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COMMODORE DON WILSON

## ✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ APRIL 2012

**A**pril showers bring May flowers...showers will be a relief after the torrential rain storms, hail storms and snow showers of March. Hopefully spring is really here.

I would like to welcome our new members Joe & Laurie Fatta, David

& Veronica Ewton and Metch & Mary Krezszowski. They were all inducted on March 14th. By the time you read this, we will have inducted even more new members. As new members join I will be putting their pictures on the bulletin board on the second level. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome these new members to our club.

Our log racing dominance is being threatened! Our racers are still bringing home the trophies (HARDWARE) but with the resurgence of BYC's and MYC's log racing teams, our Queen City dominance is being seriously challenged. Cruiser navigation (log racing) contests are a great way to use your boat and develop your skills as a seaman. Often, when asked to join in with our racers, members have indicated that they don't think they have the skill to compete. Honestly, all it requires is

a willingness to participate and all of the current racers would be happy to help you develop your skills. Log racing is not all about competition; these guys really know how to party, so consider joining in the fun! Contact either Bob Lindal at 206-919-1045/ [bobl@lindal.com](mailto:bobl@lindal.com) or Jeff Ewell at 206-406-8932/ [renegade@blarg.net](mailto:renegade@blarg.net) for more information and get involved.

Be sure to sign up for Daffodil Festival at Tacoma Yacht Club on April 20-22. This year, for the first time, QCYC will not only be represented with a flagship but also a decorated boat in the parade. Last year QCYC had the largest number of boats of all the clubs in attendance. Let's make sure that we continue our strong support of this South Sound event. There is still time to register if you act quickly. Contact Captain Gary Halverson at 206-878-0407/ [cmpbeach@comcast.net](mailto:cmpbeach@comcast.net).

QCYC Children's Easter Party

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## HIGHLIGHTS

<b>April 2012</b>	
April 1	Day Island Commodore's Ball
April 7	QCYC Children's Easter Party
April 14-15	Bainbridge Island Outstation Work Party
April 20-22	Tacoma YC Daffodil Festival
May 3	Opening Day

Be sure to keep April 28th clear on your calendar for the PRIDE OF QUEEN CITY. Co-chairs John Alving & Dave Svendsen are looking high & low for volunteers. There are a number of projects scheduled in all parts of the club. Remember, QCYC will have many guests attending Opening Day events and we want our club to look its best! Show up at 9 AM on the second level to get your assignments.

The Queen City Quire still has room for you singers. The Quire's debut will take place during Opening Day festivities. Rehearsals are scheduled for April 21st and 29th at 4:00PM. Contact Dr. Peterson at [choralc@gmail.com](mailto:choralc@gmail.com) if you want to join in on the fun.

Opening Day Chairman P/C Dale Roberts reports that plans are falling into place for this important event. He is, of course, looking for volunteers to help in many capacities. This is a great way for new and old members to interact. Who knows, you may meet your new BBB (best boating buddy) while helping to serve dinner on Friday night! Remember, the more volunteers there are the shorter the shifts will be. Contact P/C Dale Roberts at (206) 465-5810 /[dgrconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:dgrconstruction@gmail.com).

Hope to see you around the club.

Don Wilson  
Commodore

### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**T**his month I am pleased to report that we are making progress and moving forward with preparation for our permit application for extension of

moorage spaces at the end of Dock # 1. As you may know, in an effort to reduce some of Dock Chairman Art Mauldin's workload, Capt. Gary Stone has agreed to assume the dock # 1 moorage extension permit task from Art. Thank you both for a smooth hand-off of this important task.

Capt. Stone has met with Waterfront Construction, Inc., to discuss going forward with and application for permit on behalf of QCYC with the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) to extend moorage spaces at the end of Dock #1 at the Seattle main station. Gary's work on this task will be under the direction of the Bridge. Captains Ron Voegeli and Pat Dore have joined Gary and will be helping with all the Queen City due diligence required to assemble the information necessary for the application. Gary will be providing monthly update reports to the Board of Trustees and Planning & Finance. I will be keeping the general membership advised of our progress on this task in *The Bilge Pump*.

### DOCKS:

Dock projects that were completed during the winter as well as updates on other committee work.

- Completion of Dock #1 annual sub-structure inspection with emphasis on fire breaks.
- Installation of fire code draft stops on Docks # 2 & # 3.
- Inspection of existing dockside safety ladders for ladder replacement project.
- Awarding contract for replacement of work float # 1 on Dock #3
- Dockside safety ladder selection and award of the contract. The first installment of (15) ladders is on the way and will be installed at the "U-dock" and Docks #1 & #3

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and  
July 15<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<sup>th</sup>**

before Opening Day of Boating season.

- Completion of 2012, Docks #1 & # 2 annual maintenance work by Waterfront Construction.
- Reconfiguration of Docks #1, 2,&3 overhead light fixtures.

**ELECTRICAL:** Committee Chair John Alving reports that he has two estimates from electrical engineers to design a new electrical service for the docks at the Seattle main station. The Dock Electrical Committee met in February to review the latest numbers and to present the results of the committee's work to the P & F Committee meeting in early March. The P & F Committee will complete their review of these latest numbers and will present the committee's recommendation to the Bridge in early April. Once approved by the Bridge, the next step will be to complete the design of the new system in order to get a permit and to call for bids. As the design progresses, we will be able to firm up the construction costs.

**MOORAGE:**

- Complete temporary winter relocation of several vessels on Dock # 3 to reduce electrical power load during winter months.
- Implement vessel reassignment

process to gain fire code compliance between firebreak locations on Docks #1 & #2.

- Develop Opening Day week protocols for side-tie rafting on Dock #3.
- Implement placement of vessel information holders on each slip shore power post.

**REMINDER:** Please complete vessel information form and place it back in the holder, and the monthly inspection team will retrieve it on their next scheduled inspection.

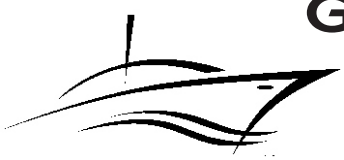
**ADDITIONAL MOORAGE NOTE:** The QCYC Boat Measuring Chair, Gary Halverson and Captains David Nelson and Jim Brooks are considering setting a specific day and time period for officially measuring boats each month. In the recent past, there have been a number of missed appointments including one no show after the appointments had been set. This creates a hardship on the measurers that travel as far as from South Seattle or La Conner to do the official measurement. The proposal is to set one Friday per month before or after the Friday lunch to measure boats. Please give Gary and his team your feedback on the QCYC Website forum about this idea, or catch any one of them at the club to discuss the proposal further.

**HOUSE:** It was pretty amazing to see all the different jobs that get done each week on a day to day routine basis. Just to give you an idea of some of the work that goes on the following summary is noted; it runs all the way from performing concrete patio repair on the 2nd deck, to routine replacement of lights, exit light batteries, overhead light repair, maintain fluid levels for sewage lift pump system, ensure operational maintenance is performed on sewage lift pump, maintain kitchen supplies and equipment maintenance (de-icing, de-scaling stove gas burners), fabricate 3rd deck burgee hanging blocks, repairing walls from social functions (spackle and paint), repair BBQ's, construct insulated winter box for dock water shut off valves , repair water pipe leak, repair low voltage light in the captains conference room, meet with service vendor to set schedule for steam cleaning services for kitchen floor, schedule cleaning clubhouse carpeting and carpet seam repair and the list goes on and on.

**SPECIAL THANKS ;** to the Captains Jim Damery, Jerry Zuvich, Orrin Phillips , Gary Frisker, Dave Svendsen, Tim Dies, and R/C Myers for removing and replacing the broken PVC conduit which ran across the club entrance driveway with new 2" pipe embedded in concrete. The new replacement pipe will contain and protect the electrical wire connection to key card post for the club's entrance gate. Great job and very well done, thank you.

The House Committee operation is well run by dedicated committee members who care a lot about Queen City and deserve our appreciation.


As you may know, starting in April our club work activities really start



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to intensify in preparation for Opening Day week. I want to once again remind members that we need a boat load of volunteers to make our club ready for this annual flagship event. There are many small tasks that need to get done and we depend on a good turnout by members. So, if you can spare an hour or two, I urge you to consider letting your favorite committee chair or the Queen City Bridge know that you're available to help. Your offer will be hugely appreciated.

Please plan to join Lois and me at the next general membership meeting on April 11, 2012.

Regards,

Bob Stettner  
Vice Commodore

#### REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**S**ecurity: We discovered the entry gate wiring had frayed from exposure. The House Committee, headed by Captain Jim Damery, knew just how to repair it and rescued the club from a potentially broken wire that connected to the card reader at the entry main gate (see V/C Bob's report) Thank you guys!!

Grounds: "Gardening is a grand delight to the soul" ...she says...So on Saturday, March 10th, sixteen brave hearts transplanted, weeded, dug and distributed 10 yards of 3 way topsoil into our plant beds. Captain Andy "AJ Foyt" Gerde raced a Bobcat around the parking lot like a pro, delivering soil to P/C George Austin, Commodore Don Wilson, Grounds Chair Capt. Becky Garvie and son Capt. Ryan Garvie, Capt. John and Mary Louise Alving, Capt. Vivian and Gary Johnson,

Capt. Craig and Krista Ranta, Capt. Larry Dubia, Capt Mark Vanderwall and 1st Mates Laurie Stevens and Laurean Myers. Hopefully these efforts will provide sustainable nourishment to our gardens plus with this work behind us, planting on the Pride of Queen City will be much easier. Willie made us a great lunch and we all collapsed around 2:30 PM (except I could not get the pressure washer away from P/C George Austin until about 4:30).

Please join me in thanking each for the fantastic job! Thank you.

Gentle reminder, the yearly Pride of Queen City is April 28th, it will be warm and sunny, so come on down to the club, meet your fellow yachters and have a great time playing in our new dirt. We need lots of help and there will be a free lunch! Sign up now for your favorite volunteer spot. For more information, please contact Capts. John Alving or Dave Svendsen, Chair.

Membership: A Big welcome to our new members who were inducted at the March 14th meeting, Captain David Ewton and wife Veronica, Captain Joe Fatta and wife Laurie and Captain Metch Krzeszowski and wife Mary. Please extend a warm greeting to them. (yep...hugs, smiles, handshakes, hello, so great to see you) We have 9 applications to act upon in April for a total of 12 new members from the Boat Show and Open House. Our active membership is approximately 345.

Reception: More kudos: on March 24 our new members from the past 2 years enjoyed a very comprehensive overview and introduction to the ins and outs of our QCYC boating

community. We really owe a debt of gratitude to Captains Mark Vanderwall and Barry Rutten for developing a fantastic program and to all those who contributed to its success. A great time was had by all. We plan to continue this worthwhile endeavor ... do you remember wondering "what's a U?"

Storage Bicycles: Anyone know who belongs to the 2 red tagged storage bicycles that have not moved out of their slips or gone to a club event in a year? They are quite lonely and appear to be rusting ....one is red the other a black fold up type. They are on the bike rack outside the laundry room. Please come to the rescue and if you have any info on these storage bikes call R/C Bob Myers @ (206) 979-2016.

Yes, Virginia.....Laurean and I still



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Bob Myers  
Rear Commodore

### FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Many of the club members now have an inside experience of the major doings in the engine rooms and bridges of our Washington State Ferries. On three occasions in March, groups of ten or more visited the Winslow Ferry Shipyard for a personally guided tour by the Port Engineer himself, Vern Day.

We were issued hard hats and had access to engine rooms, control rooms, electrical distribution compartments, repair areas, shaft alleys, and even the bridge on the new ferry Salish. Some of the technology is cutting edge and some of the machinery running the ferry Elwa came from a WWII destroyer escort installed when the ferry was first built.

The ferry that makes calls in Sidney BC is certified by the Coast Guard for ocean voyages as it technically passes out of the US on its short voyage to the Canadian waters off Vancouver Island.

All those attending these tours had a grand start with a lunch in our outstation prepared and organized by our fleet captain or his assistants. We look forward to other exciting events to tantalize our curiosities about our everyday lives.

Mike Cochran  
Fleet Captain

### OUTSTATION REPORT

Even though February had 29 days, I feel like I just wrote the "Outstation Report" yesterday. Time certainly

does fly, but there is important news:

Last month, I noted the upcoming Outstation Work Party planned for April. When that date was selected many months ago, it was because nothing else was going on, but now we know that the Tacoma Daffodil event is scheduled for that weekend, and we don't want to compete with that! So we've changed the date of the Work Party to April 14th - 15th. We hope that works out better for those planning to come over. Of course, Old-what's-his-name thinks we changed it because April 14th is his birthday.

Many of you have come over to help in the past and have seen how much can be accomplished in one day. We try to have projects, big and small, for all to choose from. There is always yard work, dock work, and inside cleaning and organizing. We hope to finish the deck project that we started last year.

As usual, we'll have lunch and dinner planned for Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday for those that stay over. We usually get most of the projects done on Saturday. If you come over by boat and help us out both days, the Outstation Committee (there is one, you know) has agreed that you can moor your boat here for the week and get an early start to the Daffodil event the following weekend.

Participating in events like this "work party" is a great way for new members to meet others and perhaps even see the Outstation for the first time. Every year this Outstation continues to work and look better and better, and that can only happen with everyone's help!

Barbara Wood

### REGATTA POWER REPORT

Meydenbauer Bay YC  
Boomerang

The windiest weather for the Boomerang that anyone could recall greeted the 8 QCYC racers who crossed the lake to Bellevue for the March 3rd race. Partly cloudy skies and steady 15 kn south winds gusting to 20+ kn produced rough water for the 39 racers. With one notable exception the weather roughly doubled the scores compared to a normal year. Only one racer bested the 500 club mark of less than 0.500% error, or should it be "blew" it away? Perpetual top racer John Murphey of MBYC on his brand new (to him) *Sturdy Gal* (a 1971 monk design) won with a tremendous score of 0.1999%.

Second was MBYC's Regatta Power chair and IPBA Fleet Captain Clint Chapin on *Sojourn* with 0.7091%. Third went to Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* with 0.8111%. The Team Trophy was claimed by MBYC over QCYC by only 0.06%.

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Fourth overall and first in Class 5 went to Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell on *Suzy Q*. Fifth overall and second in class 5 went to P/C Dean Lentgis on *Kalos Filos*. Sixth overall and first in class 2 went to P/C Dick Timmerman on *Vagabond*. Third in class 3 went to Ed Hedges on *Jo-Sea*. Third in class 4 went to Bill Anderson on *The Tillie*.

The results are:

#	Skipper	Boat	%
3	Ken Klett/ Marv Elbon	<i>Klettitat</i>	0.8111
4	Bob Lindal/ Jeff Ewell	<i>Suzy Q</i>	0.8361
5	Dean Lentgis	<i>Kalos Filos</i>	0.9475
6	Dick Timmerman	<i>Vagabond</i>	0.9519
12	Bill Anderson	<i>The Tillie</i>	1.4576
14	Ed Hedges	<i>Jo-Sea</i>	1.5606
18	Dave Padgett/ Andy Gerde	<i>Slip Away</i>	1.8659
25	Terry Baker	<i>Choppers</i>	2.7336

Novice & Old Timer's Race, Mar 9 to 11

A windy spring weekend with alternating patches of rain and nearly sun breaks featured blustery winds for the 9 QCYC racers. Some racers ran on Thursday in the sun on a millpond and their scores showed it.

The Ruth E White Trophy for the best overall finish went to Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell on *Suzy Q* with a score of 0.5720% error. P/C Dean Lentgis on *Kalos Filos* won the Old Timer's Division with a score of 0.7131%. Second went to Dave Padgett on *Slipaway* with 1.0998%. Third went to the best Novice Kelly Stocklin on *Alfie* with 1.5049%.

For the sixth year, we coordinated our race with the SYC Rudder Cup on the same weekend with the same rules and contest. The first overall

"Spring Challenge" trophy uses a sailor carving donated by Russ Knapp. The winner was Bill Grady on *Zorro*. The "Spring Challenge" team trophy was won by SYC. The Team trophy uses Pat Frick's pelorus, donated by the QCYC members, and both trophies are on bases made and donated by Gerry Johnson of SYC.

#	Skipper	Boat	%
1	Bob Lindal/ Jeff Ewell	<i>Suzy Q</i>	0.5720
2	Dean Lentgis	<i>Kalos Filos</i>	0.7131
3	Dave Padgett	<i>Slip Away</i>	1.0998
4	Kelly Stocklin	<i>Alfie</i>	1.5049
5	Rob Renshaw	<i>Compass Rose</i>	1.5290
6	Bill Anderson	<i>The Tillie</i>	1.9207
7	Ken Klett/ Marv Elbon	<i>Klettitat</i>	2.1119
8	Ed Hedges	<i>Jo-Sea</i>	2.8144
9	John Rogers	<i>Nirvana</i>	DNF




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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.

## Upcoming Races

Observer's needed - Mar 31st

A great way to learn more about the sport is to come along for a ride on any one of the following races, but especially help out as an observer at the Eagle Harbor Race on Mar 31st, held at our Winslow Outstation. Come by ferry or bring your own boat and join in all the activities. Observers get lunch while out on a contestant's boat and a free steak fry as part of the awards banquet that evening. Contact Vince Firlotte if you would like to be an observer; (360) 825-0448 home or (253) 740-2792 cell or vincef@exoticmetals.com.

Tacoma YC - 3/24

QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor/FOS - 3/31

POYC/BYCEZ Pickens - 4/28

Poulsbo YC - 5/12

Gig Harbor YC - 6/9

ICR Roche Harbor - Sunday 7/8

Also note that the First of the Season Race, which was postponed in January, will be held as part of the Eagle Harbor Race on March 31st.

Coastal Explorer Classes

March 21 and 22, 6 PM

Again this year the experts from Rose Point Navigation, the producers of the best charting program, Coastal Explorer, preferred by most log racers and "just cruising" boaters alike, will hold Two FREE classes at our club. You can attend one or both. Look for more info as the dates near. Be sure to sign up to ensure a spot.

Bob Lindal

Regatta Power Chair

## DOCKS COMMITTEE

When you read these words, the club

should have its new work float in place and maybe even secured and ready for use. It's a very substantial structure that is stable, sturdy, durable, and built for long term use. Several alternatives were explored and considerable man-hours were expended to achieve our standard for effective use of resources. These projects take a lot of unseen time, on a volunteer basis. This particular project comes thanks to the efforts of Ron Stevenson, Arthur Mauldin, and Dick Dow. Discussion at several committee meetings brought a great many of the issues into review by many of your fellow members. Many more thanks will be needed when we've towed the old float out and the new one in and for the project that will install it.

Replacement of the safety ladders has been an issue here for several years now. It's a very large project in its over-all scope. When it seemed small, several persons took it on, but the reality of it has overwhelmed previous efforts. No more. There's a plan including 280 ladders in all that will provide a suitable standard of access to ladders. This plan places ladders at the end of each finger pier and one ladder on the main dock at each one or two wide moorage berth. In addition there will be ladders at the loading /U-dock, the south side of Dock 3 and at the work floats and floating moorage units. The planning even includes budget planning to perform the work over a period of four to five years. Memorial contributions have been very generously aimed at this worthy project and we should see first results happening soon, for that reason. Special thanks go to Carolyn Rolstad for the very generous donation in memory of Ron. This makes me remember my friend so fondly right at this moment. Thanks for that, too. Here's recognition also for the

wonderful Tarette organization for their dedication to safety, and for the contribution from the past presidents of the Tarettes. It means so much that you care in these safety oriented ways. The Memorial Fund is more generalized in its funding, but is critical for this project as well. My personal thanks go to the caring people who thought of using these meaningful funds for such an ideal and generous purpose.

Committee members Mitch Garton, and Ron Stevenson deserve high praise for tackling a complex project and staying with it to a fine end. Several alternative ladder designs have been shown at club meetings and input from members has always been asked. The committee spent too many of its limited hours trying to find the very best solutions to a multitude of complications. Captain Mike Cochran provided a terrific sample ladder that has become the basis for the major portion of the ladders that will be deployed. This makes the construction of the ladders an in-house project, of sorts, and certainly gives us some cost benefits. Thank you, Mike, for making this possible.

The committee continues to perform serious maintenance on our docks. These efforts certainly extend the life of the docks and reduce the value of needed major repairs as we do tend to deal with problems before they grow too large. Many people do planking on these docks and I am terrified to name them because I well know I will leave out some names, but here goes and please go easy on me for my failures here: Gary Stevens, Jim McFadden, Chuck Gould, Mitch Garton, and more.

Our fire stopping draft stops are being replaced as needed at long last. These double planked walls beneath



the docks, inhibit the flow of air or flame lengthwise on the piers. They can slow and stop the progress of a fire and limit the losses. As such they are a critical part of our safety systems. This work is done for the year, with new units installed on Dock 3. The other docks wait for lower water. Huge thanks to Pat Dore, Gary Stevens, Mitch Garton, Jim McFadden, and more.

Lighting is being tended to by Tim Dies and Dustin Bago. Ray Huggins has researched and done light plumbing work. There are so many I've left out. Do know that my thanks goes to a lot of the membership for making all of this possible. So many have participated over so long a period of time now.

Committee Meetings: the Fourth Tuesday of every month: April 24, and May 22. 6:00 PM

Next work parties: The second Saturday of every month: April 14, May 12, & June 9

Arthur Mauldin  
Docks Committee Chair

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

The PVC tubing that protects the power lines that go to the card key entry at the gate came loose from the driveway causing damage to the power line. The old PVC has been removed and replaced with steel tubing and the power line installed in the tubing. There will be a small speed bump in that area.

The following captains did an outstanding job repairing the problem: J. Zuvich, O. Phillips, G. Fisker, R/C B. Myers and D. Svendsen.

In the ladies room the (5) holes that Best Plumbing put in the wall to locate the leak have been patched and repainted.

Jim Damery  
House Committee Chair

**MOORAGE COMMITTEE**

Hello to Queen City Yacht Club members. Just a few things here as a reminder: the lake is beginning to rise, and will be full by Opening Day, so it's time be adjusting your dock lines to compensate. Also, be careful out there as the docks can still be icy at times. We don't want you to slip and fall.

The Moorage Committee is working to meet the requirements of the Seattle Fire Department's fire code for our marina. In order to do that, we need to re-arrange some of our member's boats to different slips. This is absolutely necessary, and is not conducted on a whim. Please don't be offended if you are told we need you to move, as it will benefit us all. We appreciate your cooperation.

Vessel inspections have been successful, and are continuing. The program is intended to make the whole mooring experience safer and

more fun by improving our facility. Be sure to keep the docks neat and clean. If you see something that needs repairing, let someone know. Many times you can fix things yourself, but make sure it's allowed. Contact our docks chairman, or the Vice Commodore.

It's not too early to be making plans for Opening Day. If you're planning on being away from your slip for the weekend, and would like to let a non-mooring member use your assigned slip during the weekend festivities, be sure to let the Moorage Committee know. Your help in this is certainly appreciated.

We regularly receive and answer questions about moorage here at our docks. Please read the moorage rules carefully. If something isn't clear, let us know by contacting us at: moorage@queencity.org.

Happy Boating, see you at the club,

Richard Frisch  
Moorage Chairman

**QCYC EMAIL NOTIFICATION**  
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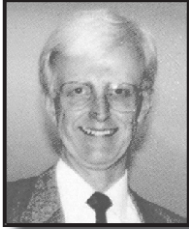
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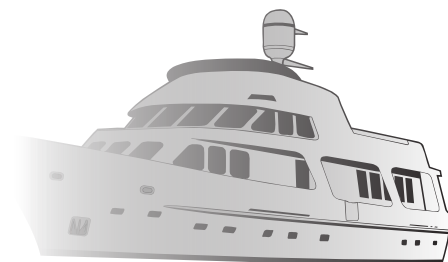
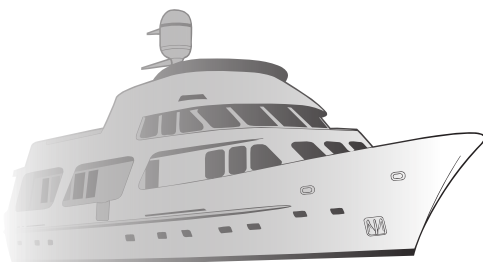


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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I want to say thanks to all that helped with the Queen City Open House on February 25th. The weather held out for us. Thanks to Willy and Peg for providing the food for our guests. At our last meeting we had 12 applications for Membership. We had a New Member Orientation on March 24th.

The initiation fee is still at \$2,000.00. If you have any interested boating friends considering membership at Queen City Yacht Club now is the time to ask them to come and see our club. All I can say is that this is a special event offering and we will be at our normal rate soon. I remember what Past Commodore Ed Jennerich classic saying was, "The only reason why someone did not join an organization is because no one asked them." So Keep Recruiting!

On March 15th at our General Meeting we welcomed 3 new members to Queen City. They are Capt. Metch Krzeszowski, sponsored by Capt. Pete Collins; Capt. David Ewton, sponsored by Commodore Don Wilson and Capt. Joe Fatta, sponsored by Commodore Don Wilson. Thanks to all those who have encouraged our applicants to join.

We have been provided an entry in the 1st edition with Capt. Chuck Gould's new website business, *Pacific Nor' West Boating*. We thank Chuck for all his efforts in promoting our club.

By the time you get this the weather will hopefully be in the 70's and Opening Day will be on its way. We will all be waxing our boats and planning trips to meet up with our fellow members at our outstations at

Winslow, Deer Harbor and Ganges. I love to ask our members when we meet up with them in the San Juan Islands and Canadian Gulf Islands and ask, "How long are you out for?" And their reply is, "For the summer." We are so blessed with so many places to go boating. I encourage all new members to get together with our fleet Capt. Michael Cochran and get a date locked in to do some cruising with our fellow members. This is great way to get to know them.

Chris Benson  
Membership Chairman

## BOARD REPORT

Well, we are now at about the halfway point in our Club calendar year. I am happy to report that the Club is running along, in line with the budget forecast that was set for this year. While income is somewhat down, so far overall expenses have been down more than budget. This is good thing. We are still on track to finish the year with a surplus of cash to help replenish the contingency reserve fund.

I am very pleased with the performance of your Club Board, and the good working relationship developed with the Club Bridge. Together we have tackled some tough issues such as addressing the problem of long time, inactive, or so called "storage boats." The enforcement of these Club moorage rules has made it possible for new slip assignments to be made to waiting, active members. We think this is healthy for the Club. As always, all members are invited to attend the Club Board meetings. There is time allocated on the meeting agenda for member comments, and new business

discussion. In addition, we strive to get the meeting minutes posted on the Club website in a reasonable time frame.

If you would like to attend, the meeting is held the second Monday of each month at 1900 hours, third deck.

To address the issue of lower income, the Board earlier approved, at the recommendation of Planning and Finance, a membership recruiting drive to help encourage new member prospects to join QCYC. Membership revenue has been off a bit. These funds are an important part of Club income. If you aren't talking this "membership" special up to your boating friends, please do so! The current drive features a lowered initiation fee which will save a new member \$1,000.00! This promotion will only run for a limited time, and this temporary reduction makes joining Queen City a terrific value.

The Board also approved funding the rental of two electric boats to serve as the Opening Day shuttles for visitors who travel back and forth between Queen City Yacht Club and Seattle Yacht Club. I don't know which captains were at the helm of the borrowed shuttle boat last year, but the damage it suffered cost more to repair than the rental being planned for this year. (I do know that last year's boat handled very poorly at low speed.)

At the last meeting, the Board approved spending funds to seek permits for an extension of Dock 1 over water the Club has already paid for, and controls. This extension, when completed, will add several slips to our marina capacity. Committee Chair Capt. Gary Stone

and Capt. Pat Dore have had an initial meeting with the project managers of Waterfront Construction to assess what permits are needed and determine the costs for the permitting process. The prospect for securing the permits looks good. Please note Capt. Stone has been extremely busy the last few years with the Club's 520 Bridge Committee activities. He would like to step back a bit and mentor a successor for that role. If you have an interest and the time to assist, this is a great opportunity to serve the Club in an important role, helping to insure the interests of the Club are represented for the future benefit of all members. See Gary, myself or an officer if you are available to fill this slot.

This is just a short recap of some recent highlights. Now we are looking forward to some warmer weather for Opening Day, and the summer beyond.

Mark LaFountaine  
Board Chairman

**BOWL & A ROLL**

This is a crazy name for a reading group, but it meets the basic definition: we eat soup and dinner

rolls for a social time and then discuss the book chosen for the evening.

The March 21st event missed being published in *The Bilge Pump*, but we want anyone interested in participating to know that the next selection is *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach. It is a newer release and is in high demand at the library, so plan ahead if you want to read it without making a purchase. The date is not determined at the time of this writing, but will be most likely near the end of May.

Anyone who enjoys reading and stimulating conversation is encouraged to join us. The next newsletter issue will have specific information.

**QUEEN CITY HISTORY PROJECT**

I took a brief sabbatical conducting interviews about the history of the club, but now I am eager to continue talking to long time members and past commodores about their recollections of how things used to be.

On two Fridays, April 6th, 13th, and possibly a Saturday morning TBD, I will videotape stories in about 1 hour segments on the 3rd floor of the

clubhouse. Please call me to schedule an appointment time. I will be happy to talk with you about what you may wish to share and will provide question guidelines. There will be other dates in the future, but I hope to get a good start this month.

These interviews will be preserved in the club's historical archives and also will be helpful for a 100th anniversary project for 2016.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, please call me to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

Margaret Krows (425) 488-3202 or mmkrows@aol.com

**CALLING ALL BARTENDERS:**

There will be two mandatory meetings on April 3rd and 4th to cover bar setup, teardown, and overall procedures while you are bartending. Meetings will be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in order to cover the material and have time for questions and clarification. Pizza will be provided so please let me know which night you will be attending so I have a head count.

I have scheduled two consecutive nights for those of you who cannot make one or the other. This is an important meeting, as we need to have all bartenders on the same page with regards to bar procedures.

Please email Andy Gerde @ agluvs2sail@msn.com prior to April 1st for planning purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Andy Gerde  
Club Manager  
206-999-5606



Past Commodore Austin and Nancy and Commodore Wilson & Judy show the power of the Commodores



Top row left to right : Chris McCroskey, Dorothy Dubia, Mary Jo Svendsen, Margaret Krows, Carolyn Rolstad Bottom row: Renee Kimes, Barbara Wilson

The Tarettes enjoyed a work party at The Tree House on March 7th, 2012.

The Tree House is a foster children's support organization that helps with tutoring, mentoring and a clothing & sundries store. We inventoried, organized the store and labeled new donations.

The toys are a reminder that these children most times leave the only home they know without even toys or additional clothing, as they are placed into foster care.

## Tarettes' Corner

### Tarettes Celebrate Their 69th Birthday

On March 24, 2012, the Tarettes hosted a Mother Daughter Tea. We celebrated our beginning and our journey.

The Queen City Tarettes were organized in March of 1943 at the request of Commodore A.F. "Tony" Sulak and under the direction of its first president, Alta Gruber. Commodore Sulak believed the spouses of Queen City Captains should become better acquainted and share in the Club activities. Hence the object of Tarettes is to bring the spouses of our Captains together in friendship, as well as promoting interclub activities with the auxiliary group members of the other area Yacht Clubs.

The Tarette organization has gone on to add that we are to promote well being to all, service to the QCYC club, our fellow boaters and communities as well as tangible contributions to QCYC club facilities and charitable donations of time and funds to local philanthropic organizations in QCYC's name.

Nancy Austin set the stage for a memorable day with a Parisian theme and a tea in the English tradition. Debbie Foote provided the program, entertaining us with a trip to Paris and Euro Disney.

On March 30th we had the Battalion Chief and crew of Firehouse #22 come to our general meeting to discuss fire safety for our boats, marina and homes. The meeting followed Friday lunch and all

Captains were invited to join.

March 7th found several of us working at Tree House. This is always a good time to spend with each other and contribute to our community. Mary Jo Svendsen is working on another work party for April.

We will see you all at Opening Day Breakfast on May 6 where we will be serving and hosting the event for the Captains.

Boating season fast approaches. Wishing you all a lovely spring whether you be in the warm climes or boating in our beautiful Northwest.

Renee Kimes  
Tarette President





## Queen City Yacht Club meeting May 9th 2012

Captain Brian Calvert will present a program on his adventures and travels over the last two and half years. Many of you know Captain Calvert and will be looking forward to his presentation. His presentation will take most of the time available, so the meeting will be shortened to accommodate it. Below are his comments on the trip.

“Now I get to give back to the cruising community. I will focus on the nuts and bolts of making a long distance passage, but also on addressing the fears that keep most of us from taking their dream voyage. After two and half years, 20,000 miles and fourteen countries, I have found that most of the things I was afraid of just do not exist or can be avoided easily. It is the fear itself that holds us back. If you are considering taking the big jump I would be glad to spend time with you individually also, just let me know. Look for the very tan guy with the big smile shivering in the cold.”

Captain Brian Calvert

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Dean Lentgis took 1st Place in Old timers Race



Bob Lindal took 1st Overall in the Novice & Old timers Race



Dave Padgett took 2nd in Old timers Race



Robert Renshaw took 3rd Place in Old timers Race



Kelly Stockland took Best in Novice Race and 1st Place in Novice Race





Welcome to New member David Ewton and his wife Veronica. David & Veronica live in Seattle with their three children age 15,13, and 10. They sail in a 43.9 ft Jeanneau sail boat that has no name at present. David is the Regional Sales Manager for Bosch Security. He enjoys computing, landscaping and decorating as well as scuba diving.



A warm welcome to new members Metch and Mary Krzeszowski who live in Edmonds. They have two older children. Metch is a retired Vocational / Industrial Arts teacher. They cruise in a 46 ft Ocean Alexander called "M&M". He enjoys carpentry and plumbing while Mary enjoys computing and decorating. He would like to serve on the House committee.



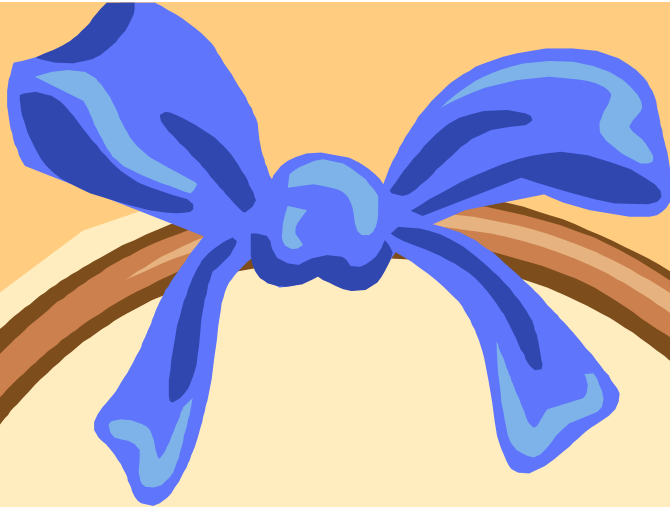
Welcome new Captains (Left to Right) David Ewton with a 43.9ft Jeanneau Sail boat with no name, Metch Krzeszowski with a 46ft Ocean Alexander called "M&M" and Joe Fatta cruising in a 47 ft Navagator called "Positano"



Welcome new member Joe Fatta and wife Laurie who wash't able to make it. Joe and Laurie live in Snohomish. Joe is a Boeing Engineer. They cruise on a 47 ft Navigator.

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***QCYC CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY***  
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Hey, Queen City Members!

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Well, here's your chance!  
Consider joining the new "Queen City Quire!"



We are in the process of starting a singing group which will participate in the festivities for opening day in May, singing some sea chanties or other songs of the sea. If the group is successful and interest continues, we will look at future performances. We will meet for rehearsals a couple of times prior to Opening Day, once on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, also at 4pm. Times are subject to change.

The Queen City Quire is being formed and conducted by Scott Peterson, Director of Choral Activities at Yakima Valley College, and he conducts the Yakima Symphony Chorus.

The purpose is to have fun singing together. If you have an interest, please email Scott at [choralc@gmail.com](mailto:choralc@gmail.com) and let him know that you want to be part of this new and exciting venture. Even if you have spoken to him, please send an email again so he can keep an accurate count.

And then tune up your voice for some fun!

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<b>Thursday</b>	1700-2100	Main Floor Bar Open
May 3	1800-2000	Brats & Beer Dinner, \$10.00
<b>Friday</b>	0700-1500	Breakfast and lunch by Willie *
May 4		Box lunches may be ordered
	1100-2400	Main Floor Bar Open
	1800-2030	Wild Salmon Dinner, \$15.00
	2030-2400	Beer and Wine – Upper Deck (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor)
	2000-2330	Dancing to “Tropics” – Upper Deck
<b>Saturday</b>	0700-1300	Breakfast and lunch by Willie *
May 5		Box lunches may be ordered
	0845	Opening Day Ceremony at Seattle Yacht Club
	1100-2400	Main Floor Bar Open
	1630	Silent Drill Team Performance at SYC
	1730	Closing Ceremony at SYC, Trophy Presentation
	1800-2030	Deluxe Salad Bar Dinner, \$12.00
	2030-2400	Beer and Wine – Upper Deck
	2000-2330	Dancing to “Didi Law & Friends” – Upper Deck
<b>Sunday</b>	0830-1130	Main Floor Bar Open
May 6	0830-1130	Breakfast on Upper Deck hosted by Tarettes

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or see the burgee proudly flying from the palm tree!

We may or may not see enough sun to get all the vitamins we  
need, so remember to take your vitamins and get ready for the big  
party May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> at, where else?.....**QCYC!**

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# Bainbridge Island Outstation Work Party

**Saturday, April 14 (Eric's birthday!)**  
**Sunday, April 15**

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Clean inside of clubhouse

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### **Sunday**

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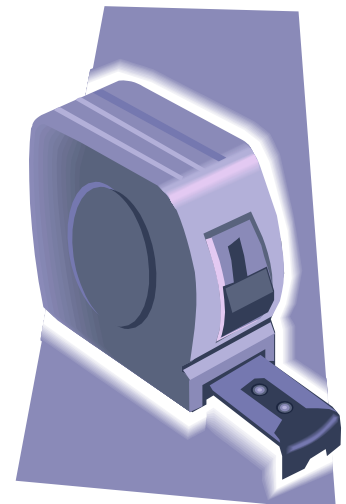
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**Make your reservations early – Event limited to the first 125 pre-paid guests**

**\$12 per person**

**Call the QCYC Office 206-709-2000 before 4/30/12**

**Festive Island or Restaurant Wear Strongly Encouraged –  
 Costume Prizes for the Top 3**

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# APRIL 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Day Island YC Commodore's Ball  Eagle Harbor Race: Winslow	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Planning & Finance Committee Meeting 0900	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130	<b>7</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900  Queen City YC Easter Party 1200
<b>8</b> Easter Sunday	<b>9</b> Board Meeting - 1900	<b>10</b> Skull - 1900	<b>11</b> Dinner - Start: 1800  General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Friday Lunch-Start: 1130  Tarette Board Meet - 1330	<b>14</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900  Winslow Outstation Cleanup  SSPS Dinner/Meeting Change of Watch 1900
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Past Commodores Spring Dinner - Middle Deck 1800	<b>20</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130  Tacoma YC Daffodil Festival  Tarette Gen Meet - 1330 Nomination of Officers	<b>21</b> Tacoma YC Daffodil Festival  Poulsbo YC Commodore's Ball POYC/BYC EZ Pickens Saturday Breakfast-0900
<b>22</b> Tacoma YC Daffodil Festival  POYC/BYC EZ Pickens	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Skull - 1900	<b>25</b> Dinner - 1800  General Members Meeting - 1900	<b>26</b> Private Party Luncheon - Middle Deck 1200  Private Event -Jo Vos- Floating Homes Assoc.	<b>27</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130	<b>28</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900 POYC Race Pride of Queen City Private Event - St Patrick's Church Dinner Auction 1700
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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