



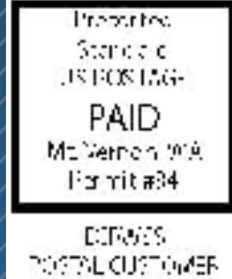
# THE BILGE PUMP

of the Queen City Yacht Club

VOLUME 94, NUMBER 10

GET UPDATES AT WWW.QCYC.ORG

SEPTEMBER 2023



## CLOSING DAY WEEKEND FEATURES DOCK CHALLENGE, PARADE & ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT.

*Posted by Mark Vanderwall, Fleet Chief Idea Officer*

Closing Day Weekend is coming to the Seattle Mainstation Friday September 22nd and Saturday September 23rd. New this year are the return of QCYC Entertainment Night Friday night following the Tarettes Steak Fry, and the QCYC Best Dock Challenge. QCYC Entertainment Night will transform our third floor into a Vaudeville Theater featuring the many talents of our QCYC members. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Past Commodore Scott Grimm assuming the role performed and perfected for so many years by Gary Stone. In the past, entertainment nights have included parody songs, magic acts, juggling, lip sync acts, karaoke performers, juice harpists, kazoo bands, and comedy routines.

This year we will include skits or acts put together by each of the four Docks. (Docks 1,2,3 and "0" as Other Winslow at-large-moorage). QCYC Best Dock Challenge winner will display "QCYC Best Dock Signage" at the entrance to your dock.

There will be three dock challenges: 1) Best Skit – Entertainment Night 2) Best decorated Float or Car – Closing Day Parade 3) Participation – spirit, noise, costumes etc. (numbers)



*During Closing Day Weekend, Look for the Return of the well-oiled QCYC 'Dock Cart Drill Team'*



*Denny and Dale Ward named Parade Grand Marshalls*

As of this posting Dock team leaders for Dock 1 are Mike Hogan and Becky Garvie; Dock 2 are Pete Delaunay and Paul Grimm, Dock 3 and Dock "O" Positions are still available. Saturday Closing Day Festivities begin with Willie's Saturday Breakfast than later with the running/strolling/moving of the Bar. Wear a white shirt with a red bandana to channeling your inner Pamplona, Spain thrill seeker.

The Annual Closing Day Parade will be led by Grand Marshalls, Denny & Dale Ward, featuring the triumphant return of defending Best in Show "Tarettes Drill Team". This will be followed by the QCYC Dock Cart Drill Team – (require 2 volunteers from each dock to join the team and participate in this esteemed honor.) Other events will include Dock Competition decorated Cars /Float, the Commodore Ceremonial Stowing of the Anchor, Tipping the Oar and Solo Cup, Puppetry, a Burger Bash by Willie, Awards Ceremony, Colors and Karaoke. There will be a rehearsal Thursday night. Timing for Saturday's festivities will be firmed up once the Husky-Cal Game start time is announced.

## FLEET CAPTAINS SUMMER CRUISE POTLUCKS, KARAOKE & DINGHY CRUISES IN FIVE FUN PORTS

*Posted by Fleet Co-Captains, Steven & Delly Behen and Michael & Susan Burke*

Fleet captains had a great time leading the summer cruise this year! With 20 boats and over 40 members, we visited five ports as a group and had an "open door" policy for other QCYC members to join us who happened to be cruising in the area. There are too many highlights to list, but a few come to mind such as crabbing and watching the old salts teach newbies the art of catching nothing. The chainsaw tailgater, multiple evenings of karaoke, with a special duet with "Chad" and our soon to be first lady. Potlucks with a delicious variety of foods, group dinners filled with stories and laughter, and of course evening dinghy cruises! All 10 days reinforced club friendships on and off the water. Thank you to all the members that made the cruise so enjoyable!



*Fleet Captain's Cruise Crew at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. More photos on Page 4*

## QCYC ALL AMERICAN JULY 4TH AT THE OUTSTATION

*Posted by Commodore Michele Bedner & Kitt Day*

Big thank you to Vince and Karen Robel for stepping forward and putting on an over the top 5-day event! Queen City is so fortunate to have you as members! America is truly more beautiful with people like you in it! What a grand and well-organized event from very new members! Thank you to all volunteers who helped prep, cook, serve, and clean during this Fourth of July event. Thank you Terron and Denise Lindholm and Bill Packard doing all the work behind the scenes to secure QCYC a spot in the parade, and for organizing the parade fun! Thank you, Wendy DeLaunay, for bringing the Tarettes 'Lunch Box' for parade participants. Thanks to the members who provided convertibles along with a truck to pull the children's float. It took time and resources to bring your vehicles over to Bainbridge. Thank you also to QCYC band members for sharing their gift of music. Kudos to Co-Fleet Captains Mike Burke and Steven Behen for organizing the Jimmy Damery Memorial Captain Crabby Crab Catching Contest.



*QCYC Kids judge Patriotic Pooches July 4th weekend*



*July 4th Kids Parade Float Boat is a 27 year QCYC tradition. More photos on Page 5*

# Commodore's Report

## AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE QCYC AS THE 108TH COMMODORE

Posted by Michele Bedner, Commodore

What an incredible summer we have had for cruising! I hope all members had an opportunity to get out on the water to enjoy their favorite cruising destinations. If not, there is still plenty of time in September and beyond to enjoy boating. Speaking of cruising, our Co-Fleet Captains Steve and Delly Behen and Mike and Sue Burke did an incredible job planning and executing the summer Cruise! Huge thanks to the Fleets for not only the great Summer Cruise but for an entire year of well-orchestrated, over-the-top, and creative events. With September upon us, Queen City will be getting back into the routine of meetings, events, and socials. September 27th is Change of Watch, which means this is my last article as Commodore.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who volunteered this past year! These members shared both their time and talents for the benefit of QCYC! Their participation not only kept the club running, but it is also what makes QCYC the great club that it is. Past Commodore Dave Bedner and I are hosting a Thank You Party on Sunday September 17th at the Mainstation second deck from 5 pm to 7 pm to thank all of you who volunteered and said 'Yes' when asked to serve on a committee, chair an event, or take one of the many jobs that keep QCYC going. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served along with beer and wine. Please



Commodore Michele and PC Dave Bedner in the July 4th parade

RSVP by Wednesday, September 13th at the website calendar. We look forward to personally thanking you!

Special thanks this year to both Commodore Elect Michael Day and Vice Commodore Elect Doug Genord for their valuable contributions, unique perspectives, effective teamwork and camaraderie. Many thanks to Treasurer Joyce Carlson whose work ethic and dedication to Queen City is second to none. Thank you to Secretary Eric Wood for his impeccable minutes and great sense of humor. I leave the office of Commodore very confident that Queen City Yacht Club is in excellent hands with the incoming 2023-2024 Bridge and Flag Officers.

Thanks are also in order to the Board of Trustees lead by Chair Rodger McKinley; Planning and Finance lead by Chair Mark Weiss; Club Manager Kyle Bixby; House Committee lead by Chair Gordon Foote who has done a phenomenal job maintaining our facilities, and Docks Committee lead by Chair, Chuck Gould, who with great diligence and attention to detail have worked tirelessly to preserve QCYC's most valuable asset. Finally, Queen City is so fortunate to have our very capable and efficient Office Manager, Elise Ochs. Thank you Elise for all that you do!

Lastly, thanks to the many other members who have volunteered, but not mentioned above due to space constraints.

In closing, I would like to thank my husband, Past Commodore Dave Bedner, for his commitment, support and guidance over the past three years. His contributions have been invaluable. My heartfelt thanks for his support, confidence, and trust not only for my Commodore year, but for the three years spent on the Bridge.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve Queen City Yacht Club as the 108th Commodore.

Queen City Yacht Club Commodore's Thank You Party  
Queen City Yacht Club Main Deck  
5 to 7 pm Sunday, September 17, 2023

**Commodore Michele & PC Dave Bedner**  
Invite All Volunteers,  
All Chairs & Their Committees  
to Join Them for Hosted Hors D'oeuvres  
with Complimentary Beer & Wine

We are hosting a cocktail party to thank all of you who volunteered and said "YES" when asked to serve on a committee, chair an event, or take one of the many jobs that keep QCYC going.  
Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 13th at [qcycc.org](http://qcycc.org) calendar.

**TARETTES STEAK FRY**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023  
5:00 PM – HAPPY HOUR  
DINNER 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
\$30.00 PER PERSON

MENU  
STEAK, BAKED POTATO, SALAD,  
CORN ON THE COB, DESSERT

Reservations can be made online  
through the Club Calendar.

**Return of the Annual QCYC  
Coho Derby - 2023**

September 16<sup>th</sup> dawn to dusk  
September 17<sup>th</sup> dawn to 10am  
Award Ceremony 10:30am

Please join us at Winslow Outstation for a 2 day Coho derby! Prizes awarded for largest coho, mystery weight, kids division, along with other prizes. Saturday night is a "Bring Your Own Meat/Catch" for a clubhouse BBQ.

Cornhole tournament, poker and other activities each evening!

Entry Fee is \$25 per angler  
Contact Matt Grimm with Questions 206-512-5657

**Morrison's  
NORTH STAR MARINE**

GAS, DIESEL, OIL, PUMP OUTS, GROCERIES, BEER, WINE, ICE  
OIL CHANGE SPECIALISTS

**PRESENT YOUR QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AND RECEIVE:**

- 20 cents off gas over 50 gallons
- 40 cents off diesel over 100 gallons
- 50 cents off diesel over 200 gallons

Contact Dave Morrison if you would like to schedule an oil change, or if you have any questions.  
Phone: (206) 284-6600  
Fax: (206) 284-6601  
[morrisonnorthstar@gmail.com](mailto:morrisonnorthstar@gmail.com)

2732 Westlake Ave. N. Seattle, WA 98109  
Located just southeast of the Aurora Bridge

**Kim Nance**  
Realtor®

Call: 480.489.7178  
[kinnance.az@gmail.com](mailto:kinnance.az@gmail.com)

Representing Arizona's Active Adult Living Communities in the Phoenix West Valley

- ★ Trilogy at Vistancia
- ★ Corte Bella
- ★ Sun City Grand
- ★ Sun City West
- and more

QCYC Captain & Arizona Sunshine Specialist

## Vice Commodore's Report

# MEMBERS FORM LASTING QCYC MULTIGENERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Posted by Michael Day, Vice Commodore

I was reflecting on the summer so far and thinking about the 2023 fleet cruise as well as the year ahead. We are fortunate to be part of a great club. It really is a great club. Just focusing on the numbers, we have 554 memberships, with active members capped at 400 by the bylaws. Each of us has an opportunity to form multi-generational friendships with a group of over 1,000 individuals that share a common interest in boating. But our club is not just about numbers and not just about boating. It is about forming and cultivating enduring friendships. It is near impossible to find anything comparable. One group that really stands out to me as vital to the health and longevity of the club is the "Fresh 5s." These are the members that presently have a membership number that begins with a 5. All of them have been members of Queen City for less than three years. Shortly they will be moving on to become the 4s. Do you know this group? They are amazing. I will get myself in trouble by failing to mention some of the many contributions they have made to date.



Vice Commodore Michael Day & Kitt in the July 4th parade

I will share just a few activity highlights: July 4 host and parade cars, lead an opening day dinner, participate in log racing, repair broken water pipes, lead opening day for 2024, pit master (twice), bartending, outstation summer hosts, power washing, docks and grounds work, etc., etc. I want to put a spotlight on this group. They are fantastic additions to this club. By percentage, they are certainly

giving the 300s and 400s a run for their money.

For the non-5s, if you need a refresher on the Fresh 5s, you can check out the website while you pretend to be looking up the price of diesel. Take a personal challenge and get to know a few more this Fall. It can be as simple as a Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast, or dinner at a Wednesday meeting. Our club has been renewing its focus on the identification and integration of new members – and will continue to. Getting back to the numbers, the Fresh 5s make up over 10% of the club memberships. All members get the benefit of spending time together in the seasons to come. Go ahead and get started now. All of our actions collectively keep this club vibrant, and I am looking forward to the year ahead. Ms. Kitt and Captain B. Rutten are considering an appropriate celebration. It looks like happy hour is in the works. For now, a toast to the Fresh 5s.

## THANKS!! 2023 QCYC OUTSTATION HOSTS!

Rick and Sheri Ashleman  
V/C Doug and Gail Genord  
Gary and Vicky Turner  
Tim and Carolyn DeCook  
Vince and Karen Robel  
Doug and Margie Wadden  
Sean Estrada and Brooke Krakora  
Eric and Kathy Eddings  
Mike and Peggie Evans  
Michael and Barbara Forrester  
Jack Connick and Denise Kitchel  
Don and Jill Bernard



Thanks to all Outstation Summer Hosts - Hosts Margie & Doug Wadden



Mainstation Summer Crew knows how to party too!



### CLOSING DAY

Closing Day Weekend September 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> 2023  
Seattle Main-Station

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual BEST DOCK - Challenge

Between Docks 1, 2, 3, and 0\* (\*includes Whiskey and at-large moorage)

For the honor to display "QCYC Best Dock Signage" There will be Three Dock Challenges:

- 1) Best Skit - Entertainment Night
- 2) Best decorated Float or Car - Closing Day Parade
- 3) Most Spirit - participation, noise, convincing, etc.

Friday 5:00PM - Tarettes Steak Fry  
7:45 PM Entertainment Night and Skit Challenge 3<sup>rd</sup> deck  
*Master of Ceremonies Scott Grimm*

Saturday Morning Willies Breakfast followed by

10AM - Running of the Bar  
*(Running with the Bar "white shirt" red Bandana and or sock optional)*

11 AM- Closing Day Parking Lot Parade  
*(Grand Marshals Denny and Dale Ward Closing Day -)*

featuring Competition Dock Floats & the Triumphant return of the Dock Cart and Toilettes Drill Team!

12 Noon - Commodore Stowing of the anchor

Half Time - Tip the Oar / Beer Puppetry

Following the game - Burger Bash

6:30ish - Award Ceremony / 7:12 - PM Colors / 7:30 Karaoke

Sign-up Online  
Timing of Saturdays festivities may change to accommodate Husky Football Viewing



## Time to move?!

### Call Bill Reid

Windermere REAL ESTATE  
206-852-6293

Since 1984



### PACIFIC FIBERGLASS, INC.

Haulouts, Repair, Rejuvenation  
(206) 789-4690



**Fiberglass is just the Beginning**

Your boat is a lot more than fiberglass and so is our expertise. We don't compromise on quality.

Thrusters • Shafts • Props • Struts • Thru-hulls  
Carpentry • Haulouts • Major Modifications.

Located on the Ship Canal in Seattle at Canal Street  
(206) 789-4690 • www.pacificfiberglass.com

# FLEET CAPTAINS SUMMER CRUISE



Fleet Cruisers Brew Crew on Deck



Thanks to Fleet Captains' Steven & Delly Behen and Michael & Susan Burke!



Fleet Captains' Cruisers at Salt Springs Marina, B.C. Deck



QCYC Fleet Cruisers at Montague Harbour Marine Park Deck



Fleet Cruisers Crabbing in Oak Bay - Oak Harbor



Fleet Cruisers Landing at Roche Harbor Resort



Fleet Cruisers' 'White Party' at Poet's Cove



Cruisers form Dinghy Wagon Wheel en route from Pender Canal to Poet's Cove



Fleet Cruisers enjoy waterfront lunch

**Trusted, Personal Driver**  
 206.999.2848 • TEAMMEUPSCOTTY@ME.COM



Rides  
 Deliveries  
 Airport  
 Ferry  
 Errands

Scotty Lee Wilson  
**TEAM ME UP SCOTTY**  
 Transportation



**GALLERY MARINE ENGINE**  
 On Seattle's Lake Union Since 1983



- Westerbeke Engines & Generators
- Universal Engines
- Ford Lehman
- Hino
- Yanmar
- Crusader
- Cummins
- Marine Power

- Complete engine room service on Gas & Diesel Engines
- 30' Dry Dock for Shaft and Prop Repairs
- Electrical Repairs & Upgrades
- Repower or Rebuild
- Our dock or yours



717 NE Northlake Way  
 Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 547-2477  
 office@gallerymarine.com

**Gabel's**  
 Refinishing & Upholstery



Restoring furniture is our passion  
 Please call us for an appointment

(206) 784-2305 • 344 NW 85th, Seattle  
 www.gabelsrefinishing.com



**YACHT PERFORMANCE CENTER**



Under new ownership but still dedicated to making our customers with nothing but the best available.

References & Photos Available

- Liquid Out with Elevator-Lift
- Bottom Painting
- Electronics
- Repower
- Volvo and Crusader
- Fuel Injection

915 N.E. 8th Street  
 Seattle  
 Office: 206-633-1193

# QCYC ALL AMERICAN JULY 4TH



Left-Center-Right Game Winners



Low Tide at the Outstation during July 4th festivities



Kim & Mark Nance enjoy special July 4th beverage



Patriotic Pooch Parade produced proud pups



QCYC Kids judge Patriotic Pooches July 4th weekend



Preparing the QCYC Kids Float Boat for the Parade



VC Michael Day & RC Doug Genord at the Grill



Tarettes provided sandwiches, chips & Twinkies for QCYC Parade participants

**Selling houses is a lot of what I do, but I am also here as *your* resource for making the most of any home.**

I have a substantial list of vetted contractors and experts who can help with any size project, from emergency repair to a complete renovation. I am always happy to share ideas about home improvement, current home trends, current costs on renovation projects, or long-term returns on those investments.

Our team of three has 45+ years of experience we can put to work for you, and we always appreciate the opportunity to be interviewed to earn your business.

**YOUR REAL ESTATE CONCIERGE**




**scott macrae** Valenti's BAIN

Broker | Coldwell Banker Bain  
 (206) 499-5766 | Scott@SMacRae.com | ScottMacrae.CBBain.com

**Andy Gerde** - Your knowledgeable and reliable yacht broker.

- QCYC Member since 2005
- Expertise in both sail and motor yachts
- 130 Brokers in 20+ offices worldwide

Contact me for a free, no obligation analysis of the market value and optimum positioning for your boat.  
 Andy Gerde • Phone: 206.552.4335  
 andyg@unitedyacht.com • www.pacuys.com



**UNITED YACHT SALES**

## Rear Commodore's Report

# ANOTHER GREAT YEAR, THANKS TO QCYC VOLUNTEER SPIRIT

Posted by Doug Genord, Rear Commodore

Wrapping Up Year 1 -- Summer went by quickly this year. The fleet captains provided a very entertaining and enjoyable club cruise. Gail and I spent several more weeks on the water than years passed. It's hard for me to believe that an end to my Rear Commodore year is quickly approaching. I have been very fortunate and grateful to have such remarkable committee chairs and members to depend on throughout in addressing my responsibilities related to membership, grounds, and security. Val Ohlstrom has been keeping our membership pipeline active for several years now. She has had strong support from member volunteers in attracting candidates for new membership. Susan Rebello and Kaye Brunson have managed to keep our grounds looking remarkable all year with their design and management skills and the many volunteers who aided in work parties and gardening tasks



RC Doug and Gail Genord in the July 4th Parade

this year. Scott Grimm, Terron Lindholme and Andy Gerde have been very active and vital ensuring our club and facilities are secure. I have benefitted greatly from the support of so many QCYC members, committee chairs and members, Past Commodores, and Board Members. Thank You! I want to thank Flag

Officers Joyce Carlson and Eric Wood and our office manager, Elise and all those who have supported them. I can't express enough appreciation, though, for the support I received from Commodore Michele Bedner and Vice Commodore Michael Day. Queen City is so fortunate to have two such remarkable and talented individuals who are willing to volunteer so much of their time to lead and manage its operation. There is a lot of learning that takes place as Rear Commodore and I couldn't have had better mentors and teachers than Michele and Michael. Thank you so much and thank you for all that you accomplished this year keeping our club strong and healthy. I am looking forward to next year's responsibilities as Vice Commodore and all your support in the discharge of my duties.

## PIANO PLAYER WANTED & MUSIC COMMITTEE FAQs

Posted by Chuck Gould, QCYC Music Committee Chair (gould0738@aol.com)

The QCYC Music Committee's search for a piano player was successful. New member, Shawn Baldwin, stepped up to play with the House Rockin' Three Sheets Blues Band portion of the Music Committee. The opportunity remains for somebody who would be interested in playing piano for Desolation Sounds. The club owns an electric piano and related equipment. Desolation Sounds will perform at the Electric Christmas Ball in December, and perhaps another event or two if we pick up some outside Commodore's Balls and Holiday parties like we did last year. No need to be Chopin. If you can pound out piano chords and have a basic sense of rhythm, odds are you'd be successful. Somewhere among the QCYC membership is a closeted piano player. This would be the time to reach out to the Music Committee chair (Chuck Gould) and investigate an opportunity to have a \*ton\* of fun and forge some friendships among other QCYC members.

FAQ re: The QCYC Music Committee

**Q: What types of entertainment are provided by the Music Committee?**

A: *Desolation Sounds* is a pop music band and *The House Rockin' Three Sheets Blues Band*.

**Q: How about music other than pop, rock, and blues?**

A: With sufficient notice, we can put together specialty sets - zydeco music, to country/western.

**Q: How do we book *Desolation Sounds* or the *House Rockin' Three Sheets Blues Band*?**

A: Contact committee chair Chuck Gould (text 206-605-6744) as far in advance as possible.

**Q: How is the Music Committee funded? Is there any charge for music at club events?**

A: The Music Committee no longer receives any money from the QCYC budget. Members cover their own expenses, and pool their personal resources to purchase, upgrade, or repair our collectively owned sound system. QCYC provides some storage space and permission to rehearse on the third floor when not otherwise in use (both of which are highly and sincerely appreciated!) We are delighted to perform for fellow members at QCYC events without charge.

**Q: How about private parties and non-QCYC events?**

A: We are available to play selective private events for a nominal charge. (Often less than it would cost to hire a DJ). We have played Commodore's Balls for some non-Grand Fourteen clubs who rent QCYC's third deck for their events. Some of the private events have included parties and celebrations hosted by members but not officially a club event. Nobody on the Music Committee takes any personal money from private events. We use the money strictly to offset performance-related expenses and maintain/ upgrade our sound system.



Piano player for Desolation Sounds wanted



**M7 ENGINEERING**

PROVIDING 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MARINE INDUSTRY

- MARINE SURVEYS
- ELECTRICAL SUPPORT
- ELECTRONICS UPGRADES
- PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
- MECHANICAL REPAIRS

MIGUEL SUAREZ  
(206) 717-5752  
WWW.M7ENGINEERING.COM

# Friends Fun Fellowship

## TARETTES

### TARETTES COULD BEGIN 81ST YEAR WITH YOU - JOIN THE TARETTES

Posted by Wendy DeLaunay, Tarettes President

Join the Tarettes this Fall, Winter & Spring to get to know other members and support Tarettes activities. We launch this season with the Meydenbauer Yacht Club hosting a WIC (Women's Inter-Club Luncheon) on September 13th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a great way to get to know yacht club members at the other yacht clubs and your own club. Contact Barbara Wilson right now (206-276-3874) if you would like to go. The cost is \$35.00 for what promises to be a lovely lunch and nice get together. As always, we will meet at the Club and carpool.

Volunteers are needed for the annual Tarettes Steak Fry & Entertainment Night, Friday, September 22. Happy Hour starts at 5:00 p.m.; dinner @ 5:30 PM; \$30/person. Reservations can be made online through the club calendar. We will need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, clean-up. We need volunteers to prepare New York steaks and sides, servers and bussers. Contact Wendy DeLaunay via text to volunteer at 206.579.7112.

The next day is the Closing Day Parade and the Tarettes would like ladies for our Drill Team. To volunteer email Wendy DeLaunay - wdelaunay58@gmail.com

We do not have a date set for the General Tarettes meeting; but will send out a Tarettes Newsletter once we have it set. Please take part in this Women's Auxiliary (the Tarettes) and come learn about the history of Tarettes, dating back to 1943. If it were not for the women's support in the club, I believe we would not be the successful club we are today. Upcoming activities include Friday Lunch & Games (monthly), Book Club (monthly), Bingo, Volunteering at Treehouse, Girl's night out, Ladies weekend escape, and fundraisers (Christmas Captains Dinner and more). These are just a few of the Tarettes sponsored events coming up this year. You can find these events and more on the QCYC Calendar or through the Tarettes Newsletter (Tattletales). Come join in the fun with the Tarettes this year by planning, hosting or attending one or more of these events. It is a great way to get to know your fellow club members and share your time and talents. Do you know someone who is ill, had surgery, who has passed away, or just needs a cheer up? Please contact our Sunshine Chair, Diane Prestebak, at 206-909-4427 and you can always contact a Tarettes Board Member. Over the summer, Diane sent sympathy cards to Nick Castrow, Chris Castrow, Barbara O'Brien, Ryan & Briana Garvie and Jess & Linda Hill and get-well cards to Joie Roehl, Debbie Foote, Jeff Quinn, and Linda Hill.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Remember, Safe Boating is no Accident.



Tarettes funds a chair and ottoman for the 3rd Deck Ladies Room



Tarettes President, Wendy DeLaunay, in the July 4th Parade.

### FOND FAREWELL TO TARETTES FRIENDS, ARLENE CASTROW AND PATTY JANES

Posted by Past Tarettes President & Past Commodore Margaret Krows

Arlene Castrow, beloved mother of Nick and Chris, passed away June 22, 2023. Arlene was born in 1934 and attended Roosevelt High School with fellow Tarette, Patty Janes. She joined Tarettes in 1972 and was close friends with Georgia Grimm, Patty Janes, Ruth Picot, Donna Graddon, and others of her generation in the Tarettes family. She and her husband, Bill, enjoyed many years cruising on their boat, Arlene J, which was kept in the family until just a few years ago. It was Arlene's wish that her passing be celebrated quietly by her immediate family without additional attention. She is remembered fondly and esteemed by those who knew her at Queen City Yacht Club.



Arlene Castrow

Patty Janes, Tarettes Past President 1974-75, passed away in October 2022. Her daughter, Leanne Janes (Huggins), says that her parents' membership in Queen City Yacht Club was probably the single best thing in their family dynamic. She and her brother, Richard, grew up participating in countless Club activities and made lifelong friends with children of other members. Leanne still has Christmas ornaments they made at an event that are great quality and were used every year by her mother. She says her father, Art Janes, was especially fond of the Salmon Bake held in the parking lot. He was also Club Treasurer at one time. Patty and Art cruised in two boats during their QCYC tenure, both named Patty Wackel. Once they were voted Boating Family of the Year. Patty was very active in the Bellevue Bridle Trails community and participated in civic affairs. She was a strong advocate for women supporting one another to maintain their roles as the "life and hearth" of the home and family. The Tarettes organization supplied fellowship and creative activities which enriched her life and uplifted those who did both the seen and unseen work in society. Leanne honors her mother as a trusted friend and the heart of the family.



Patty Janes, Tarettes Past President 1974-75

### SAVE THE DATE

Women's Interclub Council is celebrating Sixty-five years of friendship among our current and former members with a special luncheon for all the clubs.

Date: September 13, 2023  
 Place: Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club  
 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE  
 Bellevue, Washington 98004  
 Time: 11am Social Hour - No host bar  
 (credit cards only - no cash)  
 12 noon Lunch  
 Cost: \$35.00

Please make reservations by August 29th by sending a check for \$35.00, payable to Barbara Wilson. Address: Barbara Wilson, 1545 NW 57th Street, Unit 522, Seattle, WA 98107

Questions? Call Barbara at 206-276-3874 or email at barwb@att.net

For those who wish, we'll carpool from QCYC

**Francisco Services**  
 Commercial & Residential Cleaning Specialists  
 We clean the QCYC clubhouse & your house too. One-Time Weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.  
 Call today for a free quote (206) 920-5521 or francisoservicesinc@gmail.com

**CSR MARINE**  
 FULL SERVICE BOATYARD  
 2 Convenient Locations  
 Seattle Location 206 632-2001  
 Des Moines Marina 206 878-4414  
 www.csrmarine.com

**Lewis O. Titland, CPA PS**  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
 PO BOX 1810 MILTON, WA 98354  
 TEL: 206-789-5433 FAX: 206-899 1998

QCYC's Own  
**HOUSE ROCKIN'**  
**Three Sheets Blues Band**  
 Text: 206-605-6744

**A Yacht Is As Good As Its Systems**  
 • AC & DC Electrical  
 • Electronics  
 • Watermakers  
 • Heating Systems  
 • Custom Woodwork  
**EMERALD HARBOR MARINE**  
 VESSEL SYSTEMS & SERVICES  
 (206) 285-3632 • emharbor.com

Auto Home Yacht Business Life  
**INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP**  
 Helping People Make Great Choices  
**Dean Lentgis • Trevor Campbell**  
 Select Insurance TRAVELERS  
 206.283.1000 | www.InsuranceServicesGroup.com

**TIMBERLANE**  
 REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS  
**Dave Enslow**  
 cell: 253-221-6398  
 www.timberlanepartners.com

**Sheri Henrikson**  
 LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT  
 (206) 896-9427  
 shenig@medicare.com  
 www.medicare.com  
**TAKE YOUR Medicare Journey WITH ME**

**Willie Williamson**  
 753-632-5303  
 More than Catering it's cooking for friends  
 www.williecity.org  
 willie@willie-city.com

# ACTIVE CLUB MEMBER FOR 56 YEARS CROSSES THE BAR FOR THE LAST TIME

Posted by Ken Klett, Fleet Chaplain

One of our well-liked old-timers, Ned Akerman, crossed the bar on May 29th of this year at age 101! Ned was member #006. Ned was born in Marengo, Iowa but his family moved around quite a bit while Ned was growing up. It was the Great Depression and times were very difficult for Ned's family as well as many in our country. It turns out that Ned was quite a Chronicler, having written a story of his life from birth to 1989 plus a chronicle of his first great seafaring adventure.

As a teenager, Ned crewed on a ketch-rigged sailboat from Honolulu to the Columbia River! Yes, Pacific storms and all! When they arrived in Warrenton, Oregon the skipper's daughter was there to meet them – Esther and Ned were eventually married. Ned and Esther had four children. What a blessing these chronicles have been to his kids, especially his son Marty who was his motorcycle buddy for many years and shared Ned's chronicles with me. Both his autobiography and his seafaring adventure are compelling reading.

It turns out that as an adult, Ned had another seafaring "adventure"! It occurred when he and Esther were entering Sequim Bay in 1985 for a



Ned Akerman  
1922-2023

night's anchorage when an engine fire destroyed the boat. Ned and Esther were rescued by the Coast Guard, firefighters, and a flotilla of commercial and private boats. She burned to the waterline leaving them without a penny in their pockets - their wallets had been left on the boat in their haste to escape and destroyed in the fire! The local Fire Chief invited them to stay the night at his home – what a kind thing to do!

Captain Akerman Joined Queen City YC in 1967 is remembered fondly by club old-timers as being

a fine gentleman, friendly and very pleasant man. He was active in the club volunteering for work parties and serving on committees such as the Bilge Pump committee, Regatta, Moorage, Nominating, Publicity Committees and was the Chair of the Old-Timers Cruise & Entertainment Night for several years.

He and Esther (predeceased) owned a 25' Monk designed cruiser named "Inshalla" that burned in Sequim Harbor, a '66 Fairliner also named "Inshalla" and finally a 39' Trawler with a DeFever hull also named "Inshalla".



Join Willie for Saturday Breakfast, Friday Lunch and Membership Meeting Dinners

## Queen City Yacht Club Bridge Officers

Commodore --	Michele Bedner
Vice Commodore --	Michael Day
Rear Commodore --	Doug Genord
Secretary --	Eric Wood
Treasurer --	Joyce Carlson
Office Manager --	Elise Ochs

## Bilge Pump print & online

Editor	Pete Delaunay
Copy Editors	Margaret Krows, Marcia Bailey
Advertising	John Steckler, Brian Elert
Advertising, Production	Kurt Hoehne, Meadow Point Publishing
Photography Editor	Wendy Delaunay
Production Manager	Anthony Mayo, Skagit Publishing

## Thank You August-September Bilge Pump Photo Contributors:

Wendy DeLaunay, Evie Aguilar Knoke, Barry Rutten, Kitt Day, Mark Vanderwall, Dave Ewton, Michele Bedner, Evie Aguilar Knoke, Susan Burke, Gary Turner, Delly Behen, David Ulfers, Jim Johnson

September 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Labor Day Cruise Sep 1 - 4, 2023	2 Saturday Breakfast Sep 2, 2023 8 - 10:30am Music Committee Rehearsal Sep 2, 2023 5:30 - 6:30pm
3	4 Office Closed (Holiday) Sep 4, 2023	5	6	7	8 Friday Lunch Sep 8, 2023 11am - 1pm	9 Saturday Breakfast Sep 9, 2023 8 - 10:30am Private Event - Josephson Sep 9, 2023
10 Hold - O'Brien Sep 10, 2023	11 QCYC Board Meeting Sep 11, 2023 7pm	12 Music Committee Rehearsal Sep 12, 2023 5:30 - 6:30pm	13 Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner Sep 13, 2023 7:30pm	14	15 Friday Lunch Sep 15, 2023 11am - 1pm  QCYC Fishing Derby Sep 15-17, 2023	16 Saturday Breakfast Sep 16, 2023 8am - 10:30pm Private Event - Burke Sep 16, 2023 Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection (FULL) Sep 16, 2023 9am - 12pm
17 Commodore's Thank-you Party Sep 17, 2023 5 - 7pm	18 Tarettes - Book Club Sep 18, 2023  Music Committee Rehearsal Sep 18, 2023 5:30 - 6:30pm	19 Carpet Cleaning Sep 19, 2023 8:30 - 9:30am	20	21	22 Friday Lunch Sep 22, 2023   11am - 1pm Tarettes Steak Fry Sep 22, 2023 Entertainment Night Sep 22, 2023	23 Saturday Breakfast Sep 23, 2023 8 - 10:30am Closing Day Sep 23, 2023   1pm
24	25	26	27 QCYC Change of Watch Sep 27, 2023 7:30pm	28	29 Friday Lunch Sep 29, 2023   11am - 1pm  Hold - Genord Sep 29, 2023	30 Saturday Breakfast Sep 30, 2023 8am - 10:30am  Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection Sep 30, 2023 9am - 12pm