

Annual Commodores Ball Salutes Officers of the Grand 14 Puget Sound Yacht Clubs

By Margaret Krows, P/C

The Annual 'Black-tie' Commodore's Ball is a long-standing tradition of the Grand 14 Yacht Clubs of Puget Sound. QCYC has the honor of hosting the first Commodore's Ball of the season, followed by Commodore's Ball celebrations at the other thirteen clubs that comprise the Grand 14. The Balls are open to all members. The aim is to salute and recognize our own Commodore and all guest Commodores in attendance for their service to their respective clubs.

This year's Commodore's Ball committee was chaired by Past Commodore Michele Bedner assisted by Karleen Junglov, Vivian Johnson and P/C Sandy Warner.

It was an elegant affair as the second floor was decked out with appetizers and an ice sculpture portraying the

current Commodore Group theme, Salty Dogs. The bar was open, of course, thanks to bartenders Paul Grimm, Jack Herring, Sherry Weiss and Becky Garvie. Featured cocktail was Manhattans on a beautiful display table. The third deck was beautifully decorated with purple orchids and twinkly lights. Popular dance band, Soul Siren, performed hits as members and guests took to the dance floor. Congratulations to Commodore Michael and First Lady Kitt. 🚢

2023-24 QCYC Bridge Officers: L-R Treasurer, Ray Rebello & Susan; Vice Commodore Doug Genord & Gail; Commodore Michael Day & Kitt; and Rear Commodore Doug Wadden & Margi Secretary Eric Wood & Barb (not pictured)

See more Commodore Ball photos on Page 4



All Boaters Welcome to Join the QCYC Lighted Boat Parade

By Chuck Gould

Chet Gibson Memorial Boat Parade Chair

All boaters are welcome to join the Annual Queen City Yacht Club Chet Gibson Memorial Lighted Boat Parade, Saturday, December 9. Gather near Gas Works Park after 6 p.m., followed by a six-knot parade speed for a twice around Lake Union cruise, then back to Portage Bay. Stay in line, keep the gap consistent and have fun.

Not that many years ago we ran this cruise for two nights. One night we went up to the north end of Lake Washington, and the next

night we cruised south. We were lucky to get a dozen boats, and nobody on shore paid much attention to us. After moving the cruise onto Lake Union a few years ago, we recently have had enough boats participate to pretty much *circle* the perimeter of the lake. Spectacular sight. We allow non-members to join in the parade, so if you have a boat-owning friend who isn't a QCYC member, this is a great opportunity to let them tag along and see how much fun we're having. 🚢

QCYC member the late Chet Gibson on the Hilma III launched traditional lighted boat parade in 1942



Muskrat enters exhaust pipes, chews through the silicone bellows!



Musk rats enter open exhaust

Muskrat Takes Up Residence in Member's Boat

By Tim & Carolyn DeCook
Dock One

Portage Bay's established habitat for Nutria, Muskrat & Beaver population is settling in for winter. One we've discovered was taking up residence in the mainstation marina, on Charlie Soffel's

boat's engine room! Yikes! According to Charlie, "It happened on dock 3 to my boat. The critters entered through the exhaust pipes, the one week I left the plugs out, chewed through the silicone bellows and did a lot of damage." Muskrat Otter Exhaust Guards can be found at Hurley Marine (hurleymarine.com). 🚢

Join the Seafair Holiday Cruise Volunteer Crew



Crew rallies to welcome special guests at last year's Seafair Holiday Cruise

Join us rain or shine on Sunday, December 3 to volunteer for the QCYC Annual Seafair Holiday Cruise! Our volunteer Elves, Seafair clowns, and Individual skippers assist special guests with disabilities on boats for their cruise. When special guests depart,

our volunteer crew meet on the 2nd deck to share stories over Willie's volunteer dinner. For more information visit the QCYC website or email Val Ohlstrom, Seafair Holiday Cruise Chair vohlstrom@comcast.net.

Commodore's **REPORT**

Join Holiday Events, System Enhancements Coming & Managing Costs

By **Michael Day**
Commodore

Here we are deep into autumn with the leaves turning and the days growing shorter for the next 50 days. I am looking forward to the fall and winter activities. The Tarettes are hosting Bingo/Pizza on November 10 and the Captains' Dinner on December 7. We decorate the clubhouse on November 18. The Children's Holiday Party and the Lighted Boat Parade are on December 9. Of course, don't forget the land cruise to Leavenworth on November 18. This is always an exciting time of year at the Mainstation.

In addition to the packed calendar, there is time for the bridge to focus a bit on Club operations. As I reported in a prior email, we are making a number of incremental changes that have been in the planning process for some time. The general idea is to maintain a first-class operation, while leveraging member



Commodore Day Shows Chops on the Drums at the Halloween Party

support and managing costs. The adjustments being made are natural next steps that leverage the work of those that precede us.

One area of focus is on elimination of the most repetitive, manual inputs and items that tend to be the subject of avoidable member questions. For example, Deer Harbor migrated to online registration only – like Bainbridge or the U. Adjustments have been made related to how events are managed – and we look to do more. We have also updated the point-of-sale system (credit card). The new system has been implemented in the office and in the store. Shortly, we will have a point-of-sale system at the bar. The desire is to eliminate the hassles of managing cash and the need to manually enter the ticket sales.

We remain focused on increasing membership engagement in management of their own activities where possible. For example, document compliance (insurance and registration) will become a more member-centric function – outside the role of the Office Coordinator. To support that effort, we will be including



MICHAEL DAY
COMMODORE
with First Lady Kitt

some additional personalized reminders that are automatically sent based on the information related to your vessel (insurance, registration, electrical testing). Captains are now able to upload their registration and insurance directly to the website for a conformance review and sign off. The rollout of this feature has unfortunately been delayed due to the challenges we have experienced migrating from our existing website to the current system. Early adopters can simply go to "My account" on the QCYC site. Select "Edit" and scroll down. It is a pretty standard document upload process. 🚢

QCYC Halloween Party Hits The Full Moon, Full On

By **Greg Bolin & Janet Atkins**
Halloween Party Co-Chairs

A full moon; auspicious of an incredibly fun filled evening was the harbinger of this year's Halloween party. The highlight of the evening besides Willie's BBQ buffet, the Three Sheet Blues band, and the amazing costumed QCYC members, was the fact that our very own Commodore, Michael Day, sat in with the band playing the drums to rock the house down. It would now appear to have set the stage for a battle of the drummers - Greg Bolin and Michael Day face off at the Captains' Dinner, stay tuned.



Thanks to all of you lovely QCYC members this was the best year ever for a Halloween party. The steampunk themed event brought out amazing imaginative costumes and the winners are: Steve and Kathleen Gano, Brett Smith and Lisa Chilson, Kimberly Campbell, Carol DeMartini, Craig and Krista Ranta.

Your host Greg Bolin

*Thanks to Bartenders
Michael Burke & Sherry Weiss*



Peg's Solo Rocked!

and Janet Atkins want to extend a thank you to Sheri Weiss, Becky Garvie, and Mike Burke - our well costumed bartenders. Thank you, Willie Williamson and Peggy Braxton, for your Addictive BBQ catering and to Peggy our featured musical guest vocalist. A very special thank you to Jan and Chuck Gould for their help in decorating and the teardown of the decorations for the club party along with Susan Burke. Our club photographer David Ulfers caught all the action. We couldn't have done it without all of you QCYC members, along with all the Three Sheet Band members; you are our just the best of the best. Revel on you crazy QCYC diamonds and we hope to see you again next year. 🚢



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*Thanks Stump Punk Party Co-Chairs
Janet Atkins and Greg Bolin*



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Vice Commodore's **REPORT**

Thanks to All Who Volunteer to Support Our Club & Increase Moorage Rates for Those Who Don't?

By **Doug Genord**
Vice Commodore

As Vice Commodore and the corresponding change in focus I quickly became better aware of challenges facing the club and the people who are facing into and addressing those challenges for our club members. The Docks Committee is staffed with seasoned veterans who are continually challenged with limited and less than desired funding and a shortage of young and old volunteers.

Moorage assignments are sometimes complicated by vessels that challenge the margins of a slip's boundary. The House Committee has a team of volunteers that address the main stations needs weekly. The office is supported by a variety of volunteers and our transition of office staff & responsibilities is proceeding nicely. I want to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved in these efforts and the efforts associated with all my responsibilities as Vice Commodore.

Moving on to a more sensitive topic...

What I have known for some time and for almost as long as I have been a member of this club is that there is a belief by numerous members that too many mooring members use the club solely for cheap moorage. That their engagement with the club, their support for the club and their value to the club is minimal. During my term on the Bridge, I would like to understand this situation better and promote changes that will increase the benefits and opportunities of our valued members. To help me get started with this endeavor I would like to



DOUG GENORD
VICE COMMODORE
with Gail at Commodore's Ball

hear from membership how you feel about raising our moorage rates to comparable market rates for those who use our club solely as a marina to moor their boats. Please keep your responses private and only in written form submitted to my email address vicecommodore@queency.org.

Gail and I want to wish everyone a healthy and enjoyable start to the fall season. 🚤

ABC's of QCYC Membership - Part 2

By **Val Ohlstrom**
Membership Chair

Greetings as we head into the holidays and the fun QCYC activities in November and December! As of September 2023, we had 377 Active, 11 Active Social, 30 Intermediate, 66 Life, and 76 Senior Life Memberships, for a total of 560. IN DECEMBER BILGE PUMP look for information on the 2024 SEATTLE BOAT SHOW, which will be held at Lumen Field on February 2 - 10, 2024. Volunteer sign-ups will be available online no later than December 1, 2023. In October we welcomed Jessica Ewton, daughter and stepdaughter of David & Veronica Ewton, to Intermediate Membership. Jessica has been around QCYC since she was 6 years old, becoming an accomplished sailor in the QCYC summer sailing program, and credits herself for bringing her family



Welcome New Intermediate Member, Jessica Ewton!

to QCYC! A great segue to continuing our discussion of membership at QCYC, including Intermediate, Life, and Active Social Membership.

Joining as an INTERMEDIATE MEMBER represents a significant savings for the applicant, starts the applicant's membership number, and promotes younger membership for QCYC. Applicants for Intermediate Membership must be age 21 to 39 years old and meet all Active Membership requirements. The one exception is that the adult child of a current Active Member does not have to own a boat, instead joining under his/her parent's boat. Intermediates do not have the right to vote, hold elective office, serve on the Nominations Committee, or hold permanent moorage. Intermediates convert to Active Members at age 40, unless they elect to convert sooner, as defined by rule. The initiation fee and annual dues are graduated for Intermediate Members based on age; the amounts can be found in the QCYC bylaws at Art. III, Sections 4 & 5.

AND WHAT A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP may be granted by QCYC Board of Trustees approval when an Active Member has completed 25 years of dues paying membership BUT may only be considered when the Active Membership roster is full, at 400 memberships. The treasurer keeps a waitlist of memberships that qualify for Life Membership. Please contact me with questions about this waitlist. Once approved, they will pay 50% of the applicable annual dues.

ACTIVE SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP may be granted by QCYC Board of Trustees approval to an Active Member who has completed at least 10 years of Active Membership, in good standing, and does not own a boat. They pay 50% of the applicable annual dues. For other limitations please see Art. III, Sec. 2, A (5).

Next month I will conclude this series by outlining the procedure for application and describing the benefits QCYC provides for Members with Significant Partners. 🚤



David & Veronica Ewton representing QCYC at Duck Dodge's Rum Runner Regatta



Calling all QCYC Captains!

Join us in spreading Holiday Cheer by volunteering for the Seafair Holiday Cruise on Sunday, December 3

Volunteer Orientation Meeting at 1pm - Dinner at 5pm.

We need **SKIPPERS, DOCK ELVES & KITCHEN HELP!**

SIGN-UP BY EMAILING vohlstrom@comcast.net by November 8th

- MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE QCYC WEBSITE -

We need many volunteers for a successful event!

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

The Annual Chet Gibson Memorial Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday December 9th at 6pm - Lake Union

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Change Ceremony Brings in the New & Retires the Old

By Margaret Krows, P/C

The Change of Watch ceremony, held annually at the second general meeting in September, follows the same script that was formally launched in 1961. The current Commodore, as the last official duty of his/her watch, announces the Member of the Year and Commodore's Trophy. Then, retiring officers are recognized for their service and decommissioned.

The new QCYC Bridge is installed. The sequence of passing through the chairs is Rear Commodore to Vice and then to QCYC Commodore. In addition, the Treasurer and Secretary are inducted along with three members to serve on the Board of Trustees.

The incoming Commodore is presented the historic club gavel from 1916 to be



Bill Brunkhorst & Ken Klett - 2023 Members of the Year



Commodore's Trophy to Peggie Evans & Eric Lindbeck

used that night only, as each Commodore receives a personal meeting gavel which is a keepsake after the term of office is

concluded. The Past Commodores Group orchestrates the ceremony where, between retiring the current Bridge and Officers and

installation of the new, Past Commodores take charge of the club. Thankfully, the ceremony moves along quickly! 🚢

Great Time for All at the Commodore's Ball



The Sold Out Commodore's Ball was Fun for Everyone!



Newly Minted Treasurer, Ray Rebello & Susan at the Commodore's Ball



Thanks to Bartenders Paul Grimm, Jack Herring & Becky Garvie

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Fleet Co-Captains Launch Events on Sea and Land

First Fleet Cruise to Bremerton Marina Attracted Seven Boats & Two "Land Ferry Drop-Ins"

By Ken & Evie Knoke
Fleet Co-Captains

The first Fleet Cruise of the season to Bremerton Marina was a success! We had seven boats and a couple of "land and ferry drop-ins." The weather ended up being great with very little wind or rain, and the sun came out! The weekend started with a progressive boat happy hour and Chili Throw Down. Saturday pancake breakfast was fun and followed by a ferry ride to Port Orchard for their farmers market. Our crew had dinner at the Manette Saloon, the Peninsula's premier rock venue that featured a fantastic Grateful Dead cover band.

Visit the QCYC website to learn more about our next Fleet (land) Cruise to Leavenworth on November 18! 



Fleet Cruisers Enjoyed Progressive Boat Happy Hour



Fleet Co-Captain Brian Presser with Bremerton Fleet Cruise Crew

Flag Officer's Race/Rally Winners



Log Race Novice Winners, Steve & Fran Farber



Mike McGillin-National Rally organized by North American Cruiser Association



Dave Padgett Log Race Division 1 Winner - Skipper of the Year

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

Leavenworth Land Cruise

Saturday, December 18th to Sunday, December 19th

Noon: Lunch Meet-up at Iccle Brewery
2:30P: Mini Golf at Iccle Village Resort
6P: Gustav's for Dinner



Join your Fleet Captains in Leavenworth to catch the end of the turning leaves. We'll stay at Iccle Village Resort, a short walk to a town which offers many amenities like brats & ale, fine restaurants, Christmas decor and more. Spend an afternoon browsing the quaint shops or wine tasting.


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Rear Commodore's **REPORT**

Plan Ahead for QCYC Volunteer Opportunities!

By **Doug Wadden**
Rear Commodore

It's amazing what you don't know about the club until you step into the role of Bridge officer. I've been a Queen City Yacht Club member for 13 years and spent three years on the Board of Trustees, one as chair. Admittedly the meetings were on Zoom during COVID, but still I'm surprised at the operational insights and details that I haven't encountered until now, and I'm just beginning my term as Rear. From security to what it costs to have our trash and recycling picked up per month, plus taxes and insurance, contracts and agreements for food, entertainment,

maintenance, staff, and events, add in the Grand 14 events and planning, and it's a complicated dance. When you see our fellow members engaged in making it all work it is truly impressive, and they deserve our thanks and support.

That brings me to this month's report topic, namely, volunteering and participation on committees, projects, events and meetings. The Club needs you to be active in many ways; from the kitchen to the bar, from the docks to landscaping, from the main station to the outstation, from participation at events to attendance at membership meetings, it all matters greatly, and it could be better, in some areas, much better. Several members have spoken to me about

methods other clubs and organizations use to encourage and track volunteering and participation. It could be that we need to examine options for greater accountability, but it would be easier if we all simply got more engaged as a part of the collaborative and social environment that we agreed to as a condition of membership!

The Bilge Blast and the Bilge Pump give you weekly and monthly calendars of events and deadlines, from vessel inspections to the Seafair Holiday Cruises, upcoming meetings, and Fleet Captains activities... it's why you join a Yacht Club.

One event in the not-too-distant future, that I mentioned briefly at a recent membership meeting, is the Seattle Boat Show, which takes place February 2 through February 10, 2024 at the Lumen Field Event Center. We will need Volunteers to staff the booth and greet interested potential new members during the nine days it is open, plus set up and take down the materials



DOUG WADDEN
REAR COMMODORE
with Margi at Commodore's Ball

and desk. The hours vary depending on the day of the show, from 10 am openings to 6 pm, 8 pm or 9 pm closing. More details will follow, but for now, please put them on your calendar. The Club has only one general membership meeting in November and one in December due to the holidays, so I'm asking again for your photographs of Club events and travels to add to the images shown at the Boat Show. 🚢

P/C Doug O'Brien Left a Lasting Legacy with Humor & Dedication

By **Ken Klett**
Chaplain

Doug O'Brien slipped his moorage for the last time on July 1, 2023. He leaves a legacy of strong faith, an enduring love of family and personal sense of humor. He was born and raised on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle. He attended John Hay kindergarten - now why would we include kindergarten in a eulogy? That's where Doug first met Barb! He attended Seattle Prep but graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1950, where he lettered in baseball.

After a date in high school with Barb, they happened to cross paths again in 1952 on the UW campus where Doug was a member of SAE Fraternity. Love bloomed and an engagement followed. Never to forget Barb's beautiful smile and personality, they continued their separate journeys across the Pacific - Barb to her home in Manila, and Doug to Inchon, Korea. He served two years of active Military Service in the US Army. They exchanged their vows of marriage on January 2, 1955, in Manila, then returned to Seattle to begin their lives together.

Following his military duty, Doug joined his family business in 1956 at the age of 24. He became President and Owner-Manager of McPherson Furnace and Equipment Company in Seattle, serving as a wholesale distribution firm, providing heating and air conditioning products to mechanical contractors in Northwest Washington. In the years following, the firm expanded its distribution facilities and services to the cities of Spokane, Yakima and Anchorage, Alaska.

During his years in the HVAC business, Doug was an active member of NHRAW, a national trade association of wholesalers and served as President in 1974. In 1989 his firm was acquired by Gensco, a Tacoma-based HVAC firm, and he served as a senior sales representative for this great company for another 16 years, capping 48 years of service in the industry.

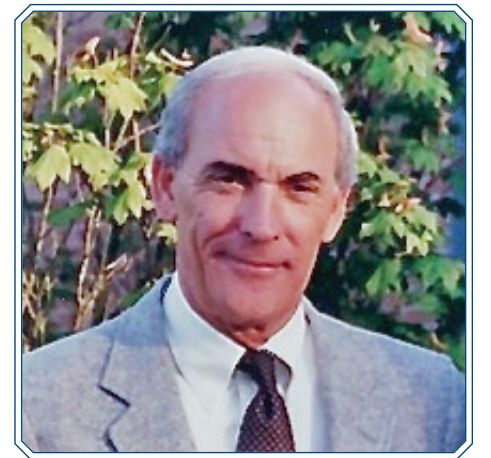
He loved his family first, and enjoyed squash, golf, bicycling and boating. His dedication to his faith included singing in the Shades of Praise Gospel Choir at St. Therese Parish (which provided a wonderful Christmas program here at QCYC one year with Doug singing his heart out!). He and Barb were members of St. Therese for over 25 years. He was a life member of the Washington Athletic Club and, of course, Queen City Yacht Club.

Doug and Barbara raised their three children while residing in Wedgwood. They then moved briefly to Magnolia and then settled in Madison Park for another 28 years. Many early years of family activities were enjoyed in the forms of camping, skiing and later, 30 years cruising the waters of Puget Sound, Desolation and Barkley Sound.

Doug joined Queen City in 1969 and became a Senior Life member with 51 years of membership - he was Member #007 when he passed! After joining, he immediately became an involved and contributing member serving on 15 different committees or offices over the years, many of them for multiple years equaling 30 years of Committee and/or Officer service.

Here are the activities that Doug wanted to be most remembered for:

- A** Was active in predicted Log Racing
- B** Active in Club Skits at the annual Bremerton Heavy Weather race
- C** Proposed, founded, and chaired, for several years the Memorial Fund
- D** Member & chair of the By-Laws Committee
- E** Co-chaired with P/C Vince Hall the annual club summer day cruise for Children's Hospital patients for a number of years
- F** Chair of Junior Yacht Club and Annual Club Salmon Bake
- G** Of utmost importance to Doug was going through the chairs culminating in his Commodore year in 1990 with Barbara at his side - they represented QCYC in a classy manner in and to the Grand 14!
- H** Visiting Chair



P/C Doug O'Brien,
#007 Senior Life Member

- I** P/C rep for the 100yr Centennial Committee
 - J** Board of Trustees
- Whew! The O'Briens' owned three boats while members: the "Kichikami" a 28' Tolly, the "Shenanigan" a 36' Chris and finally the well-known "Shenanigan," a 45' Chris. 🚢

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Tarettes Captains Holiday Dinner, Dec 7, Book Club, Museum Visits, Craft & Chat

By Wendy DeLaunay
Tarettes President /
QCYC Women's Auxiliary

With the holidays just around the corner, you won't want to miss your chance to win some holiday cash at the Tarettes BINGO NIGHT, Friday, November 10, beginning at 5:30 PM. For a \$20 CASH ONLY buy-in, players will enjoy Willie's pizza and try your luck at bingo! Profits from the night's event will be donated to "No Child Left Behind." For more information, contact Debbie Foote at 206-632-6899 or footeloose@aol.com.

Save Thursday, December 7th for the Tarettes Annual Captains Christmas Dinner. The fun begins at 5:30 PM with

holiday music performed by our own house band, Desolation Sound. Website registration will open soon. Thanks to the creativity of Tarettes past president, Theresa Wilson, a DESSERT DASH is planned to benefit Boyer Children's Clinic.

Beckie Garvie led a group of ladies to the Burke Museum on October 26th. Following the museum visit, the group had lunch at Ivar's Salmon House with a lively discussion about what they heard and saw. The next museum tour will be in January. Thank you, Beckie!

Margaret Krows, past Tarettes President and past Commodore, hosted a Craft & Chat at the Clubhouse 2nd floor that attracted enough interest to continue this activity the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 1 pm. Bring a brown bag




Herrerri Contres Won a Gift Basket at the WIC Luncheon



WENDY DELAUNAY
TARETTES PRESIDENT

contact Kimberlee at 206-200-0848 or kimcamp5000@gmail.com and she will send you the Zoom link. The next Zoom book session is November 13th at 7 PM. The book is "A Land Twice Promised" by Noa Baum.

The Port Orchard Yacht Club hosted the WIC (Women's Interclub Council) Luncheon in October. Five Tarettes attended the popular luncheon with Herrerri Contreras winning a large gift basket. Watch the Bilge Blast and the Tarettes Tattletales for the next WIC luncheon. Contact our WIC representative Tarettes VP, Kimberlee Campbell at 206-200-0848 or kimcamp5000@gmail.com for more information. Attending these luncheons is a great way to meet members from other Yacht Clubs.

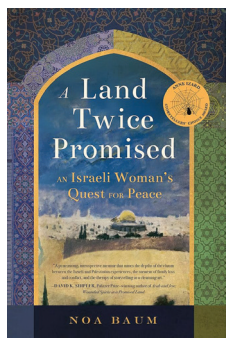
Do you know someone who is ill, had surgery, has passed away, or just needs to be cheered up? Please contact our Sunshine Chair, Diane Prestebak, at 206-909-4427. In October, Diane sent a Thinking of You card to Stephanie Weiss and a Sympathy card to Marvin Elbon on the death of his wife, Carolyn. 

QCYC TARETTES

Zoom Book Club Nov 13, 2023 @ 7 PM

"A Land Twice Promised"
by Noa Baum

For more info, contact Kimberlee Campbell
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QCYC TARETTES

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Tuesday, Nov 7 - 10am-1pm
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Stepping Back, But Not Stepping Away

By **Elise Ochs**
Office Manager

Time flies when you're having fun, and I've had a blast during my six years at Queen City Yacht Club. Serving the membership and the Seattle boating community has been a tremendous honor. This job has given back tenfold for the hard work I've put in. This farewell letter is not a "goodbye"; it's only a "see you later."

I've had the privilege of witnessing the leadership of 8 Commodores: Dave Bedner, Scott Grimm, Mark Reed, Sandy Werner, Terron Lindholme, Margaret Krows, Michele Bedner, and Michael Day. Notably, I watched Sandy Werner become QCYC's first female Commodore in over 100 years, a moment of pride for me as a woman and as someone who admires her kindness and generosity. All the female Commodores have represented the club with distinction and can throw one hell of a party.

Among the leadership, the Treasurers – Jan Gould, Debbie Foote, Bob Gundersen, Joyce Carlson, and Ray Rebello – deserve special thanks. They've helped me grow professionally, with Bob Gundersen supporting my growing accounting education and Joyce Carlson being the most



consistent colleague & ally that I've had the pleasure of counting on. Their belief in me has pushed me to take on higher-level challenges to bring better service to the membership.

Each Bridge member has imparted their unique approach to leadership. Early in my tenure, I gained transformative project management skills from P/C Mark Reed, enabling me to drive meaningful changes to the club's operations and cemented my ability to influence the teams I am privileged to be a part of. Now, Michael Day is at the helm and has graciously put his trust into my plan for the future. It has

been a wonderful role simply being one cog in the vast wheel carrying forward every Commodore's annual vision. I'm proud of the legacy I leave, intertwined with theirs.

Many others have played crucial roles, including Chef Willie & Peg (who fed me hundreds of meals), numerous office volunteers like Margi Wadden, Karleen Reed, Sheryl Ehrlichman, Virginia Harris, Steve Marshall, Peggie Evans, Diane Prestebak, Sandy Benson, Vivian Johnson, and more. I've collaborated with Club Managers Andy Gerde, Heather Brignull, and Kyle Bixby, provided instructions for countless events to Francisco and his dedicated team, and received visits from Gordy Foote and his handy House committee without fail every Tuesday.

What I've learned here has also benefited my various side hustles, and I owe much of

my success to the lessons learned at QCYC. Now, it's time for the next chapter where I'll be opening my own bookkeeping business, "The Archivist Records," during the day, and continuing event planning across the Pacific Northwest & beyond at night. The good news is that I'll remain QCYC's Bookkeeper, but day-to-day operations will be handled by our new Office Coordinator, Audrey. Please welcome her with the same warmth, patience, and kindness I've had the honor of receiving from this tight knit, boating community. 🚤

Welcome Audrey
QCYC Office
Coordinator



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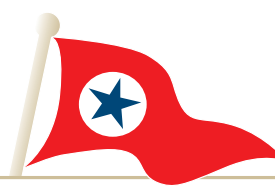
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29	30	31	1	2	3 Friday Lunch 11am - 1pm Ship's Store Open 11am - 1pm	4 Saturday Breakfast 8 - 10:30am Lobdell Private Event
5	6 QCYC Board Meeting 7pm	7 Crafts & Chat 10am - 1pm Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	8 Ship's Store Open 5 - 7pm Regular Member Meeting w/Dinner 7:30pm	9	10 Friday Lunch 11am - 1pm Friday Night Social: Pizza & Bingo 5:30pm	11 Saturday Breakfast 8 - 10:30am Docks Fun Day 9am-12pm Vessel Electric Safety Inspection 9am-12pm S. Hoffman Private Event
12	13 Zoom Book Club 7pm	14	15	16	17 Friday Lunch 11am - 1pm Ship's Store Open 11am - 1pm K. Svendsen Private Event	18 Saturday Breakfast 8 - 10:30am Holiday Decorating All Day Fleet Captain: Leavenworth Land Cruise Nov 18 & 19
19 Fleet Captain: Leavenworth Land Cruise Nov 18 & 19	20	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 Friday Lunch 11am - 1pm	25 Saturday Breakfast 8 - 10:30am
26	27	28	29	30 R. Lee Private Event	31 Friday Lunch 11am - 1pm Ship's Store Open 11am - 1pm	1 Saturday Breakfast 8 - 10:30am Wise Private Event