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## COMMODORE'S REPORT

FEBRUARY, 2015

January was full of wonderful events that proved to be a proper way to bring in the New Year.

First of all we now have a new upgraded electrical system on all three docks. Some members have expressed their joy in being "comfortably warm" during the cold January nights for the first time since they moored their boats here many years ago. John Alving did a wonderful job of managing this complex project but there were many others that led up to the end of this successful undertaking: the original Electrical Committee with lots of members' professionalism and planning, the Planning and Finance Committee that developed a plan to fund the project, the members that sat through several informative meetings and offered suggestions and support and the Bridge and the Board of Trustees that approved the plans and signed the contracts to get the project officially underway. It took a team of devoted members working toward a common goal of a safe, efficient and cost effective way to improve our electrical system for today and many years in the future, reinforcing Queen City Yacht Club's standing as the Star of the Salish Sea. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**



Richard McGrew

Secondly we have a stellar 2015 Annual in our hands. Kathy Fish and her committee, including vital input from Don Wilson, Deborah Cobain and our Treasurer Jan Gould (not to mention all our proof readers) have all contributed great efforts to bring forth an annual fitting of Queen City Yacht Club. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

The New Year's Eve Pajama Party was a wonderful event. Vivian Johnson and her crew decorated the club with more pajamas than a cheap laundry.

The food, by Willie, the band, Hot & Cool, and celebrating the New Year's arrival in 4 time zones made for a memorable party. The best was the attendees. You get out what you put into a party. We all had FUN.

The two G14 events at our Winslow outstation, the P/C Cruise-In and the Officers' Cruise-In, were very successful and well attended. We arranged for good weather and a Seahawks win for good measure to boot. Your Commodore was roasted, as well as all the other Commodores, at the Officers' Cruise-In. Thank you Margaret Krows, Paul Grimm and Mark Vanderwall, for producing a creative and hilarious video roast.

As I write this article the "Baby It's Cold Outside" Friday night social, the First of the Season

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### FEBRUARY 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>February 1</b>	Fleet Captain Super Bowl Party
<b>February 3</b>	Planning & Finance Meeting
<b>February 5</b>	WIC Luncheon, Tarette Monthly Meeting
<b>February 10</b>	Docks Committee Meeting
<b>February 11, 25</b>	General Membership Dinner & Meeting
<b>February 13</b>	Pre-Valentine Celebration
<b>February 14-15</b>	IPBA BYC Heavy Weather Race
<b>February 20-22</b>	Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds

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Navigation contest, the Scotch and Haggis Night Friday night social and the Pillage the Village cruise to Poulsbo have not yet happened. Given the past history of this great club you can be confident that there were all great events.

February brings the Queen City Yacht Club hosted WIC luncheon on the 5th, the Pre-Valentine's Day Celebration on the 13th, chaired by Craig and Ann Wilbour, the Heavy Weather Race, hosted by Bremerton Yacht Club on the 14th, the Fleet Captain's Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds on the 20th to 22nd and a host of other fun things to do.

It's never too early to plan to attend the Seattle Boat Show...for FREE! All you have to do is volunteer some time to sit in the Queen City Yacht Club booth and talk about your favorite subjects, boating and Queen City Yacht Club. See Membership Chairman Chris Benson's article in this issue for details

Looking ahead to the Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Marine Festival, April 10-12, P/C Roger and Sue Williams from TYC will give us a presentation highlighting all the activities of that great event during our general meeting on February 11th. Please attend this meeting to learn all TYC has to offer for the start of the boating party season. We

have traditionally always had a decorated boat for the Daffodil parade and in the past many years it has been R/C Dave and Michele Bedner's *MERLEAU*. Well it appears they'll be busy on the Officers' Dress boat that day and won't be able to participate. We're looking for another enthusiastic member to bring their boat to TYC for decorating it in concert with the "Shine Your Light" theme. The member volunteering the boat doesn't need to do all the decorating; we'll find a group to do that. We just need a boat to decorate.

Still proud and happy to serve, the McGrew Crew is here for you.

—Dick McGrew, Commodore

## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

There are a number of little things that go on behind the scenes that do not regularly come to members' attention. One of them is the computer systems required to meet the needs of our club. Recently our Computer Committee made upgrades to the Windows operating system by installing Windows 7 on the Treasurer's PC. I know this is not the latest but I am never sure that we want to be the latest or greatest. Of course when you make one change this can lead to other issues. Questions were raised

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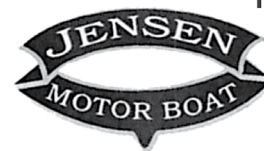
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with passwords and access, our computer backup system and our internet access speeds to name a few. We have been running regular offsite computer backups for several years. The committee has been in contact with both CenturyLink and Comcast concerning enhancements.

These changes have resulted in the need to get the House Committee involved. It was determined that to have the desired internet speed a new Cat 5 cable had to be run from the service room to the office. The House Committee has completed this task and internet upgrades can now be installed. The real reason I briefly mention the above is to thank Steve Farber and Craig Ranta for offering their computer skills. I also want to thank the members of the House Committee for routing the new cable, which will improve our infrastructure. As I said these little behind the scenes items keep the club administratively functioning.

Queen City Yacht Club hosted the Grand 14 Officers' Cruise-In at Eagle Harbor. The other officers probably mentioned this but I wanted to bring this to your attention. The Rear Commodores (The Krakens) were responsible for the breakfasts, while the Vice Commodores (The Nautical Stars)

were responsible for dinner. We hosted a steak fry, which everyone enjoyed. The entire well planned weekend had to undergo a major revision when the Seahawks playoff game was announced for a 5:15 start. With a lot of shuffling we moved the star attraction, the Commodore's Roast, to mid day and the dinner to an earlier start. Everyone was then able to root the Seahawks on to victory. And your Commodore's roast was outstanding.

Finally our Webmaster, Kyle Bixby, after eight years of hard work has found that the demands

of his real job no longer afford him the time to continue with this important task. I am pleased to say that Gerald Fey has stepped up and agreed to take over the Webmaster duties. We are in the transition period, so some patience may be needed. However we are working very hard to make this as smooth a transition as possible. I would like to thank Kyle for his years of hard work. I am looking forward to working with Gerald as we continue to look at methods to improve our website.

—John Rogers, Vice Commodore




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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

**I**t's a dirty job, but someone has to do it. I'm talking about garbage, or more specifically the collection and disposal of food waste. As of the beginning of this year, the City of Seattle will no longer allow food, paper napkins or paper towels in the garbage. If you live within the City of Seattle, you have already been informed of this through your residential waste collector, but you may not be aware this also applies to businesses and commercial users such as Queen City Yacht Club

We have made additional provisions for the collection and disposal of food waste, but for it to be successful, we need the cooperation and compliance by our members to make this work effectively. While this change may be viewed as inconvenient and troublesome

by some, it's the right thing to do; and once we all adjust to the new requirements, it will fall in line with recycling bottles, cans and cardboard.

The good news is the food waste can be combined with yard waste and we have arranged for a new dumpster to be available for that purpose. This change not only affects the food waste that is generated from the clubhouse, but also from your boats, so we will all need to make provisions accordingly.

The City of Seattle plans to enforce their requirement by assessing a \$50 fine if a significant amount of recyclables or compostable material is found in commercial garbage. The good news is the fines will not become effective until July 1, 2015, so we all have time to adjust to the new requirement, and for the club and individuals to make the necessary provisions for compliance.

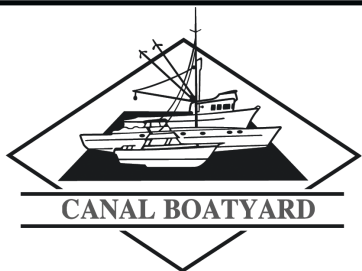
—Dave Bedner, Rear Commodore

## OUTSTATION REPORT

**T**his place has been busy the past few weeks! A number of boats came over to welcome 2015. About 40 people, young and old (I think I was the "old,") put together a great potluck dinner, and Paul Bennett made a birthday cake for Shauna. Before they left, the clubhouse was cleaned and organized for the next party, scheduled in 24 hours.

Winter moorage and new members Gary Baldasari and Kathy Curtis asked if there was anything they could help with, and I suggested that the garden area by the front doors of the clubhouse could be cleaned up. They went home, came back with their own garden tools and did a fabulous job! Thank you, Gary and Kathy.

No sooner had the garden and clubhouse been tidied up when the Past Commodores from the Grand 14 started arriving. Mother Nature kept things interesting with minus tides and icy docks. It didn't keep people away, though,



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and everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend.

Thanks to the Tarettes, we now have new tablecloths for the tables at the Outstation! They are a lovely red — a little brighter than what we had before. The old tablecloths had been around for some time and needed to be replaced. The Tarettes have been generous before - the life jacket box on the pier and the fireplace and chairs in the clubhouse are some of the recent examples.

As I write this article, the clubhouse and docks are full again. This weekend is the Grand 14 Officers cruise-in. They're having a really good time, especially since the Seahawks just beat the Panthers. Soon, it will be quiet for a while...

Happy winter boating,

—Barb Wood

## DOCKS DOIN'S

The next Docks Committee meeting will be February 10, 2015. 6:30 PM. Second deck. Free Pizza.

The next Docks Fun Day will be Saturday, February 14. 8:30 AM. Second deck. Free breakfast and lunch.

—Chuck Gould, Docks Committee Chair

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By the time you read this the Boat Show will be over. Hopefully the Seahawks will win the Super Bowl!

I want to thank all our members who volunteered for the QCYC Boat Show this year. Special thanks to P/C Larrie Chmela for the last 6 years helping setting up the QCYC Boat Show booth.

At the November 12th general meeting we had one initiation: Cpts. Joseph Mitchell and Carol Wiseley, who were sponsored by P/C Dale and Susie Roberts. At our January 14th general meeting we had one initiation: Cpts. Vic and Kari Portolese, who were sponsored by Cpts. Michael and Sue Burke. Welcome aboard to our new members and thanks to their sponsors.

Our membership currently stands at 379 active members, 107 senior members, 11 social members and 11 intermediate members.

We hope to see more new members from our presence at the Boat Show, mailings, advertising in *Pacific Nor'West Boating*, and *Yachting Magazine*.

We are currently offering a half price special for full membership at \$1,500.00. This is a limited time offer until after Opening

Day or if we meet full membership. The annual membership dues are currently \$750.00. If the prospective member would like to pay the initiation in two payments they can pay \$750.00 for half of the initiation and one year of dues for \$750.00 for a total of \$1,500.00. The second year's payment would be due Oct. 1st for the same amount.

We will have our QCYC Open House on Sunday, March 8th, Noon to 4:00 PM. Please come out and greet our new prospective members. We hope to have a great turnout. We will be mailing out over 4,500 invitations to registered boat owners residing in the Puget Sound area for this event.

If you have an interest in helping with the Membership Committee contact myself or Rear Commodore Dave Bedner. We appreciate all your ideas and considerations for membership.

Thanks,

—Chris Benson,  
Membership Chairman

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# REGATTA POWER REPORT

## FIRST OF THE SEASON RACE, JAN 16-17, 2015

The QCYC FOS race's Binnacle Trophy for first overall was won by P/C's Dean Lentgis and Larrie Chmela on *Kalos Filos* with a 0.4765% error and the "Five Hundred Club" award from NACA (North American Cruiser Association) for bettering the magical mark of one half percent error. Dean is known as "Dean of the Lake" for his regular first place overall finishes on Lake Washington. Second overall went to Dave Padgett and Vince Firlotte on *Slipaway* with a score of 0.5238%. Third overall was Bill Herman of MBYC on *Summer Hours* with 0.7366%.

Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* were fifth overall and first in class 5 with 0.7728%. Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell on *Suzy Q* were seventh with 0.8154%. QCYC won the "Al Smith" team trophy. The team included the four QCYC

boats with Dean, Larrie, Dave, Vince, Ken, Marv, Bob and Jeff.

Sixteen racers from five clubs ran the 18 nm course from the 520 bridge (south due to the bridge construction on the north side) to the SW corner of Mercer Is, back around the north end of the island to Bellevue and back to the 520 bridge. It was a calm day but showers limited visibility.

## UPCOMING - NOVICE AND OLD TIMER'S RACE MARCH 13 TO 15

This is a simple club race held on Lake Washington and is a great opportunity to try out log racing. One of the club racers will take you out on your boat, time it along the 520 bridge and then use your boat data to calculate a race for you on your boat. Then while you are still out there, help you run the race. Learn, have fun and get some bragging rights amongst your boating buddies. All club members and friends are invited to the Sunday evening burger bash at 5 PM and the awards

ceremony (just let Bob Lindal know if you are coming so we have enough food and not waste any).

## THE OTHER UPCOMING RACES ARE:

- ★ Bremerton Heavy Weather - 2/14
  - ★ Meydenbauer Bay YC Boomerang - 3/7
  - ★ Tacoma YC - 3/21
  - ★ QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor - 3/28
  - ★ GHYC/Filucy Bay - 4/25
  - ★ Alaska Race/Cruise - 5/19
  - ★ ICR in Anacortes - 5/23
- Bob Lindal,  
Regatta Power Chair

## THE SWEETEST SOUND

in any language is the sound of one's own name. When you mention somebody's name in a *Bilge Pump* article in order to compliment him or her for doing a good job, part of the good feeling that person gets is diminished if their name is misspelled. *The Annual* contains a roster listing all members. It is possible for a member's name to be misspelled in *The Annual* the first year; but if a member doesn't notify the office or *The Annual* editor of the mistake, she/he has only herself/himself to blame; so we have to assume the listing is correct. The editor of this publication makes every effort to see that names are spelled correctly but is not always successful. If you want to compliment somebody and are not sure how their name is spelled, please look it up. Both you and the member you are complimenting will be glad you did.



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# Tarettes' Corner

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next time you are at the Bainbridge Island Outstation, a set of cheerful new red vinyl tablecloths will greet you. Outstation chairperson, Captain Barbara Wood, had requested that the Tarettes consider purchasing new ones as part of our traditional annual gift to QCYC. Thanks to Past President Debbie Foote, we were able to accommodate the request at an excellent price and they were delivered in time for the Officers' Cruise-in January 9-11.

Speaking of Debbie Foote, she had the historical honor of being the first female captain to sit in the prestigious "Old Timers' Rocking Chair" as the senior member present at the December 10, 2014, general club meeting. Way to go, Debbie.

February starts off with a flurry of activity as we host the Women's Interclub Council luncheon, February 5. Past President Lois Odland will be installed as the WIC President at the board meeting prior to lunch. Becky Garvie has planned a fun theme, "Queen of Hearts," to honor Lois. Many helping hands are needed for this event, so give Becky a call and let her know you can give her any assistance she needs setting up, serving punch, etc. Becky also has the first Women at the Helm

program set for February 20, "Getting to Know Your Boat." We expect a large turnout. Don't forget to celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the Sweetheart Dinner February 13, hosted by Captains Craig and Ann Wilbour.

## COME TO THE CRAB FEED

As the 2016 Centennial Celebration moves ever closer, the CRAB FEED March 7 is a major fund raiser to help with clubhouse refurbishing. This is an event that everyone should pitch in to support and attend. I know the response for volunteers will be fabulous and the dinner scrumptious.

There are two changes for you to note in the 2014-1015 Tarettes' Roster:

- ★ RoseMary Collins has changed her e-mail address: just omit one "l" from the one published,
- ★ Wendy Hamal Redding requests that 425-210-7640 be eliminated. The cell number is correct.

And, speaking of the roster, thank you, Commodore McGrew for allowing the Tarette information to be included in the club's roster!

Best wishes to all as 2015 unfolds.

—Margaret Krows,  
Tarettes President

★★★

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The "Queen of Hearts' WIC luncheon is approaching fast on Thursday, February 5. Make your reservation NOW with me at [canstyle@aol.com](mailto:canstyle@aol.com) or 206-979-1870. The price is \$16.

This year our own Lois Odland will be the WIC president. She will be installed at the board meeting February 5, so join me in congratulating Lois and wishing her a good year. Sistee Lentgis coordinated the baskets to be raffled and Debbie Foote made four baskets! A huge thanks for both of these women. I am continually amazed at how wonderful the volunteerism is at QCYC. People always come through to help out. Thank you, Sistee and Debbie, for all you do for both the club and the Tarettes.

Mark your calendars for the next WIC luncheon at Seattle YC Wednesday, February 18. More information will come out in an email.

Women at the Helm planning continues. We have had our third planning meeting with Seattle YC and Power Squadron. We hope to have our first session February 21. The session will be the basic components of the engine. We will explore diesel and gas engines, how to start/

turn off the engine, controls and gauges, what they are and what they tell you. We will tour different engine rooms so participants can become more familiar with the workings of the boat. This session will be approximately 4 hours. More to come!

— *Becky Garvie,*  
*Vice President*



### LET'S SHARE THE GOOD

Have a recipe that works especially well on the boat, or is just a favorite? Why not share it? The Tarettes are planning a Centennial Cookbook, and we want you to be included. Just submit your recipe (and photo, if you have one) to Debbie Foote at footloose@aol.com.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

In this case no news is good news! Begin this New Year with a worthy reachable goal ... to enrich your own life and others by "taking time for friendship." Make that phone call for a coffee or lunch date with someone you've been wanting to touch base with or get to know better. If writing is your forte, send the card or note you've been putting off. People need people. Stanley Hauerwas says, "Hope does not necessarily take the form of excessive confidence; rather it involves the simple willingness to take the next step."

— *Christine McCroskey*



### NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is searching for candidates for three open positions (Rear Commodore and two Board members) for our club for the year 2015 - 2016. If you or a member you know desires one of these positions and would be an asset to the club for Rear Commodore or Board member please contact me no later than March 1st 2015. If you are recommending someone please consult with him or her to see if they are willing to accept the position. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the nomination and election process.

— *Bob Myers, P/C,*  
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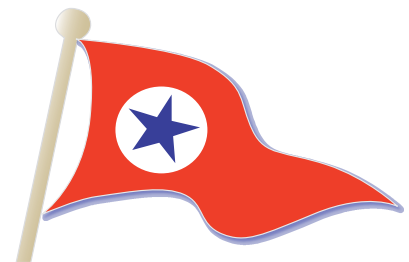
## Captain's Dinner

The Captain's Dinner, chaired by Shirley Rogers and Joanie Preusser, was well attended by 108 members. Decorations were beautifully designed. The prime rib buffet dinner catered by Willie was absolutely delicious and everyone enjoyed listening to the Dickens Carolers. Thank you to everyone for bringing the generous gifts for the children of the Boyer House and the generous donation of \$500 from Queen City, as well. Shirley and I would like to thank all of those who helped us with set up and clean up: Debbie Foote, Carol Soffel, Shawn Quinn, Nadeane Rutledge, RoseMary Collins, Becky Garvie, Deborah Cobain, Michelle Bedner, Vivian Johnson, Carol Dorney, and Dorothy Dubia (tickets and check in). A big thank you to Willie, Peg and crew for the fabulous dinner! We really do appreciate everyone who helped make this night a success!

— *Joanie Preusser*

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## LOOKING AHEAD..

- ★ Feb. 1 *Fleet Captain Super Bowl Party*
- ★ Feb. 3 *Planning & Finance Meeting*
- ★ Feb. 5 *WIC Luncheon, Tarette Monthly Meeting*
- ★ Feb. 9 *QCYC Board Meeting*
- ★ Feb. 10 *Docks Committee Meeting*
- ★ Feb. 11, 25 *General Membership Dinner & Meeting*
- ★ Feb. 13 *Pre-Valentine Celebration*
- ★ Feb. 14-15 *IPBA BYC Heavy Weather Race*
- ★ Feb. 20-22 *Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds*
- ★ Feb. 21 *"Women at the Helm" Meeting*



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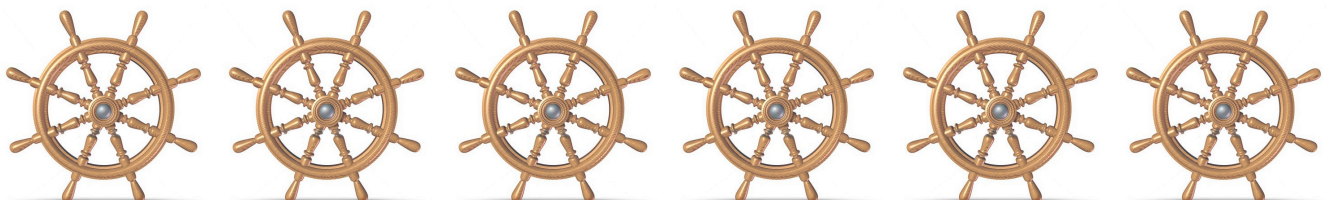
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## FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Fleet Captain's Super Bowl Party: 1430	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Planning & Finance Meeting: 1900	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> WIC Luncheon at QCYC  Tarette Monthly Meeting After WIC Luncheon	<b>6</b> Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> QCYC Board Meeting: 1900	<b>10</b> Docks Committee Meeting: 1830	<b>11</b> Pre-Meeting Dinner: 1800  General Membership Meeting: 1930	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Friday Lunch: 1130 Pre-Valentine Celebration: 1730	<b>14</b> IPBA BYC Heavy Weather Race  Valentine's Day: 1201
<b>15</b> IPBA BYC Heavy Weather Race	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> WIC Luncheon - Seattle YC	<b>19</b> SSPS Meeting: 1800	<b>20</b> Friday Lunch: 1130 Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds	<b>21</b> Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds  "Women at the Helm" Meeting - 3rd Deck (Garvie): 0900
<b>22</b> Jigsaw Cruise to Edmonds	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pre-Meeting Dinner: 1800  General Membership Meeting: 1930	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Friday Lunch: 1130	<b>28</b>