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COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Greetings,

As the newly installed Queen City Commodore, I have been pondering how to best get started with my first *Bilge Pump* article. A quick look back at the accomplishments that were done at our club under the guidance of P/C Don and Judy Wilson is a story in itself. Lois and I have gained a great deal of experience and enjoyment serving on the bridge with Don and Judy. They are the best and will be missed.

The most common goal of every incoming commodore is to build on the accomplishments of the last commodore, and that will be my goal as well. Although we still have plenty of challenges left over from last year, we have a very capable bridge which will work hard to move our club forward toward accomplishing our goals and tasks.

As we look to the year ahead, we have an outstanding social calendar on tap for this year. Fleet Captains Colleen and Barry Rutten have a great series of fun-filled, innovative cruises planned for your enjoyment. Also, there's a vast array of Friday Night Socials, along with a host of other events



Commodore Bob Stettner

planned. I encourage you to review the annual calendar of events and activities on the Queen City website to become familiar with this year's lineup of activities – there are a lot of them. It wasn't until I put the calendar together for this year that I really began to see how active our club is. There is no reason for anyone to get bored in the year ahead.

On the business side, I should alert you to the recent decision voted by the Queen City Board of Trustees to withdraw from RBAW. This action was brought about by word that RBAW will no longer be representing

our best interests. Queen City Yacht Club will no longer be including the RBAW billing on your club statements effective immediately.

On the financial side of our club, we are well positioned for the year ahead with a cash surplus tucked away in the treasury for contingencies and rainy day needs. Our capital expenses will be challenged a bit with the start-up installation of our new roof smoke vents for the Mainstation docks. The club operating expenses will run about the same as last year. Installation of our new sewage pump-out system at the "U" dock should be finished by the time you receive this month's *Bilge Pump*. This should make life a lot easier for all of

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us. The moorage assignments at the Seattle Mainstation and Winslow Outstation are running at capacity. Also, word has it that Barb & Eric Wood, Winslow Outstation Chairs, might have time this year to oversee some updating and remodeling to the kitchen area at Winslow. As for our Mainstation, the House Committee has again turned in another stellar year of completed projects that keep our clubhouse looking its best, including replacing the TV with a new 70 inch HD.

Candidly speaking, I am confident that all areas of our club are in good operating order as I assume the helm; and metaphorically speaking, the QCYC ship is ready to put to sea!

Finally, in the closing of my first *Bilge Pump* article as commodore, I want to say how pleased and proud Lois and I are to serve with the new incoming officers and bridge. We have a great team assembled and we are excited about the year ahead!

Regards,

Bob Stettner, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hope your cruising went well this season.

I wish to thank Past Commodore Don and Judy Wilson for their great club and bridge leadership the past 3 years. I look forward to working with Commodore Bob and Lois Stettner and New Rear Commodore Richard and Terri McGrew. We shall henceforward be known as the Boys from Ballard, because we all live in same NW neighborhood.

As Vice Commodore, I will be accountable for the operations of the following vital QCYC committees as well as the supervision of club personnel:

HOUSE:

★ I know we are in good hands with Captain Jim Damery, who leads House in maintaining of the Seattle Mainstation physical plant facilities;

DOCKS:

★ Under Captain Art Mauldin's expertise and oversight for 3 docks with 240+ slips;

MOORAGE:

★ Managed by Captain Richard Frisch, vital and key element of revenue;

OUTSTATIONS

★ Capt's Eric and Barb Wood will continue to oversee our outstations, including Winslow.

The support we have received this past year has been fantastic. Thank you to all.

—Bob Myers, Vice Commodore

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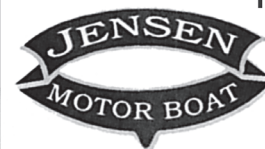
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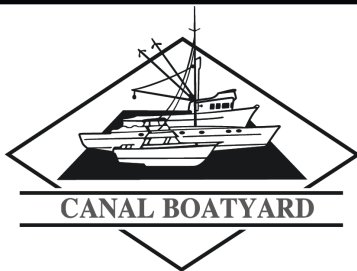
*** FREE HAUL OUT ***

February 1st thru February 28th
and
July 15th thru September 15th

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

I am honored to have been elected rear commodore of Queen City Yacht Club. The duties and responsibilities of the rear commodore are well defined and I will strive to fulfill them to the best of my ability. I will not be alone in this endeavor, however. Teri will be by my side as my mentor and my counselor to aid and guide me as I fulfill those duties. We are a team.

I started my boating life on the Columbia River with my family, as a child, cruising the calm waters near Portland, Oregon, and venturing to the turbulent waters near Astoria to fish for salmon in the early years. After my father acquired a boat capable of the transit from Portland to the Salish Sea, we ventured to the San Juan Islands, the Gulf Islands and beyond for our family vacations.



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After I finished school I enlisted in the US Coast Guard. I wanted to run the surf rescue boats like my Uncle Jim when he was stationed at Cape Disappointment at the mouth of the Columbia. I achieved my dream and more. After more than 26 years in the Coast Guard, including 14 years sailing as Chief Engineer, I retired with Teri to settle in Seattle. We had been stationed on the East Coast and various places on the West Coast but fell in love with the cruising opportunities centered around the Seattle area.

I retired from the Coast Guard in 1993 and continue in the maritime community today. I just can't seem to get enough of boats.

Now, Queen City Yacht Club is my passion. Now it's my opportunity to give back to the club that has afforded me friendship, camaraderie, a wonderful facility, a well maintained moorage, delightful outstations and an eventful social calendar. Now I face the challenges to make Queen City Yacht Club just a little better for all the present members and those future members that will make Queen City Yacht Club the shining star of the Salish Sea...THANK YOU.

—Dick McGrew,
Rear Commodore

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REGATTA POWER REPORT

UPCOMING RACES

- ★ POYC Fall Roundup – Oct 13th
- ★ Fall Officer's club race – Oct 19, 20, 21
- ★ Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet – Nov 3 at Gig Harbor YC
- ★ Fall Challenge Race – SYC – Nov 18
- ★ First of Season – Jan 19, 2013

—Bob Lindal,
Regatta Power Chair

OUTSTATION REPORT

The wonderful co-chairs of the Outstation Committee are cruising in northern waters. We look forward to Barb's articles when they return.

DOCKS COMMITTEE

October begins the docks season in earnest. The October 13 work party should involve the launch of several important projects to accomplish this season. Planking replacements are an ongoing matter, and some mooring cleat remounting and repair should be high priorities this fall. Thanks to Mitch Garton's great efforts, the replacement of safety ladders will continue, and with great thanks to the Tarettes for their very generous and important contributions to this worthwhile project.

We shall be diligently inspecting the underpinnings of Dock 1 as the annual inspection project. This is a great way to get involved with fellow members, accomplish some terrific things, and learn a lot about

our docks all at the same time. While there's a portion of misery involved in this task, it's also great fun to accomplish something so valuable and do it among friends. The food is always great, too.

Our new dock captain is Captain Dick Dow who will be keeping the tasks lists and will aid in prioritizing them. We've established a new, easy to remember email address for this use. Please write dockcaptain@queen-city.org about any issues with the docks. We are looking to recruit dock watchers who can walk their assigned docks on a frequent basis and just look around for changing conditions and safety issues. We also need someone willing to walk the docks frequently at nighttime to check and report the conditions of the lights. These are very important ongoing tasks and don't require any special skills nor fancy reports. We just need a few people truly focused upon looking at things and then willing to mention that something is wrong, if it is.

Also need to give special thanks to Pat Dore who has singlehandedly pursued some important tasks. He did a masterful job of helping set up a new configuration of floats and an access walkway that has freed up Work Float #1 from the activities of

the junior boating program. Our Fire Code Compliance Committee expresses its big thanks for a job well done by Pat and all of the Moorage Committee in making us right and proper in our intervening spaces. That was no easy task! Well done and great appreciation goes to Richard Frisch and all of his people.

Come see what we are up to at one of our committee meetings: 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 23, and November 27 (fourth Tuesdays). Our scheduled work parties are the second Saturday of each month with a breakfast meeting scheduled for 8:30 am. The next work parties are October 13, November 10, and December 8.

—Arthur Mauldin, Docks
Committee Chair

MOORAGE

We are using a terrific tool that our WEB genius, Kyle Bixby, developed to make the task of offering slip assignments easier. We did several months of testing and it meets with our approval. Thank you, KYLE!!

This is an automated system of notifying members on a waitlist, that a slip is available. In the "old days," we used to have to generate

e-mails, filling in the members' names one by one, until we had all the recipients listed, and then send it off.

The new system allows us to name the slip, and the number of recipients desired in the email, then, just hit "Send" (we can also include comments about the offering if there is some kind of special consideration). The one thing it won't do, and this is a GOOD thing, is it doesn't work selectively. So, even IF your vessel doesn't fit into the slip for whatever reason (sailboat, too WIDE, etc.), you'll receive the notice. This is good, because everyone is in the loop on the offering, whether you qualify for it or not.

All we ask is that you respond to our notices, and let us know whether you are interested or not, and if you wish to remain on the wait list. Please make sure that your contact information is current on the club website, and that you check your emails regularly if you are on a wait list, especially if you know you are getting close to being assigned a slip.

Planning on getting your boat measured? Make sure that you have with you, or have supplied in advance, proof of ownership and insurance, (\$500,000.00 minimum liability, and showing QCYC as the additional insured). Your agent will do this at no charge. If they want to charge you for this, then you need our own Dean Lentgis as your agent!

Recently, a member that wanted to get on the wait list asked why it was necessary for the policy to include Queen City as an additional insured. They felt this was unfair, that the rule is not enforced, and they were being singled out.

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facilities, whether it's at the main station "U," at Winslow, etc. If a problem occurs, the club needs to be covered, not just your boat.

Secondly, on not being enforced, the club is not the cops. When you join the club, and take the oath, it's understood that you will abide by the club rules. It's the members' responsibility to familiarize themselves with those rules, and follow them. The moorage rules are quite clear, and are available to all members by simply logging on to the club's website. Under the moorage drop down menu, the first item listed is "assignments." It is there at the top right that you will find "Permanent Moorage Rules."

The insurance requirements listed are for all boating members, not just for vessels with permanent assignments.

Perhaps the term "permanent" needs review, as there really is no such thing. All moorages at the club are on a monthly basis. It's just that there are some assignments that have endured 200 months or more!

Leaving for the winter? Make sure we can reach you, or that you've a friend that can speak on your behalf.

Latest vessel assignments:
Slip 140 assigned to Art Mauldin
168 to Jeff Purvis

292 to Doug Henrickson

283 to Jeff Madera

127 to Denny Ward

160 to Bill Packard

235 to Charlie Soffel

129 to P/C Dave Krows

126 to Tracy Redding

158 to P/C Scott Grimm

Slip 170 (a narrow 50' open) had no vessels that would fit; so using

rule 3.14, we made an assignment off the 44' open list. This is protocol to take the next size level down and start from the top. Carl Stevens was the accepting member, # 116. Congratulations, Carl!

Questions? Send email to:
moorage@queencity.org

—Richard J. Frisch
Moorage Committee Chairman

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

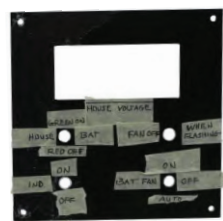
FLEET CAPTAIN'S SUMMER CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Launching our journey on Friday, August 10, we set off for Coupeville six strong. It was a lengthy run at 9.5 knots but worth the fuel savings. *GrayMar* landed on the dock at 2 pm and soon all of us were tied up, a feat in itself, considering it was the eve of the town's annual Arts and Crafts celebration, bringing several thousand people to this picturesque location on Whidbey Island. Of course we

had our dock gathering and shared local steamed mussels and contemplated our next day's approach to nearly a hundred craft and art vendors who were setting up their tents till late into the evening.

The next morning brought lots of sunshine and a great time was had exploring handicrafts, jewelry, food, and people watching, one of my favorites.

On Sunday it was off to Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor via Swinomish Channel, in LaConner, and Samish Bay. It was nearly high tide, and though 6 feet was observed on many depth sounders, we all managed to proceed through this beautiful channel unscathed. First time visitors for many of us to Bellingham, the approach is well marked on our chart plotters. We observed locals using the dredged waterway, so follow we did. The marina had reserved 500 feet of guest dock for us and posted large "welcome QCYC" posters on all the piers. They also provided "gratis" van service to town for groceries and



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also to Fairhaven, where many of us spent Monday exploring and shopping. We also had our gathering time on the dock, where we shared wonderful hors d'oeuvres and wine.

It was a quick departure on Tuesday for Sucia Island. On leaving Squalicum Harbor, the Fleet Captain himself was so astounded at the lack of depth at low tide in the dredged channel that he thought there must be deeper water on the other side of the red buoy. This was not the case. A sound like the that which you hear when you gently beach your dinghy on a coarse sandy beach was heard. While greatly suffering embarrassment, it would have gone unnoticed but for a curious Coast Guard RIB patrol craft 30 feet away, asking me to discuss the matter with them by calling them on channel 16, which of course, was monitored by several

of us QCYC cruisers. So my secret was not to be.

Two and a half hours later we were lowering our anchors in Fossil Bay after finding the docks completely full. We did manage to tie 5 abreast with another two members staying a couple hundred feet away. We now had *Merleau*, *Salty*, *GrayMar*, *Hey Jude* and *That's Amazing* all tied side to side with *Nirvana* and *Moonriver*

wisely anchoring nearby. Only one of us had the sense to put out 125 feet of rode...but it was so sunny, flat and calm!

A wonderful campfire site was selected by my mate Pamela, and after she assigned others to carry the required locally (Seattle) obtained firewood, we dinghied and marched with our reading material, marshmallows, chocolate bars, graham crackers, dogs, wine,

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cameras, etc., to the appointed fire site. A blaze was quickly observed and a grand time ensued with song, stories, and the mastery of charbroiling the Wilsons' giant size marshmallows at the end of two kabob sticks tied together end to end with electrical tape. A short ceremony was held to assign a screw-up flag to a deserving member. We then retired in darkness to our anchored boats, having had our fill of sticky gooey treats.

The morning found five boats twisted 180 degrees around but still holding steady in a 15 knot wind thanks to *Salty's* 125 feet of rode. We calculated he was holding 110 tons of boats with his ½ inch anchor line! Minor panic ensued as *Merleau* untied and set off on her own, freeing three larger boats to be disconnected from *Salty's* secured anchorage. This "raft of three" proceeded at about one-half knot, dragging their ground tackle as the mates slept aboard and the captains were ashore with "dog duties." Barry Rutten observed the possibilities unfolding and thankfully announced on his super-duper 500 watt hailer, "Will Don

Wilson and Mike Cochran return immediately to your boats...the raft is adrift." This brought an end to dog duties suddenly as we raced down the dock with all eyes staring at what was going to be the marine version of "Gone in 60 seconds." But a happy ending was to be the case as we dinghied back, untwisted our lines, backed down and separated individually, anchoring properly. In no time we were all sorted out and under-way for Pender to clear customs and headed to Saltspring Island Marina.

We tried something different and had a rented van available and broke up into two groups for exploring the many discoveries and surprises on the island. There were cheese factories, wineries, and even a bakery in the highlands with incredible views and delicious items for purchasing. A large shaded area was made available by Leslie, the marina manager; and we shared our discoveries, stories and wine in the incredible sunny weather until nightfall.

Our last Canadian stop was Sidney, where we explored Sidney and, Butchart Gardens in small groups, grateful for modern concrete docks, lots of water and 50 amps of electricity.

Satisfied we had given it our best, we cruised to Roche Harbor and after clearing customs, we gratefully welcomed the opportunity to be on our own course again. Many of us gained new friendships and all had new memories to last until next year's opportunity.

Your Fleet Captain Mike and mate Pamela truly enjoyed being your hosts and guides. We gratefully had a safe and wonderful experience, sharing these last ten days with club members.

—Mike Cochran, Fleet Captain

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For Al Teel

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2:00 pm/14:00

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Tarettes' Corner

What's Coming Up with the Tarettes?

IN OCTOBER:

The Tarettes have been invited to two WIC or Women's Interclub Council luncheons in October! The first is at Tacoma Yacht Club on October 3 and the other is at Tyee Yacht Club on October 11. These luncheons are always great fun in seeing old friends and making new. The menu is always special and a program or performance is given. The cost is uniform: \$14 and reservations are made. We also provide carpooling from our club. If you are not a Tarette, ask us to invite you as a guest!

Our October Tarette OPEN Board Meeting is scheduled for

October 24 at 5:30 in the third floor apartment at the clubhouse. Our meeting should run between 50-60 minutes. We will all have time for socializing and dinner downstairs, followed by the QCYC General Meeting.

IN NOVEMBER:

The Tarettes are invited to attend a WIC luncheon at Port Orchard Yacht Club. The same rules apply: \$14 and a reservation and carpooling provided. Ask to be our guest!

Our Tarette Friday Night Social is coming and it's going to be a doozy! Our chairpeople are planning a yummy comfort food sort of fare on November 16. Vice President Vivian Johnson will then whoosh us upstairs for a

crazy game or two of bunco, with prizes! But there's more...Bubbles and Bunco. What are the Bubbles, Viv? Mark your calendar and come find out! More to come.

Our November Tarette OPEN Board Meeting is scheduled for November 28 at 5:30 in the third floor apartment at the clubhouse. Again, after our meeting we will all have time for socializing and dinner, then the QCYC General Meeting.

IN DECEMBER:

WHAT?! Oh, no – don't even get me started on that!

Later...

My Best,

Sistee Lentgis, Tarette President
kathleenl@comcast.net

STOP BEING A BOATING WEATHER VICTIM

P/LT/C BILL RAY, AP, SEATTLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

At a Roche Harbor rendezvous this summer several trawler skippers were complaining about being beat up crossing the Strait of Juan de Fuca the previous day. They started out on a nice Puget Sound morning so they had not checked the forecasts; besides "they're always unreliable". So in preparation for a weather seminar I decided to test my favorite wind forecast source. I compared the actual wind reports at Smith Island and buoy 46088 a dozen miles further west against the forecasts which were available the day before they crossed.

Clearly getting beat up was a choice not fate. Pacific Northwest weather can be forecast with surprising accuracy.

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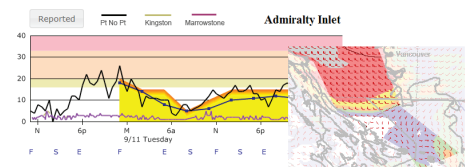
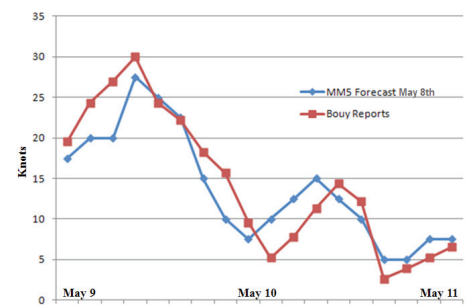
By the time you see this we should be formally in Alpha test; it's actually been in use by some boaters since mid-August. Test participation is free. If you want to give it a try send me an email for instructions for using on computer, tablet or smartphone: billray@apian.com.

To learn why the NW weather is so weird and hard to forecast, and then how to use the reliable forecasts available, here are a couple opportunities:

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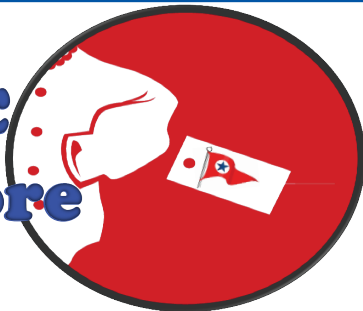
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October 5	(Friday Lunch)	11:00 - 1:00
October 9	(Wednesday Dinner/Mtg)	5:00 - 7:00
October 13	(Saturday Morning)	9:00 - Noon
October 19	(Friday Lunch)	11:00 - 1:00
October 20	(Saturday Morning)	9:00 - Noon
October 23	(Wednesday Dinner/Mtg)	5:00 - 7:00



BOWL AND ROLL

The scheduled dates for our supper book club are October 3, December 5, February 6, and April 13. Everyone is welcome. Gayle Frisch is hosting the October 3rd discussion of *Making Toast* by Roger Rosenblatt. Titles for future dates will be published on the Members' Forum of the Web site as they are chosen. Keep the dates in mind and come for a lively conversation, meal, and fellowship.

OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM

At the October 10th General Meeting, Skip Sethmann, Captain of Boeing's boat the *Daedalus*, will be entertaining us by showing a time elapse video of the *Daedalus* going through the Panama Canal. Don't miss it!



LOOKING AHEAD...

- ★ October 6
Commodore's Ball
- ★ October 7
Memorial Service for Al Teel
- ★ October 13
Bremerton JO Ball
- ★ October 20
Booze/Blues/BBQ & Closing of Boating Season
- ★ October 19-21
QCYC Flag Officers Race
- ★ October 26-28
Fleet Captain's Halloween Cruise to Winslow

ATTENTION MOORAGE MEMBERS!

When your boat insurance renews it is your responsibility to provide the club with an updated Certificate of Insurance to remain in compliance with moorage rules.

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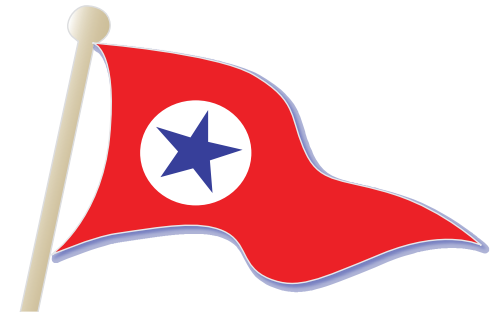
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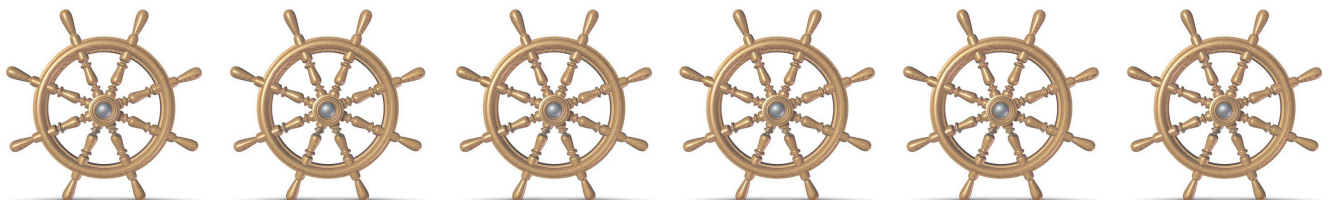
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Roanoke Community Council Meeting: 1800	2 SSPS ABC Boating Class: 1830 Planning & Finance Committee Meeting: 1900	3 Decorating for Commodore's Ball WIC Luncheon in Tacoma Bowl & A Roll Book Club: 1830	4 Decorating for Commodore's Ball: all day	5 Decorating for Commodore's Ball Friday Lunch: 1130	6 Saturday Breakfast: 0700 Commodore's Ball: 1800
7 Memorial Service for Al Teel: 1400	8 Board Meeting: 1900	9 SSPS ABC Boating Class: 1830	10 Dinner: 1800 General Membership Meeting: 1930	11 Past Commodores Fall Dinner - 2nd Deck: 1730	12 Friday Lunch: 1130	13 Saturday Breakfast: 0700 Bremerton JO Ball Docks Work Party: 0800
14	15	16 SSPS ABC Boating Class: 1830 Skull Session - Capt Conference Room: 1930	17	18 SSPS Dinner Meeting: 1800	19 Friday Lunch: 1130 QCYC Flag Officers Race	20 QCYC Flag Officers Race: all day Saturday Breakfast: 0700 Olympia Commodores Ball Booze/Blues/BBQ & Close of Boating Season: 1600
21 QCYC Flag Officers Race Burger Bash - 2nd Deck: 1700	22	23 Docks Committee Meeting: 1800 SSPS ABC Boating Class: 1830	24 Tarette Board Mtg: 1730 Dinner: 1800 General Membership Meeting: 1930	25 SSPS - Boating Weather Seminar - 3rd Deck: 1800	26 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Fleet Capt Halloween Cruise to Winslow	27 Saturday Breakfast: 0700 Fleet Capt Halloween Cruise to Winslow: all day Everett JO Ball
28 Fleet Capt Halloween Cruise to Winslow	29	30 SSPS ABC Boating Class: 1830	31 Halloween			

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