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COMMODORE GEORGE AUSTIN

✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ OCTOBER 2010

Can you believe that in 2016 our club will be 100 years old? What a fine club we have, with continually helpful members and a strong sense of mission supported by the Bridge, Board, Planning and Finance, 50 chair positions and numerous special committees. We have a long history

of giving to the community, continuously striving to be good stewards of our properties, good neighbors and courteous boaters. Thank you for allowing me to be your Commodore for 2010-2011.

During my Commodore year Nancy and I will strive to be open about what is happening in our club. We will promote Queen City's benefits, meet and embrace new members, make sure we protect and maintain our assets while enjoying them and have some fun with our fellow members.

One of the duties of the Commodore is to fill committee chairs and we have been lucky to have most positions filled by the last year's chairs, so we continue with knowledge and experience in these efforts. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered. The pay is the same in each position, so the job and respect of fellow members is the reward.

A big "Thank You" to your newest Past Commodore, Ed and wife Elaine, for heading up the Commodore's Ball. It will be over by the time this is printed but I know I am looking forward to it as I write this article.

Your new Vice Commodore, Don and Judy Wilson, and Rear Commodore, Bob and Lois Stettner are energetic, creative and engaging, so let them be part of your club experience. We've been working on a few items so watch for these during the year.

I want to thank Steve and Karen Coughlin for a great Labor Day cruise at Winslow. They had it very well organized. There were goldfish races on Saturday with doggy Olympics on Sunday, big screen movies by the Rutledges with popcorn and candy on both Saturday and Sunday night. The P/C Bob Yates Clambake on Saturday turned out well. There was

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October 2010

- Oct 1 Comm. Ball Decor/Prep
- Oct 2 Commodore's Bal
- Oct 9 POYC Fall Round-Up!
- Oct 9 SSAPS Fundraising Auction
- Oct 14 SSPS Dinner
- Oct 29-30 Halloween Cruise & Mac & Cheese Contest

a terrific new menu for the other meals and pretty fair weather. Thanks again for all your support of Steve and Karen's first big function.

And then there was Jim Damery's (he's won it so many times that it feels like his) Fishing Derby. Those who went to Labor Day were able to leave their boats at the outstation if they were going to participate in the Fishing Derby so I left mine and ended up going fishing with "Labor Day Steve Coughlin." I let a couple of little fish go, Steve got skunked but others decided to keep theirs and the winner was J'Anna Post, wife of Larry Post, with a 10 1/4 lb fish. Their winning fish makes them the Derby Chair for next year with Eric and Barb Wood as assistants. I'm looking forward to this.

Okay, let's get to more good stuff. We have a new calendar. It's on-line, and our new Fleet Captain, Steve and Jackie Weiss, have their first cruise that includes a Halloween Party at Winslow on Oct. 29-31. There will be a homemade mac & cheese contest, costumes, pumpkin carving and whatever else that Steve can dredge up from the dark recesses of his spooky mind. Creepy or cute, let's have fun.

I'm looking forward to this year with you.

George Austin
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Well, it appears that fall is upon us already. Did anyone notice where summer was this year? A new club year is starting and you all have graciously allowed me to be your Vice Commodore this year. Judy and I had a great time this past year representing Queen City Yacht

Club as your Rear Commodore. I will endeavor to do my very best to continue the growth and traditions of the club for the coming year. We have some ambitious plans to help our club grow and prosper. I am looking forward to work with Commodore Austin and Rear Commodore Stettner. I could reflect over the last year but I think we have had enough reflection and hope that we can look forward to the coming year's accomplishments, some of which are expansion of membership, some form of family membership, a closer relationship with the Tarrettes, and a feasible plan to solve our dock electrical shortcomings. Thanks to all who have helped me this past year.

Don Wilson
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

My, how time flies. It seems like yesterday that I was privileged to be elected to join the Queen City Bridge as your new Rear Commodore, and here I am writing my first report to the membership.

First, I want to express my appreciation for your vote of confidence in me to serve as Rear Commodore, and secondly I consider it an honor to work and be a part of this great yacht club.


I have been retired since June 2006 and enjoying the wonderful life of retirement. Then one peaceful day my lovely wife Lois casually mentioned that I should try to find something more to do with my time during the day. Apparently, she felt that she was seeing a little too much of me around the house during the day. Well, the rest is history and here I am.

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My duties as Rear Commodore involve responsibility for grounds, security, membership and reception and I look forward to doing them. Another priority will be working closely with the other bridge officers in conducting the business of our yacht club. Finally, I consider myself a team player and will do my best to contribute and assist in dealing with the challenges and issues that may come up throughout the year ahead.

I was pleased to learn that Captains Rebecca Garvie, Ron Hilden and Chris Benson have all agreed to continue on in their same committee positions this year. They will be assisting me in taking care of the QCYC grounds, security and membership. Although I have not had the opportunity to meet with each of these committee chairs at this writing, I will be getting together with each of them in the near future.

You may look forward to a more up-to-date report on grounds, security and membership in my next *Bilge*

Pump article.

On a more personal note, Lois and I have already begun to meet and socialize with many of our new members, and are looking forward to getting re-acquainted with many long-time members. Most of all, I'm looking forward to a strong year for bringing in new members, maintaining our many treasured traditions and doing my best as Rear Commodore. Lois and I are both very pleased to be a part of Queen City and look forward to the year ahead.

Regards

Bob Stettner
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Screw Up Flags and Long Cruise

Screw Up Flags

If you were at the first meeting in September, you heard that four

members "earned" screw up flags this summer. "Congratulations" (or condolences) go to Craig Ranta for a run-away dinghy, Dean Lentgis for locking his keys in the parade car; Kent Soffel for hitting a rock twice in Alaska (different rocks); and Don Wilson for hitting a rock in the San Juans.

Long Cruise

Did you know that it is the same distance between La Conner and Seattle and Olympia and Seattle? Some people can get to La Conner in a day. We, on the long cruise, took 10 days to get to Olympia.

Our long cruise started out at the Outstation with a salmon dinner for nearly 40 hungry boaters. The next day found us at Des Moines, where the dock crew rearranged boats to accommodate our group, which at that time included *Big Brivet* (our boat), *Hey Jude* (V/C Don and Judy Wilson), *DelicaSea* (Dave and LuAnne Armstrong), *Warp Speed* (Jon and Joyce Vaughn), *Wish Giver* (P/C Rich and Christine McCroskey), *Aqua Amo* (Bill and Millie Grayson), *Escargot* (Diane and Terry Carlisle), *High Time* (Bob and Carol Randolph), *Choppers* (Marge and Terry Baker), and *Moon River* (John and MaryLouise Alvig).

It was a hot day in Tacoma, so we took over the shady part of the dock for a get together on the first night. After exploring the various museums and downtown area, we ventured to the Old Spaghetti Factory for dinner. New members Jim and Jeanne Miller and their son, Josh, drove many of us and joined us for dinner.

Our cruise included many such great dinners, potluck hors d'oeuvre parties, potlucks and barbecues. We even had fresh crab, caught by Mark and Sheri Pywell, who joined us at



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Filucy Bay. Barb and Larry Knutsen met us at Fair Harbor. Earlier, we had said goodbye to the Bakers, Vaughns, Carlises, Wilsons, and Randolphs.

After a visit to the ferry museum and barbecue on the grass at Fair Harbor, we journeyed to Jarrell Cove, where we all got onto the park dock. It was really hot, so Rich and Chris McCroskey helped cool us down with some homemade margaritas. MaryLouise Alvig introduced Dorothy and Barb Knutsen to kayaking, while Chris McCroskey tried a 3-mile walk around the cove, and LuAnne Anderson searched for photo-graphic moments. Most of the day was lazy and we hid from the heat until the weenie roast. There is no electricity at the dock, and Larry Knutsen's all-electric boat experienced a "brown out" -- perhaps because he ran his hot water heater all night?

We awoke to clouds and the start of wind, which stayed with us on our passage to Olympia -- 15 to 25 knots easily, but fairly flat seas. Millie and Bill Grayson experienced a battery problem which delayed their departure and we gathered at their slip and cheered and sang when they joined us hours later.

Our first night in Olympia found us at Anthony's Hearthside Grill for their happy hour. While Andersons and Pywells made plans to leave, the crews of the five remaining boats explored the Farmer's Market and "Sand City," an annual sand sculpture event. *Big Brivet* was the venue for the final event, wrapping up a fun cruise with absolutely wonderful people!

Thanks to all who participated in our Fleet Captain's cruises this year. It is YOU who made them fun!

Larry Dubia
Fleet Captain (ret)

OUTSTATION REPORT

It seems hard to believe but summer has come and gone! I seem to remember a warm spell now and then. Oh well, that's why it's so green in the N.W.!

The ogre (not the dentist I work for - he's great - the *other* guy) let me take a month off this summer, and we went to the west coast of Vancouver Island. We had a wonderful time fishing, reading, and just relaxing in Clayoquot Sound, and I did think about the Outstation once in a while. But the Outstation was left in good hands, as many members were happy to keep things watered, mowed and spiffed up. Jeff Purvis mowed the lawn just before we returned, and MaryLouise Alving even spent a good part of one day tackling the garden and some of the large weeds that had grown while we were gone. Thank you to all. Maybe the ogre will let me take more time off next summer.

We came back from our trip to a real surprise - there was an airplane in our parking lot! The story we were told is that a vintage float plane blew an engine at the entrance of Eagle Harbor. The Fire Department towed it to our docks, as there was space where the Police boat is normally kept. With the help of some of our members, it was then towed to the launch ramp where it could be placed on a flatbed truck. The wings had been removed but they still needed to secure it for road travel. Our club offered the gravel area of our parking lot to finish securing the craft, and we got back just in time to see it parked up there. This has to be a first for the club. As members we are supposed to come to the aid of our fellow boaters - now we can add planes to that oath!

A week before Labor Day weekend we had another fire on a member's

boat. Again, it was caught in time and the damage consisted of smoke and wiring damage. This is second fire here this summer and in both cases a smoke detector was not installed. Per the suggestion of the Asst. Fire Chief, fire detectors should be part of the equipment we have on our boats. If either of these fires had occurred during the wee hours of the morning, the results could have been much different.

We were out cruising as the Labor Day weekend went into full swing. We knew this event would be a success as the chairpersons of the event, Steve and Karen Coughlin, started e-mailing us early in the season to begin planning for the weekend. The food was plenty and we understand a Jess Hill-inspired drink was prepared and well-enjoyed. Very much enjoyed. Very, very much enjoyed.

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forgotten and for the new members that might plan a visit to the Outstation, winter moorage begins September 15th, which means that the dock space on the inside of the "U" is reserved for winter moorage boats. When you come over, please tie up on the outside of the docks.

We are looking forward to the cruise planned at the Outstation for Halloween weekend. Eric was really excited when he learned there will be a "macaroni and cheese" casserole cook-off - he's already starting to search for the perfect recipe. We hope to see you out here!

Late-breaking news: The Fishing Derby was hosted by Jim Damery, and the place was packed. The Biggest Loser (oops, I meant Winner) was J'Anna Post, who along with Larry will now get to put on next year's Derby.

Barb Wood

REGATTA POWER REPORT

There have been no races by press time so the report for the SYC Stimson Race will be next month

Upcoming Races

QCYC's Skipper of the Year will once again be decided at the club's Flag Officer's race held on the weekend of Oct 15, 16, and 17. The award ceremony will be part of the Burger bash on Sunday 10/17 at 5 PM. All club members are invited to race and even if you haven't run a race before, we will be glad to help you time your boat and run the race using our layout.

The Port Orchard YC Fall Round-up to finish the season will be on Sat Oct 9th.

The IPBA Award Banquet will be

held Saturday Nov 13 at Richmond YC in BC. You can register at the IPBA website:

<http://www.ipbalogracing.org/comingevents/default.htm>.

First of the Season Race, Jan 22, 2010

The QCYC FOS race will be held on January 22nd with events from the 21st thru 23rd.

Predicted Log Racing Classes

We will again offer classes in January. The classes will start with the basics and proceed through the steps in laying out the race, calculations, currents, running the course and the use of the computer with demonstrations of Excel calculation programs and Coastal Explorer, Nobeltec (and other) charting programs. Weekend boat timing demonstration(s) will also be offered at a convenient time. You are also encouraged to sign up as an observer for the First of the Season race to see how a race is run; or sign up as a racer; use the classes and skull session to plan your race. Meetings will be at 6:30 PM.

Mon Jan 10 - Lay out, Tactics, Nobeltec & Coastal Explorer
Thurs Jan 13 - Calculations, Currents

Tues Jan 18 - 7 PM - Skull session for the First of the Season Race - learn from the "pros."

All club members and friends are invited. Please join us. To inquire or SIGN UP - call or email Bob Lindal at 206-892-1234 or bobl@lindal.com or P/C Jeff Ewell at 206-464-4019.

Bob Lindal
Regatta Power Chair

2010 QCYC FISHING DERBY

This year's QCYC fishing derby was again another successful weekend.

We had a total of 12 boats, 37 fishermen and 28 non-fishermen. Among the 37 fishermen only 11 fish were caught - not many fish out there this year to be caught. The winning fish, 10 ¼ pounds, was caught by J'Anna Post. She received \$100 for 1st place and she picked a haulout donated by Delta Marine. We are looking forward for the Post family



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to carry on with the 2011 fishing derby. All fishermen and non-fishermen received drawing prizes from the donations by the many vendors. Thanks for all the time and effort by Diane Prestebak for gathering up all the donations.

We served a total of 64 dinners with the help of the following: my son and daughter-in-law Phil and Tina Damery, Kathy Montgomery, Karen Coughlin, Dorothy Cooper, Bob & Diane Prestebak and Irene Nelson. And special thanks for the night clean up crew, Tim & Carolyn DeCook.

On Sunday we had eye openers bar tended by Chuck Cooper along with coffee and treats. And a special thanks to our qualified fish weigher, Gordy Foote, who spent many hours just waiting for the boats to arrive to write down the correct weight.

JIM DAMERY
Fishing Derby Chairman 2010

SHIP'S STORE

The QCYC Ship's Store is open for business! Be sure to come by and see the beautiful etching on our glass doors. Even more important...please come by and shop with us!

Starting in November we will publish a schedule of dates and times when the Ship's Store will be open for business. It will be also be posted at the store.

We are doing our best to buy sizes to fit all but it is difficult to always have the right sizes on hand. Some of our vendors will only allow us to purchase in large quantities, so getting your size, after the fact, may be almost impossible. Please speak to any of us who are selling at the store. We want to hear from you regarding sizes and items you would

like to see. As you know, we won't be able accommodate everyone but we will do our best to keep the Store stocked with interesting, quality items in your size.

Thank you for supporting the store.

Happy Shopping from the Crew at the QCYC Ships Store.

SPECIAL PEOPLE'S HOLIDAY CRUISE

As you all know the Special People's Holiday Cruise is one of the big things we do for the community. It is sponsored by Seafair and takes place on the first Sunday in December. This year that is December 5. It takes about a half day. We need skippers, boats and many other volunteers. Please, where you can, plan your holiday gatherings and boat maintenance to allow you to participate in this wonderful event. When somebody contacts you to ask you to participate, please say "yes." You'll be glad you did.

Bill Field
SPHC Chair

Tarettes' Corner

As I write this article the Steak Fry/Entertainment Night hasn't happened yet, but it is always a really great event and well attended, so I'm sure we all had fun!!

The first WIC luncheon of the season is at Edmonds Yacht Club on October 14. Please let Renee Kimes know by October 1 if you plan to attend so she can give Edmonds a head count. If you need a ride, we can make arrangements for you.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events - the Tarette Friday Night Social on November 12, and the Captains' Christmas Dinner on December 9. More details will be provided as these events approach.

I encourage all of you to look around the room when you are attending Club functions and make a point to make our new members feel welcome and invite them to sit at your table.

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President

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In Memoriam

OLSEN, ERLING V. (BUB)
July 23, 1918 - August 6, 2010

Longtime Queen City member and Port Angeles community leader Captain Erling V. "Bub" Olsen Jr. passed away August 6, 2010, from age-related causes. At his death, Bub was QCYC member #001!

Captain Olsen was born July 23, 1918, in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from North Kitsap High School. Bub, as he was always called, attended the University of Washington, where he rowed for the crew team. His college career, however, was cut short by the attack on Pearl Harbor and his entering the Navy. He served in the Navy during World War II as a Chief Petty Officer.

In 1940 Bub married Alice in Seattle and they were married for more than 70 years! The Olsens had three children: Sharon (who passed away in 1959), Sandy Sinnes (Lee) and Tom Olsen (Wendy).

In 1954, the Olsens moved to Port Angeles where Bub was offered an opportunity with Atlantic Richfield. He was a business leader in Port Angeles, where he was not only the Atlantic Richfield distributor for many years but also owned Tire Town and Pressure Matic.

Bub's pride in Port Angeles was reflected in his community activities. He was a member of many community service organizations. In retirement, Bub was a leading supporter of the Great Olympic Peninsula Duck Derby, a fundraiser for the Olympic Medical Center Foundation. For 20 years, Bub organized the "Quacker Backers" team, "adopted out" more than 15,000 ducks, raised over \$79,000 for the

Hospital Foundation, hosted numerous "quackers and cheese" strategy sessions and hosted the race-day luncheon for volunteers that is now known as "Bub's Very Important Duck Party." Bub and Alice were honored by the Hospital Foundation for their years of service and were named "Outstanding Volunteers" for the years 1990-2000.

As a youth, Bub had completed the requirements necessary to become an Eagle Scout. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, he wasn't able to be initiated then, and wasn't officially sworn in as an Eagle Scout until 2002, when he was 84 years old. This remarkable event was covered by the national news media, Bub was interviewed on Good Morning America, and he instantly became the oldest new Eagle Scout in America.

Bub and Alice traveled throughout the world over the years, and both were well known as accomplished cooks and generous hosts. Throughout their lives they enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives in their home.

Bub led a full and active life, with many good friends and adoring family members. He was famous for telling dozens of old, interesting and entertaining stories based upon his experiences and adventures over the years. Virtually all of Bub's tales concluded with a wag of his finger, an engaging smile and his final words on the matter: "And THAT'S a true story!"

Captain Olsen joined Queen City in 1949 and was very active in the club until the family moved to Port Angeles. Alice remembers very fondly their friends and social activities at the club. Bub was an avid log racer and participated in many

Puget Sound contests and in many ICR contests. The Olsens participated in the Capital to Capital/Alaska 1000 contest the first year it was held after WW II - five boats finished the contest. Bub and Alice with Bob & Geraldine Wilson, plus five children, participated on the Wilson's 52' *Puget Pride*. The Wilsons and the Olsens have been very close friends ever since the 1940's. When Norm Collins was Commodore (1954) Bub served as the club Steward and, in those days, frequently the club chef! Bub was an active CG Auxiliary member and volunteer.

The Olsens owned a number of boats over the years: the *King Bacardi*, on which Bub was pictured in the 1953 annual in the Daffodil Yacht Parade with a sign that read "Toast to Tacoma from QCYC Seattle," the *Laverock III*, a 43' Grandy; the *San-Tom*, a 38' Tollycraft; and the *Yellow Banana* a 24' Sea Ray that Bub, and now his son used as a fishing boat.

P/C Virgil Fey brought Bub to a meeting a couple of years ago and the members were able to celebrate Bub's #001 status - a wonderful experience for Bub and the members that attended that meeting.

Bub is survived by his wife Alice, children Sandy & Tom, as well as grandchildren Shari Carrell, Cindy Caryl, Matt Sinnes and Andie Kelly; and great-grandchildren, Jake, Drew and Max.

RON ROLSTAD

By the time you read this the memorial service for P/C Ron Rolstad will already have occurred. He will be sorely missed.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Fleet Captain's Cruise to Winslow and Macaroni and Cheese Bakeoff October 29, 30 and 31



Friday October 29th Fleet Arrives:

5:00PM —All boats bring an appetizer to share. Beer Wine and Soft Drinks will be provided. Dinner on your own



Saturday October 30th:

9:00AM — Eye Openers & Pastries at the Club

12:00PM —Kids Games and Activities

3:00PM— Dress up Kids for Costume Contest and Trick or Treating

4:30PM — Macaroni and Cheese Contestants take over Club to prepare Recipes

6:00PM — Dinner and Judging of Entries

7:00PM — Raffle and Prizes for best Recipes

*Salad and Bread Provided by Fleet Captain

*Please Bring a Dessert if not Cooking

*Adult Costumes are Optional but could be fun

*All Boats Bring a Bag or two of Treats for Dock-Side Trick or Treating by the Kids

*BYOB



Sunday October 31st:

9:00AM —Eye Openers & Pastries at the Club

Fleet Departs for Trick or Treating at Home

Macaroni and Cheese Bake-Off Contest Rules and Sign-Up: All Recipes must be from Scratch. Entries may be Baked at Home, on your Boat, or at the Club. All Cooks should make between 6-8 servings for tasting and feeding all who attend. **There will be no Extra Points for Presentation.** \$10.00 Entry Fee will be collected for the Prize Pool. Judging will be by Peoples Choice and Prizes Awarded to the Top Three Recipes.

Sign-Up is a MUST

Contact for General Questions: Steve and Jacquie Weiss 206-285-5775

Contact for Bake-Off and Sign-Up: Dan and Marilyn Wilshin 425-427-5355

Contact for Kids Activities: Jim and Karen VanWagenen 206-352-9876

***Please RSVP for number of Kids and Adults who will be Attending**

The Captains' Christmas Dinner Hosted by the Tarettes

**December 9, 2010
Social Hour 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm**

Entertainment by The Dickens Carolers

We are supporting the Boyer House again this year. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child 3 or younger, or a cash card from Target, Safeway, or Fred Meyer.



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!**

**Cost of this
event is \$27.00
per person**

**This event is open to ALL!!
Reservation Deadline November 26
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OCTOBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Commodore's Ball Decor/Prep Friday Lunch Start: 1130	2 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 QCYC Commodore's Ball Start: 1800
3	4 Dancing with the Bridge Start: 1900	5 Fall Boating Class- Seattle Power Squadron Start: 1900	6	7	8 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	9 Bremerton JO Ball - 0000 Saturday Breakfast - 0900 POYC Fall Round-Up Start: 0900 SSAPS Fundraising Auction - Start: 1400
10	11 Board Meeting Start: 1900	12 Fall Boating Class- Seattle Power Squadron Start: 1900	13 General Membership Meeting Start: 1930	14	15 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Flag Officers' Race Start: 0000	16 Olympia Commodore's Ball - Start: 0000 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900
17	18 Dancing with the Bridge Start: 1900	19 Fall Boating Class- Seattle Power Squadron Start: 1900	20	21 SSPS Dinner Start: 1800	22 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	23 Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900 Everett JO Bal Start: 0000
24	25 Dancing with the Bridge Start: 1900	26 Fall Boating Class- Seattle Power Squadron Start: 1900	27 Tarette Board Meeting Start: 1630 General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930 Tarette General Meeting Start: 1930	28 WEWM Foundation Auction - Private Event Start: 0500	29 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Halloween Cruise & Mac & Cheese Contest Start: 1700	30 Halloween Cruise & Mac & Cheese Contest all day Saturday Breakfast Start: 0900

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