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## HALLOWEEN PARTY TO ROCK WITH STEAMPUNK THEME

*Posted by Janet Atkins, Halloween Party Chair*

We are going with a STEAMPUNK themed adult Halloween party this year on Saturday, October 28. Costumes are optional, clothes necessary, or so I've been told. Bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Steampunk costumes look like goth with lots of gears and weird clocks and top hats and feathers; but then again, any costume is fine for the party or no costume for those who hate costumes all together.

Steampunk "combines futuristic style with influences from Victorian Britain such as waistcoats, military jackets, and goggles -- that in the world of steampunk keeps the wind on an airship from drying out your eyes, protection from dangerous chemicals for the mad scientist, and protection from sparks, and hot steam in the lab or boiler room".

Join in the fun for an evening of dancing to our own house rockin' Three Sheets Blues Band. There will be prizes, great eats thanks to Willie's Addictive Barbecue, and surprise appearances from Commodore Michael Day and Peg Braxton singing "Crazy", we hope. The essence of Steampunk is a homage to vintage fashion with modern sassy twist. Invite your friends to eat, drink, be joyful and dance the night away.



*Halloween Party - Get your STEAMPUNK On October 28*

## EXPANDED EXPERIENCES AT WINSLOW YACHT CAMP

*Posted by Josh Hoffman, Labor Day Yacht Camp Director*

It was a super successful Labor Day Weekend for Winslow Yacht Camp at the outstation. Yacht Camp was about expanding your experiences from a "Paint and Sip" session under the direction of a real artist, Christine Lange; and the eleven contestants vying for the "Best Margarita"; "Doggie Olympics"; and "Bubble Blowing" competition. We estimated about 125 members and guests on hand for just the standup comedians on Saturday night! Paul Grimm's warm up act was hilarious. It warmed my heart to see boats rafted out two and three deep up and down the docks again. Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped make this happen! This includes the encouragers, cheerleaders, translators, those that chop, lift, shop, serve, help, wash, rinse, and repeat. I'm also very grateful for all those who showed up to simply enjoy themselves and take it all in and enjoy. Without you, it would pretty much be pointless. Have a good school year kids! See you next summer!



*Camp Winslow Standup Comedy Show. More photos on Page 4*

## GRAY SKIES BUT NO RAIN ON CLOSING DAY FESTIVITIES

*Posted by Mark Vanderwall, Chief Idea Officer & Closing Day Chair*

The rain came later in the day, so it did not rain on the Annual QCYC Closing Day parade or related festivities including the 1st Annual BEST DOCK Challenge. The Tarettes Grill Team Won best of Closing Day Float after the Dock cart drill team failed to return one of their dock carts. The Best Dock Competition was a sweep for Dock 1, winning Best Skit, Best Float and most participation. Disgruntled Dock 2 and 3 were simply out flanked by the Dock 1 weekly Wednesdays Happy Hour crew. A very fun event in all but the Key was "you must be present to win!"



*Closing Day Parade Grand Marshals, Dale & Denny Ward. More photos on Page 5*

**Commodore's Report**

**NEW BOATERS GET BOATING BASICS & FRIENDSHIPS AT A YACHT CLUB**

Posted by Michael Day, Commodore

This morning I woke up a bit disoriented. Kitt is telling me we are starting our third year on the Bridge at QCYC. I feel like I have taken a lot of water over the bow. We have buried our anchor in a wrinkle in the space time continuum.

Flash back -Lawn chairs in tow, we had just returned from watching the Opening Day parade on the Cut. Kitt had been perusing Craigslist, Yachtworld, and every other boating forum out there looking for a Tollycraft. She informed me that a stealth boat had reappeared on Craigslist. A few hours later we were writing a purchase contract on the back of a Waggoner's cover with Captain Jim Bailey in one of the sheds out on Dock 3.

Well, Captain Bailey had a few concerns about us, but his primary concern was that we did not know how to operate a boat. I confidently informed him not to worry. I had grown up on a farm and had driven all kinds of things. Boats go slow. Tractors go slow. Nothing to worry about in a very polite manner. Captain Bailey informed me that I could not be more wrong. I was going to need help. Like a lot of help. He was basically saying if we wanted to buy his boat, we needed to join a yacht club, and he preferred that it was Queen City. Captain Bailey rounded up Captain Gunderson to get us the keys and P/C Lentgis to be our sponsor. We were boaters!

Now just a short time later, we find that Queen City has introduced us to the cruising culture and comradery associated with boating in the Pacific Northwest. We have learned a massive amount about boats and boating and formed so many friendships in just a blink of an eye. Most recently we have been doing a deep dive into club finances, clubhouse maintenance, and moorage challenges as well. We have so many QCYC members to thank for the introduction, education, and friendship.

We are looking forward to this last year on the Bridge. We have big plans and hope to measure up. We will be sure to keep our pen pal Captain Bailey duly informed.

Like the song: It's astounding, time is fleeting, madness takes its toll. Let's do the Time Warp again.



*Commodore Michael Day & Kitt out there somewhere*



*2023 Bridge Officers take the helm*

**QCYC Halloween 2023**

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## Vice Commodore's Report

# FOCUS ON MOORAGE, DOCKS, HOUSE & OUTSTATIONS

Posted by Doug Genord, Vice Commodore

This being my first article as Vice Commodore I wanted to start out by stating how honored I am to serve you and this remarkable yacht club. As Vice Commodore, my focus this year will be on moorage, docks, house, and outstations. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on these matters (in person or email). I would also like to hear how you think your time and talent can help make a difference here.

Thank you for all you do to support our club and your willingness to support me in my duties this year. I look forward to an exciting, productive, and rewarding year of service on the bridge. I also want to welcome Doug Wadden as our new Rear Commodore. He will be a great addition to QCYC's Bridge. Gail and I look forward to collaborating with Doug and Margi in our activities associated with being junior officers of this club.



Vice Commodore Doug Genord & Gail

## MOORAGE FEES PAY FOR WORK SLIP UPGRADE

Posted by Ron Stevenson, Docks Committee Co-Chair

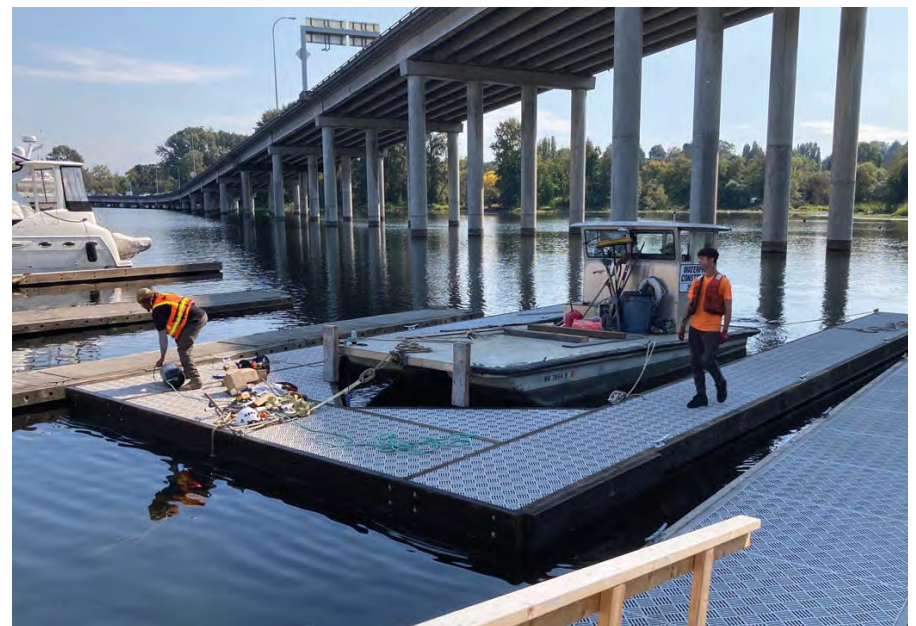
Your moorage fees help keep the marina in good shape. This is some of what our moorage fees pay for! Work slip 2 was ordered in May, to be built in time for delivery in September. The old work slip had floats that were compromised, the wood structure was rotting in places and structurally failing, which was proven as the float was being towed away it broke apart. Thank you to the members who so graciously moved their boats out of the area with only three days' notice.

## DOCKS COMMITTEE WORKS! NEW LIFE RINGS FOR SAFETY

New life ring cabinet. Docks Committee are renewing some of our life rings. This one is in a cabinet next to the crane and pump out at the U. It replaced a ring hanging there since 1989 (according to the mfg date) and badly deteriorated by the sun. Inside the case is a life ring protected from the elements as well as a good length of safety line and a float



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# STEAK FRY, ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT & PARADE HIGHLIGHT CLOSING DAY WEEKEND



*Galley Crew served Steaks, Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert*



*Suzie Roberts delivers Desserts at Steak Fry*



*PC Scott Grimm as M.C. for Entertainment Night following Steak Fry*



*Dock 3 Cheeseburger in Paradise*



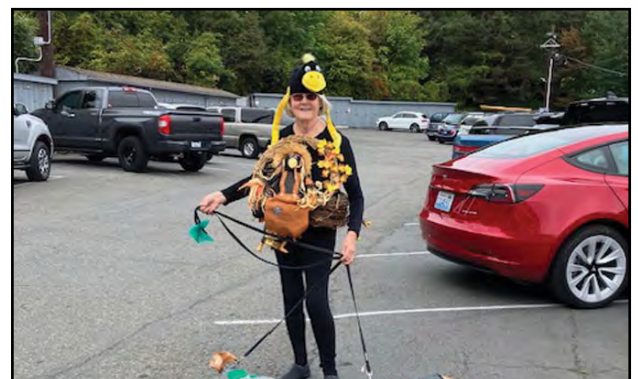
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*Cooomodore Rides Dock (2) Moo Automooobile*



*Tarettes GRILL Team wins Best Parade Entry*



*PC Margaret Krows(Nest) with Harley & Murphy*

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## Rear Commodore's Report

# INTRODUCING OURSELVES - DOUG & MARGI WADDEN

Posted by Doug Wadden, Rear Commodore

Let me introduce ourselves.

Margi and I joined Queen City in 2010, anxious to meet more boaters and expand our horizons. For the first five or so years we kept our boat, "Bowhaus" nearby in Portage Bay until we had the opportunity to accept a slip at the main station, which made it easier to participate in many of the Club's activities. In 2020 we sold Bowhaus and had to relocate to Elliott Bay Marina, but last September we were able to return to the main station with our, new to us, 1995 Sabreline tri-cabin "New Bowhaus". Over the years close relationships with many members have evolved and developed and our network of friends has expanded as we both have volunteered and participated in Club events. Membership on the Board of Trustees further expanded my understanding of Club management, even during COVID, and working with the Bridge and committees has deepened our sense of engagement. Margi has been involved in several events as well as projects in the club office and understands aspects of operations that I have yet to encounter. It became readily apparent to us just how much the bridge officers,



*RC Doug Wadden & Margi*

volunteers and committee chairs contribute to the success and health of the club... from financial planning, to events, property maintenance and a vibrant social environment. Additionally, productive and collaborative interactions with the community, both here in Seattle and in Bainbridge, are essential given the complex scope of the projects and significant investments we are considering. So, when I was asked to consider joining the Bridge I said yes, it seemed a great opportunity to help address some of the challenges the

Club will be facing. It is and will be a team effort, spanning several years and impacting all of us, one way or another. We have cruised to Sitka, Alaska, the northern BC Coast, made numerous trips to the Broughtons, Desolation Sound, the Sunshine Coast, Vancouver, the Gulf Islands and our San Juan Islands. Now we're turning our attention to the Puget Sound region and the Grand 14 members of the Salish Sea, as we join the Commodore, Vice Commodore and our first mates in furthering the interests of The Queen City Yacht Club. The Club has the history, assets and resources needed to succeed and flourish. The bridge has a good mix of backgrounds and experience that should enable us to grow, supported and guided by a large cast of members who care about the Club and the boating community. We look forward to meeting and working with all our members, new and old, and promise to make the most of this opportunity over the next four years.

## THE ABC'S OF QCYC MEMBERSHIP

Posted by Val Ohlstrom, Membership Chair

Jeff & I hope you had a wonderful summer and invited at least one boater you met to join QCYC! I am asked many questions about Membership. In this and upcoming Bilge Pump articles I will discuss the QCYC membership basics and practical application of these rules. Information on Membership can be found in Article III of the QCYC Bylaws, available on the QCYC website or in your Annual Membership Directory. This article will discuss Active membership; future articles will discuss other membership categories, the application process, and applicants with significant partners.

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:** there are five active membership subclasses – Active, Intermediate, Life, Senior Life and Active Social.

Active Membership is capped at 400 memberships; it carries six requirements. Applicants must: A. Be of good moral character; B. Be 21 years or older; C. Own a boat of at least 17 feet in length. QCYC seeks applicants who are active boaters; we do not offer a social membership at the time of application; D. Reside within a distance of the Club that permits participation in regular Club activities; E. Have a satisfactory credit rating; and F. Demonstrate the willingness and ability to comply with the obligations of membership, including active boating, regular participation in and volunteering for club activities, and fulfilling all financial obligations. G. The child of a member in good standing who meets criteria A - F, shall not be required to own a boat; they may join under their parent's boat.

Active Membership costs: Applicants pay an initiation fee, currently (October 2023) \$3,000, and the first year's dues of \$950. For several years QCYC has been running a promotion that allows applicants to pay their initiation fee over a three-year period; whether this continues will be determined by the Board of Trustees. Dues are prorated based on the month of initiation and credited at the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1 billing) following initiation.

I hope this information is useful to you. As of August 31, 2023 we had 383 Active Members, and we traditionally lose 15-20 memberships when our annual dues become payable on October 1 each year. For the fiscal and boating/social strength of our club it would be helpful to bring these numbers up. Together we can keep our membership strong! Please send me your questions at [membership@queencity.org](mailto:membership@queencity.org)

## CRAFT AND CHAT

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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## TARETTES

### ANNUAL STEAK FRY FOR 96 & RAISED \$600 FOR TREEHOUSE

Posted by Wendy DeLaunay, Tarettes President

Thanks to all who helped make the 2023 Tarettes Steak Fry a huge success, attracting about 96+ members and guests for New York Steaks! Although 85 people signed up on the website when it was 96!! Special thanks to Pete DeLaunay, Scott Wilson, Gordy Foote, Kimberlee Campbell, Jim Pappas, Sandy & Randy Smith, Bob & Diane Prestebak, Tim & Carolyn DeCook, Susie Roberts, Linda Herring, Julie Santos, bartender Jack Herring, Debbie Foote, Shirley Rogers, Jody Nyquist, Kathleen Lentgis, Becky Garvie, Dick Dow, Lupe Weiss, Sally Hands, Special thanks to Julie Santos for donating 2 fragrance baskets one for men and one for women, and organizing the raffle that raised about \$600 for Treehouse, a wonderful non-profit that provides support to more than 7,100 foster youth across Washington state. Treehouse's services include academic support, well-being support, & much more.

Join us for the next Women's Interclub Council Luncheon on October 12 at the Port Orchard Yacht Club. We had a great turnout at the last WIC luncheon on September 13 at the Meydenbauer Yacht Club.

View the flyer about the Tarettes Book Club discussion on ZOOM and join us for perspectives on this month's book, "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett – a delightful story set in the spring of 2020, with a mother telling her daughters the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance at a theater company called Tom Lake. The book debuted at number one on The New York Times fiction best-seller list. Thanks to Tarettes VP, Kimberlee Campbell for the great find and for organizing the book club.

Save the date, November 10, for BINGO & Pizza Night!!

These are just a few of the Tarettes-sponsored events coming up this year. Come join in the fun with the Tarettes this year by planning, hosting, or attending one of these events. It is a great way to get to know your fellow members and share your time and talents. I want to thank our board, group of advisers and past presidents who are helping guide our women's auxiliary, the "Tarettes", into new territory.

Do you know someone who is ill, had surgery, who has passed away, or just needs to be cheered up? Please contact our Sunshine Chair Diane Prestebak at 206.909.4427 - Sympathy Cards have been sent out to Carlos Velategui and Get Well Cards to Tim Rutledge, Lynne Garton, Krissy Connelly, Carol Mckinley, Donna Graddon, Jackie Chmela, Tara Giese, Craig Wilbour, Kim Nance and Thinking of You card to Lloyd Betts.



Wendy DeLaunay, Tarettes President



2023-2024 Tarettes Board of Directors

### 2023-24 TARETTES WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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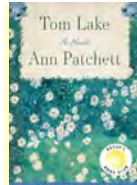


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# TRIP REPORT: JIM AND HEATHER UNDER SAIL TO MEXICO

Heather Brignull and Jim Downar (#323) celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on a 186 mile leg from Neah Bay to Astoria, Oregon, on their 49' Lord Nelson sailboat, Kavenga, bound for Mexico.. Headed out of Neah Bay on a gray, windy day, expecting West winds around 15 to 20 knots. With the mainsail up, reefed, and ready for the predicted 20 knots from the West, Kavenga crossed the Columbia River bar at slack tide – dodging dredgers that keep the channel open -- for three nights in Astoria, Oregon, at reciprocal moorage with QCYC. Astoria, Ore., 200 miles to Coos Bay, Ore., “the second deadliest bar on West Coast” happily on a quiet day, to Eureka, CA and 110 miles to Crescent City, CA. To join the crew following Jim and heather visit [www.heatherandjim.com/thetrip](http://www.heatherandjim.com/thetrip)



Heather Brignull & Jim Downar in Crescent City, California

## GET AROUND? BRING IN A RECIPROCAL CLUB

Posted by Jim Chevigny, chevigny@comcast.net, Reciprocal Chair

Hello Well Traveled Members! QCYC has been very successful over the years adding reciprocal yacht clubs for our members to visit. The NW has been covered thoroughly so we are wanting to expand elsewhere. The general requirements for additional clubs is reciprocal moorage, restaurant, showers and laundry. We have recently added the Manila Yacht Club (thank you Dave Krows) and Howth Yacht Club near Dublin (thank you Pat Dore). Please refer to your QCYC manual to determine what clubs are available to visit on your next trip. If there is a club you would like to add, please let me know via email and we will conduct our research to qualify for that club. Once completed we will contact that club's person managing their reciprocal relationships and if we get the go-ahead, I will contact Elise for you to pick up a QCYC burgee at the office to exchange with the new club. As a common traveler to San Diego, I can attest to having very nice meals at several clubs there, which adds a nice aspect to any trip. Following is a layout for providing the information to me. If you are planning a trip to this club's area, please include dates and we will try to accommodate you. Complete the reciprocal club information form on the website.



QCYC Crew enjoy the view at the Reciprocal Monaco Yacht Club

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3rd Floor Conference Room Reserved for Commodore Ball Oct 1 - 7 2023 3rd Floor Reserved for Commodore Ball Decorating Oct 1 - 8 2023	2	3	4	5	6 Ship's Store Open Oct 6 2023   11am - 1pm 2nd Floor Reserved for Commodore Ball Oct 6 - 7 2023 Friday Lunch Canceled Oct 6 2023   11am - 1pm	7 Saturday Breakfast Canceled Oct 7 2023   8 - 10:30am QCYC Commodore Ball Oct 7 2023   5 - 11:59pm
8 Music Committee Rehearsal Oct 8 2023   5:30 - 6:30pm	9 QCYC Board Meeting Oct 9 2023   7pm	10 Docks Committee Meeting Oct 10 2023   6:30pm  Craft & Chat Oct 10 2023   10am - 1pm	11 Ship's Store Open Oct 11 2023   5 - 7pm  Regular Member Meeting W/Dinner Oct 11 2023   7:30pm	12 P/C Fall Meeting Oct 12 2023	13 Friday Lunch Oct 13 2023   11am - 1pm  Flag Officer's Race/Rally Oct 13 - 15 2023	14 Saturday Breakfast Oct 14 2023   8 - 10:30am  Docks Fun Day Oct 14 2023   9am - 12pm  Memorial Service - Lange Oct 14 2023   3 - 4pm
15 Burger Bash Oct 15 2023   5 - 8pm	16 Tarettes - Book Club Oct 16 2023   7pm	17	18	19	20 Friday Lunch Oct 20 2023   11am - 1pm Ships's Store Open Oct 20 2023   11am - 1pm  Fleet Captain - Bremerton Cruise Oct 20 - 22 2023	21 Saturday Breakfast Oct 21 2023   8 - 10:30 am
22 Music Committee Rehearsal Oct 22 2023   5:30 - 6:30pm	23	24	25 Ship's Store Open Oct 25 2023   5 - 7pm  Regular Member Meeting w/Dinner Oct 25 2023   7:30pm	26	27 Friday Lunch Oct 27 2023   11am - 1pm HOOLD - Halloween Decorating Oct 27 2023 QCYC Bulk Fuel Buy Oct 27 - 28 2023	28 Saturday Breakfast Oct 28 2023   8 - 10:30am Halloween Party Oct 28 2023 Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection Oct 28 2023   9am - 12pm
29	30	31	1	2	3 Friday Lunch Nov 3 2023   11am - 1pm  Ship's Store Open Nov 3 2023   11am - 1pm	4 Saturday Breakfast Nov 4 2023   8 - 10:30am  Private Event - Lobdell Nov 4 2023