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COMMODORE DON WILSON

✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ OCTOBER 2011

I am very honored to be serving as your 2011-2012 Commodore at Queen City Yacht Club. Our club is rich in history here in the Pacific Northwest and it is with pride that we all can fly our Queen City burgees. It won't be long before we will be planning and celebrating our

centennial. How's that for history?

Our club thrives due to the participation of its members. Not only do you have the Bridge, Board, and Planning and Finance Committee guiding the club, there are numerous chair positions and special committees that also participate. Thanks to everyone who puts extra time in at the club to help move all the different projects along. We are very fortunate our members have such a widely diverse range of expertise.

We have a lot on the horizon for the future at Queen City. The 520 project, electrical improvements, firebreaks completion, work dock replacement and the challenge of increasing our membership to help pay for these projects are just a few.

I want to thank P/C George and Nancy Austin and P/C Ed and Elaine Jennerich for all the help and guidance they have given me

leading up to this, my Commodore year.

You have a brand new Bridge that is looking forward to serving you for 2011-2012. Vice Commodore Bob and Lois Stettner have faced some serious personal challenges in the past year and yet Bob has willingly continued to serve you. We look forward to seeing more of Lois this year. Rear Commodore Bob and Laurean Myers are a great addition to the Bridge. Judy and I look forward to working with "the Bobs" and their lovely first mates.

Nancy and P/C George have been planning the Commodore's Ball, (actually Nancy has been planning it since the day after last year's Ball) and we will have all enjoyed it by the time you read this. Thanks George and Nan.

The annual Fishing Derby will also have taken place by this time. I wonder who the big winner is? That

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HIGHLIGHTS

October 2011

Oct 1	2011 Commodore's Ball
Oct 8-9	POYC Fall Round Up
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lucky winner will, of course, be the Fishing Derby Chairman for 2012.

Your 2011-2012 Fleet Captain is Captain Mike Cochran. He and First Mate Pam have planned a number of adventures for the club, the first of which is Halloween at Winslow October 28-30. Captain Mike (or should we say Chef Mike) tells us that we will be eating really well this year. Look for table toppers to tell you more.

I am looking forward to a positive, productive year at Queen City Yacht Club.

Don Wilson
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Greetings:

Thank you for your vote of confidence and support as I move to the Vice Commodore chair position. The past year went by fast and we saw our club move ahead in many areas such as docks, moorage, security, outstations and membership. This progress resulted from a lot of hard work by many dedicated committees and a boat load of volunteers. This is what makes our club work well, and my personal thanks to each of you.

My thanks to P/C Austin, Commodore Wilson, the Bridge officers, Queen City Board of Trustees and the Planning & Finance committee for their help last year. We were a close Bridge and their help was invaluable in my Rear Commodore year. Another big thank you goes to all the wives of the Bridge for their positive support, gentle nudging and keeping us on

top of the social calendar which is strongly appreciated. Finally, kudos and appreciation to Captains Becky Garvie (Grounds), Chris Benson (Membership) and Rod Hilden (Security) -- it's been a pleasure working with each of you!

VICE COMMODORE DUTIES

My time over the next year will be mainly occupied with the oversight of our club moorage, docks, club house, and outstations along with other duties assigned and too many committee meetings to list at this writing. Additionally, I will be attending our Board of Trustees meetings and the Planning & Finance committee meetings which includes joining R/C Myers to represent Queen City in the Grand 14 activities.

MOORAGE: I am looking forward to working with Capt. Richard Frisch who has agreed to continue to chair the Moorage Committee assisted by Capt. Ron Voegeli. The committee's work will include verifying that all of our captains have on file their vessel insurance certificate and boat registration with the club. Not to be overlooked, the committee will also continue to address the question of "Storage Boats" and ensuring that all boats are properly registered. As you know the QCYC measurer responsibility is also a part of this committee and I look forward to working with Captains Gary Halverson and Jim Brooks.

DOCKS: Our docks will be at the top of the list, and there still remains some unfinished work to do. However, if you have been reading Dock Chairman Art Mauldin's reports, you know that we are seeing real progress and the committee has done an excellent job.

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ELECTICAL SERVICE (capital project): This is a Special Committee that will report directly to the Bridge and is chaired by Capt. John Alving. John and his team will be working closely with our contract consultant team to analyze all the collected information. This project is needed to bring our dock moorage electrical service at the Seattle in-station up to code. Kudos to our Electrical Committee for the fine work that they are doing on this important project.

HOUSE: I am very pleased that Capt. Jim Damery will continue as chair of the House Committee. Jim and his crew do a fantastic job of keeping our clubhouse looking good and in a good state of maintenance and repair. We are fortunate to have Capt. Andy Gerde back as our Club Manger this year and we look forward to another stellar year of operation. Do note that we now have a Web Cam up and running, which shows the U Dock. Please go to the Queen City website and click on Seattle in-station to view.

OUTSTATIONS

WINSLOW: The Winslow outstation is one of our prized possessions, and I was very pleased

to learn that Captains Barb and Eric Wood will continue to manage the Winslow outstation. With the completion of and replacement of the existing docks, Winslow is really open for business. With our new Web Cam connection members can view the status of the moorage before departing for Winslow.

DEER HARBOR: Reports were good on member attendance at our Deer Harbor outstation this summer. According to reports, the crab catch was abundant and the feasting was the best with lots of our members joining in the fun on the dock party celebrations. We are looking forward to the picture evidence to follow.

GANGES: Our new outstation location at Ganges has received mixed reviews depending on where you were moored. Please let us hear your feedback on the likes and dislikes at Ganges. Post your feedback on the Queen City website. As you know, Ganges is a key stop over spot for our members as we cruise the Gulf Islands or head further north, and we appreciate your feedback as we consider our renewal of the Ganges outstation lease for next year.

In closing, I look forward to another

exciting and busy year at Queen City and will be seeing you next at the October 12 General meeting.

Regards,
Bob Stettner
Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

We are privileged and honored to serve as your QCYC Rear Commodore and Lady Laurean and I wish to thank the Nominating Committee and the membership for their confidence and support.

We are organic home grown Ballard kids, raised on the waters of Shilshole Bay. I am unable to recall not having some kind of boat. My dad worked for Foss tugs, taught me to navigate by rose, charts and calipers at 9 years of age. 40 years ago Laurean and I were married and our first boat was a 1958 21 foot Tolly. Since then we have enjoyed both power and sailboats our whole lives. We now have *Par-a-gon*, on which you see a black salty dog named Lucy retrieving balls off the transom.

For us, QCYC has been a great club, welcoming and friendly: in fact coming to Winslow is like going to the cabin. We thoroughly enjoy the dialogue to bring collaborative solutions to club concerns. In our lives we have always found ways to create mutually beneficial options for most challenges. At QCYC we have certainly experienced great fun and camaraderie in actively volunteering for club activates.

While we enjoy our fantastic



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facilities on Portage Bay and Eagle Harbor, etc., I strongly believe our greatest assets are the wonderful people who comprise our membership. I am committed to building on our club strengths, in recruitment, retention and reception of new members (& YOU), as well as maintain excellence in our grounds program and our security systems.

I aspire to have the finest yacht club, membership and programs financially possible.

Thank you for joining me with your generous help.

P.S. Laurean and I just returned from the Port Orchard Yacht Club's JO Ball. It was a Jimmy Buffett theme. We took our boat over to POYC on a very warm Friday, September 9th and returned on Monday. V/C Bob and Lois Stettner drove over by car Saturday and spent the night. Lois and Bob danced to a great band, "Oasis." Lois looked great! One message from meeting with our counterparts in the Grand 14 is that all the clubs share similar issues. Our Class of 2014 now has a name, "Tridents." There are six female Rear Commodores in the Grand 14 this year.

While out cruising this August we ran into the Fleet Captain's Summer Cruise a few times. A tip of the Kelly to Fleet Capt. Steve & Jacqueline Weiss for all the fun in the Sun!!

Bob Myers
Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT SUMMER CRUISE

After all the planning, reservations made, considerable e-mails and correspondence to take care of, the first week of the Summer Cruise came off with nary a hitch. The only minor change to my schedule came on Saturday, 7/30, with the plan to anchor in Fossil Bay on Sucia Island. The bay was full, so the fleet moved to Echo Bay where a raft of 10 boats was made and all participants had a great time.

While I could go into detail about every stop we made, I would rather write about several situations that arose that will make those who attended smile a little.

V/C Don Wilson didn't fall asleep while entering the Swinomish Channel.

On a not so funny note, Captain Gordon Foote lost an engine coming out of locks and didn't make the trip. Bummer!

The trip from LaConner to Sucia saw the Fleet heading in one direction and the *Jacqueline* in another. Both came out of the fog at the same time and place however.

The weather was spectacular.

The trip to Roche Harbor was uneventful except for the fact that after arriving some of the first mates hit the sportswear shop before the Fleet Captain could hand out the 20% off coupons that were available. I think all received their discounts, however.

The Fleet Captain had to show a little muscle to evict the Ranger Tug folks from our reserved party barge. It started to get a bit ugly when

cooler heads prevailed and the person in charge moved his group to another location. He did come back later with a peace offering, but I was out to dinner and he gave a carrot cake to V/C Wilson. I asked where it was and he said "we ate it!" What's up with that?" The following morning the tugs got back at us as they were leaving Roche. At about 6:30 AM they departed and all 20 or so used their bow and stern thrusters to the max!

R/C to be Bob Myers learned that he should have a spare fresh water pump on board after a straw vote by a disgruntled 1st mate Laurean of the other captains.

How was QCYC, after only one day, able to take over the entire floating dock at Reid Harbor? 12 boats all flying the burgee enjoyed two wonderful days there.

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Captain Dan Wilshin decided after 4 years to try and start his tender motor. I for one gave him little support. After many pulls the job was taken over by Commodore George and after many more pulls it started and actually ran quite well. Go figure!

Watching Karen VanWagenen trying to take a picture of another person's bras hanging out to dry was very amusing.

Our daughter was getting married in Friday Harbor August 5th. The plan was for me and Jacquie to take a dinghy over to Friday that afternoon. Dan and Marilyn Wilshin would have no part of that and offered to take us and pick us up later on their boat. What special friends!

Many thanks to all who assisted me in putting on this cruise:

Commodore George and Nancy for storing food and beverages and our wedding clothes on *Grey Goose*.

Dan and Marilyn Wilshin for their help on the dinner at Roche.

Jim and Karen VanWagenen with helping on the Roche dinner and Pizza night at Deer Harbor.

Arlene Oberg for two wonderful breakfasts.

Brian and Carolyn Barton, our guests on *Jacqueline*, for all they did, which is too much to even start writing about.

Special thanks to all who attended this cruise and others who didn't attend but supported the Fleet Captain's events throughout the year.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT--- PRINCESS LOUISA

About 10 days before we left on the Summer Cruise I had 9 boats signed up for the trip. On the 6th of August we departed Deer Harbor for Canada with six committed boats for the trip north. When it came time for us to cross the Strait of Georgia I was down to only 4 boats. In one day's time 5 boats dropped out and I as Fleet Captain was very disappointed. While I was in a bit of a downer concerning this, the show must go on, and did it ever. After a captains' meeting the next morning we all decided the wind was not that large a factor and the courageous 4 made the crossing in fine style and were having cocktails at 4:00PM in Egmont. The crossing was lumpy but never unsafe and only a few stray logs got in our way.

The trip up to Louisa the next day was made in sunny weather with a following sea. It was noted by the captains that *Jacqueline* traveled 45 miles on this 30 mile run. *Jacqueline*, like most power boats, doesn't track well in a following sea and the auto pilot is nearly mute. Brian Barton was the captain on this stretch of the trip and I finally had to take the chair and manually drive the boat. Brian, bless his heart, is used to flying those big jets over the oceans of the world and couldn't give up trying to use the auto pilot. I think he finally understood the concept.

Princess Louisa was as gorgeous as it always is, but perhaps more so. With the large snowfall of this past winter the waterfalls off of the mountains were more pronounced. The new comers to Louisa, Don and Judy Wilson, Brian and Carolyn Barton, and Bill Gray and Ron LaFayette were in Brian's words, "awestruck."

We left for Pender Harbor Wednesday morning August 10th and arrived about 3:00 pm. One last get together at the Pub in Garden Bay and it was time to say goodbye. Thanks to Captain John and Mary Louise Alving, Captain Bill Gray, and V/C Don and Judy Wilson for making the trip. Jacquie and I will forever remember this time in our life. In hindsight it was probably best that 9 boats didn't all go. Logistically it would have been very difficult to find moorage and anchorage for that many boats and my record of having done a pretty good job would have taken a big hit. As a side note, after 13 days with the Fleet in tow I was unable to award a screw-up flag. Nice job, Captains!

The rest of the trip was spent with Bill Gray and Ron LaFayette on the *GrayMar* and our first stop was in Squirrel Cove in Desolation Sound. Bill and Ron are retired educators and they committed to stay with us as long as we wanted them to stay. We spent another 10 days in Desolation and exploring the Gulf Islands. On the 13th of August we said goodbye to Brian and Carolyn

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as they caught a plane out of Refuge Cove for home. During our stay up there we only had two stray thunder showers to get in the way. Bill and Ron were a joy to travel with and my life and Jacque's have been enriched by getting to know these two wonderful people. Bill and Ron, we thank you.

Steve Weiss
Fleet Captain Retired

OUTSTATION REPORT

Eric, Edie and I returned to Bainbridge Island on September 11th after a wonderful six-week cruise to the Broughtons. We are so lucky to have this beautiful area to cruise in and we never take it for granted. The Pacific Northwest has the best boating in the world! (Captain's addition: These cruises are not tension-free - there was some concern early-on that we might run low on vermouht.).

I must admit, I did think about and wonder how the Outstation was doing in our absence. I left a board up to let people know if the grounds or flower pots needed to be watered. As it got warmer people realized how much time it takes to keep this place green and trimmed! It's not easy but the effort of many people kept the place looking good - Thank you all for your time and energy.

We hear that P/C Bob and Crystal Yates' Labor Day event went well and the "beer can chicken" was a winner. We also understand there were some creative decorations, and are sorry we missed it. Everybody enjoyed the warm summer weekend and many are still here as I write this article.

I had hoped the downtown Bainbridge Island construction work would be done by the time we returned, and for the most part it is. There are still some finishing touches that need to be done but the end result will be very nice. The wider sidewalks and planter boxes will make your next visit to downtown Bainbridge an even more pleasant experience. The merchants need our support as they had a very slow summer due to the length of time it took for this project to get done. (Where do you get vermouht?)

BarbEric visited the Outstation at Deer Harbor for a couple of nights on our way back. We had a lovely stay and Edie enjoyed the park and beach next door. Just glancing at the

sign-in book, it looks like quite a few members have enjoyed a night or two at Deer Harbor!

Time to get ready for Larry and J'Anna's fishing tournament...

Barb Wood

MOORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ANOTHER MEMBER'S SLIP

Hello to my all my fellow members at Queen City Yacht Club.

Not long ago, I became aware of the use of an empty slip by another member's boat which was not

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authorized. The member who rents the slip from the Club only knew about this usage because another member asked him if he had let someone "borrow" his slip while he was away from the main station. This is allowed if the renter has made arrangements with the member in temporary need and wishes to use his or her slip. Unfortunately, this time, this was NOT the case.

This kind of thing is inappropriate, and can cause a dangerous situation, that could have severe consequences. Let me give you an example: Suppose you had gone out cruising, or left to simply have some repairs done on your boat. While you were away, another boat pulls into your slip, the owner figuring, "I'll put in here for a couple of days and be out by the time the assigned boat comes back."

So while you're snug in the other guy's slip, without permission, and with no previous communication with the assignee, he happens to return, say around midnight. It's dark, the captain is tired, it's been a long day. Perhaps it's raining or stormy as hell and all he wants to do is pull into his slip, and is unprepared for this unexpected surprise. Trying to suddenly compensate for this situation is something even the best captain can find difficult to deal with. He is blown by the wind and bumps into another boat, a dock, or maybe his pulpit just took out the post with his electric meter and hookup. This causes a short, the sparks ignite a fire, and we now have an impending disaster happening. Unauthorized use of another's slip is ABSOLUTELY against the moorage rules.

5.03. Temporary Use of Slips. No slip may be temporarily used without the permission of the Committee or the Mooring Member who has been assigned permanent moorage in the slip. A Mooring Member may allow

the temporary use of the member's slip to another member for moorage for a period not to exceed two weeks in each quarter without obtaining permission of the Committee.

5.04. Discretionary Moorage. In addition to the foregoing temporary moorage, the Bridge may authorize and permit additional temporary moorage at the Club's facilities.

Going beyond these specific rules always causes problems. AND, it's been my experience in meeting members and knowing them as my friends, that if prior permission has been asked for, members are truly kind, and will nearly always allow somebody to temporarily use the slip. The Moorage Chairman also must be notified of this so that if, in the case somebody calls and says, "so and so is in this guy's slip," we know how to respond.

Richard J. Frisch
Moorage Committee Chairman

ANNUAL ROSTER UPDATES

Preparation has begun for the upcoming Queen City Yacht Club annual. Please take a few minutes to review your roster information and update it if necessary. You can make changes by going to the Queen City Yacht Club website and log into your member's web page. Look up My Roster Data on the right hand column of the page. You will find a box under your data titled "Request Roster Change." Please complete any updates that are required. This will be sent to the Office where the changes will be processed. If you do not have access to the website you can call the office at 206-709-2000, email (office@queencity.org) or drop a note to the office and the update will be made. Thank you for taking a

few minutes to review your information.

John Rogers, Treasurer

SPECIAL PEOPLE'S HOLIDAY CRUISE

As you know, we had an exceptionally successful cruise last year. There were 130 special people and chaperones, 29 boats and 100 volunteers. Even the weather cooperated. Let's make it even better this year! As you know, the cruise takes place on the first Sunday in December. This year, it will be on the 4th. That leaves 2 full months to prepare.

For those who have participated in the past, you know how rewarding it is. Many of the special people don't have a lot of pleasure in their lives and look forward to this event for 364 days.

Please plan your boat maintenance projects and holiday events in such a way as to allow you to participate this year. You'll be glad you did!

Bill Field
SPHC Chair

BUOY EIGHT, THE REST OF THE STORY.

Some of you may have noticed that there is a new, genuine USCG buoy light now in place on top of our respectful Buoy 8. It replaces a rather sad, very small, little red light.

There is a story behind this. There was a guy named Hal Alabaster, who was married to my wife Diane's best friend's Mom, whose nickname was "Puff." Puff was like a second

mother to Diane, whose Mom had passed away at the young age of 61. They had been close since Diane was 12, since she was her best friend's Mom.

Many years later, Hal had retired from an Air Force career, some civil service, and was now retiring as the Public Information officer for NOAA over on Sand Point. One of his retirement gifts was a black, two stage, white over green lens, buoy light, which he used as a yard light in front of his home for many years. Puff passed away a few years ago, and Hal shortly after that. We had been cruising together a few times over the years; and their last wish was to have their ashes spread together off Point No Point. All of the kids and us got together, cruised up there, had a nice ceremony, and watched their ashes slip into the sea. However, with that type of ceremony, it is a little hard to go visit your dear departed ones later on.

Well, the estate was settled, everything passed on to the kids, who promptly took the buoy light from the front yard and turned it over to us, knowing I was an ex-Coastie and thanking us for the ceremonial cruise. We all were thinking I could use it as a yard light too. I had been thinking about doing that for a couple of years when I noticed one day this poor, feeble, little red light on top of our Buoy Eight. It struck me that our club really needed that original, actual buoy light more than I did. I can't take it with me when I cross the bar, but the light can shine for everyone.

So I took the light apart, rebuilt it to a single lens and repainted it red. Thanks to Dick McGrew who did the rewiring and mounting job: it is now done. So while it lights the memories for all our departed Queen City

members, it also stands as reminder to the lives of Hal and Diane "Puff" Alabaster, and has turned into a spot where another family can share the memories of their departed loved

ones.
 May they all rest in peace.
 Ron Stevenson



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Tarettes' Corner

October is the Tarettes' month to host the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon on October 20th. Your club will be awash in beautiful women from 10am until 2pm that day. Sisteer Lentgis is hosting the affair and she would greatly appreciate any of you who would volunteer to help serve the luncheon. We will serve you in gratitude.

At this writing, we have the first event of the year planned with the Tarettes' Steak Fry and QCYC Entertainment Night on Sept 23,

2011. It's always a well-attended and fun evening. I look forward to reporting on it to you in the next *Bilge*.

Our philanthropic activities include another field trip to "Tree House" on October 13, 2011. We will provide a work force to help in the charities store for foster children, always a rewarding experience.

That's it, short and sweet.

Renee Kimes
 President

LOOKING AHEAD

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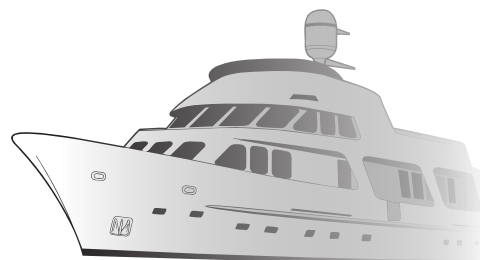
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Saturday Breakfast-0900 2011 Commodore's Ball Start: 1800
2	3	4 SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class - Start: 1900 Finance & Planning Meeting, Capt. Conf. Rm Start: 1900 Skull Session - 1900	5	6	7 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	8 POYC Fall Round Up Saturday Breakfast-0900 OYC Silver Star Ball SSPS 1 day Boating Safety Class - 0800 Docks Work Party - 0830
9 POYC Fall Round Up	10	11 SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class - Start: 1900	12 General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930	13 Roanoke Portage Bay Community Council Meeting Start: 1900	14 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	15 Olympia Commodore's Ball Saturday Breakfast-0900 Jimmy Buffet Night - 1800
16 Olympia Commodore's Ball	17	18 Past Comm. Meet /Din Middle Deck - 1730 Skull - Capt. Conf. Rm Start: 1900 SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class - Start: 1900	19	20 WIC Luncheon and Board Meeting- 3rd Deck & Capt. Conf Rm - 1100 SSPS Meeting/Dinner Start: 1900	21 Flag Officers Race All Day Friday Lunch - 1130 Tarette Board Meeting 1130	22 Flag Officers Race-All Day Saturday Breakfast-0900 Day Island Yacht Club JO Ball Private Event-Smiles Forever (Kemper) - 1800
23/30 Day Island Yacht Club JO Ball Flag Officer's Race until 1600 Flag Officers Race- Awards and Burger Bash-1700	24/31	25 SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class - Start: 1900	26 Tarette General Meeting - Start: 1930	27	28 Friday Lunch - 1130	29 Saturday Breakfast-0900 Private Event - Drury/Helker Wedding Reception

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