The draft curtains project is expected to spin off from the Docks Committee and to largely stand alone. It will function as a subcommittee that sets its own work schedules, goals, and procedures. We have about 5 plus years remaining to satisfy the least stringent requirements of Chapter 94, but this project should progress as fast as members feel like making it go. If we complete it soon enough, the same functioning work force

may be able to save us considerable resources when we start installing the required smoke vents, but not if the draft curtains remain incomplete. Dick Dow, Steve Weiss, John Alving, and Ron Stevenson can use your help!

Please do understand that there remain a lot of other, smaller tasks that must proceed alongside this and other projects. If there is not enough labor for both, it might be necessary that the big project be given over to contract methods as the smaller tasks are even more expensive to manage and hire out. Everything here is a very delicate balancing game and every minute of volunteer effort makes the balance a little easier to achieve.

Our next work parties are March 13 and April 10 (Second Saturdays) at 8:30 AM. We try to wrap it up by 3:30 after a club provided lunch at about noon. The next Docks Committee meetings are scheduled for 6:00 PM Feb. 23 and March 23. Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

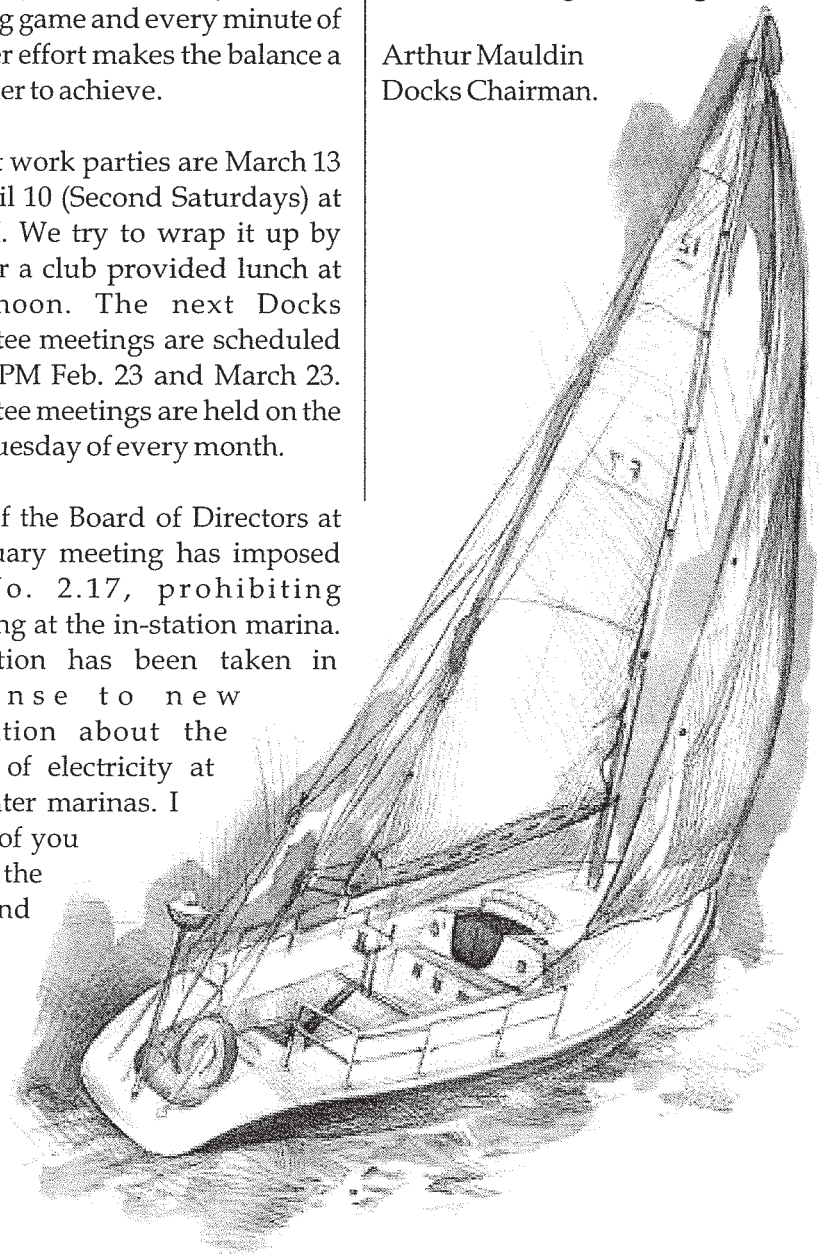
Action of the Board of Directors at its February meeting has imposed rule No. 2.17, prohibiting swimming at the in-station marina. This action has been taken in response to new information about the hazards of electricity at fresh water marinas. I urge all of you to read the work and

the dedication of Mr. Kevin Ritz, who has worked so courageously in the face of a huge tragedy. Here's a link:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/kritz.asp>. Your Docks Chairman knows the value of this work.

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. A major step in this direction will occur with the creation of a subcommittee directed to install draft curtains. The pile of stuff to be delegated, is high.

Arthur Mauldin  
Docks Chairman.



## Tarettes' Corner

Wow, my term as President is almost over, three more months! Time goes fast when we are having FUN. At our March meeting we will have the Pampered Chef representative come Thursday, March 25, at 7:00. All are welcome to see the new items on sale for the galley! Bring munchies to share or a bottle of wine!

NEWS NEWS!!! Make sure you sign up for the Norwegian Cruise!

The excitement is building! Aug. 14 - 28 th ~~~ Call Jean Larson at Let's Go Travel for all the details, 206 367-1199. Single? Don't let that stop you! We can make arrangements! We have two singles waiting for roomies. Also if you want to add a few days to check out London we have some fun sight seeing lined up!

I want to thank Don & Judy Wilson for arranging to have the

watercolors framed that the Tarettes gave the Club as a gift.

Looking Ahead April is our Mother-Daughter Best Friend Night! On April 22 Taproot Theatre will come and entertain us ! Dessert, coffee & tea will be served!

Debbie Foote  
Tarette President





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The Queen City Junior Yacht Club is now looking for eager young people for the 2010 summer boating and sailing camps. Campers must be able to swim and should be between the ages of 9 and 17. The 2010 sessions will begin the week of June 21st and run through the week of August 16. Each will be one week long, Mondays through Fridays, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM..

**Members can sign up their kids or grandkids on Saturday, April 3rd, and be first in line for the week(s) you prefer, from 10:00AM to noon at the clubhouse, second floor.**

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All Queen City members can support this program by talking it up with your friends and neighbors that may have interested children or grandchildren.

Tim Rutledge  
Junior Program Chair

## LOOKING AHEAD

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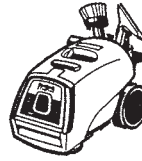
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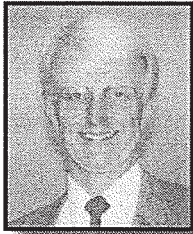
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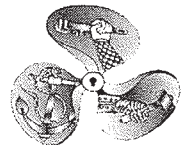
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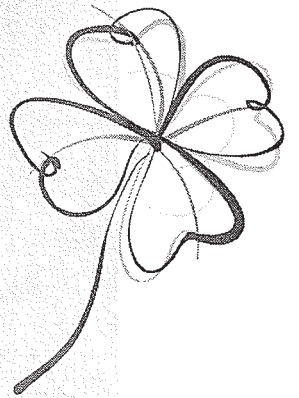
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## What's planned?

- YOU solving the mysteries -- including who caused the unfortunate and untimely demise of....
- Potluck Saturday night
- Wine and beer social hour
- BYO "guess the ingredients hors d'oeuvre"
- Light breakfast Sunday morning

## How much will it cost?

\$6.50 per person. You will also pay about 90 cents a foot to the "mystery marina."

The \$6.50 is for:

- Clues you need to get there ☑
- Clues you need to solve the murder mystery game
- Wine and beer social hour
- Light breakfast

## Do I have to sign up in advance?

Yes. . .Because we have reserved slips; will need to buy food, wine and beer; and plan the mystery game, etc., we need you to confirm your participation by March 6 with either Larry Dubia or Crystal in the office. Shortly after you sign up, you will receive a sealed envelope with clues.

## Got questions?

Call Fleet Captain Larry Dubia at 206-300-2933 or email at [lddubia65@msn.com](mailto:lddubia65@msn.com)

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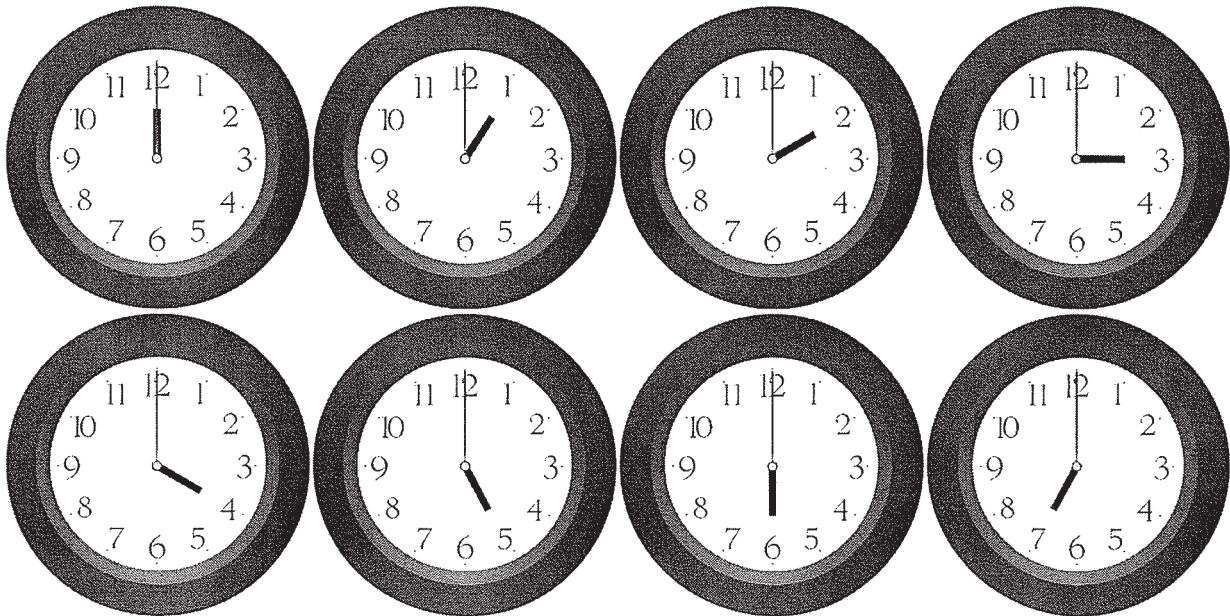
**Date:** Basic Tutorial - Tuesday, March 30, 2010  
Advanced Tutorial - Wednesday, March 31, 2010

**Location:** Queen City Yacht Club  
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**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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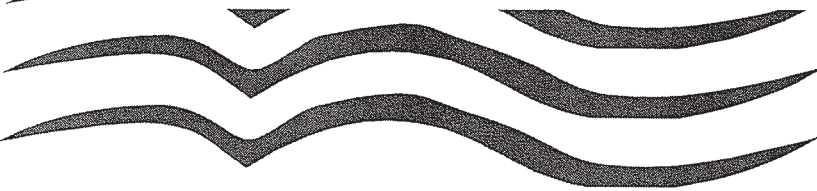
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# MARCH 2010


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Dancing With The Bridge Start: 1900	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130	<b>6</b> MBYC Boomerang Race Start: 0900 Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Rainier Commodore's Ball Start: 1800
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Board Meeting Start: 1900	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> General Meeting Start: 1930 Tarette Board Meeting Start: 1930	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130 St. Patrick's Day Friday Night Social Start: 1730	<b>13</b> Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Docks Work Party - 0830 Edmonds Commodore's Ball - Start: 1800
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Novice and Old Timer's Race Start: 1700	<b>20</b> Novice and Old Timer's Race - all day Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 Fleet Captain's Cruise: Mystery Cruise - 0900 Tyee JO Ball -- 1800
<b>21</b> Novice and Old Timer's Race Fleet Captain's Cruise: Mystery Cruise	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> General Meeting Start: 1930	<b>25</b> Tarette Gen. Meeting Start: 1900	<b>26</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Past Commodores Friday Night Social Start: 1730	<b>27</b> Saturday Breakfast/Lunch Start: 0900 P/C Cruise-in Olympia Start: 0900 Gig Harbor Int'l Race-0900 Private Event - 1200 Everett Comm. Ball - 1800
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Coastal Explorer Basic Class Start: 1830	<b>31</b> Coastal Explorer Advanced Class Start: 1830			

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