

# THE BILGE PUMP

of the Queen City Yacht Club

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## MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY FOR A NIGHT WITH THE STARS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Paparazzi will be waiting for members and guests who put on their best celebrity looks for a stroll down the red carpet on December 31, for a fun-filled New Year's Eve party at the main station; with a Champagne toast as the clock strikes midnight on the East Coast and West Coast. Join the fun and make your reservation today on the QCYC website.

**Want to help decorate? Contact Michele, [msteele2@comcast.net](mailto:msteele2@comcast.net) to volunteer for pre-party decorating on Monday, December 30th, 10 a.m. at the mainstation.**

At \$60 per person, you will enjoy delicious appetizers, a lavish buffet of Filet Mignon and Halibut, and dance the night away to the MacDaddy band. Get on your formal or semi-formal or best celebrity costume for an awesome social hour with tasty appetizers, a scrumptious dinner at 7:30 followed by the MacDaddy party band. Prizes will be awarded to the 'Best Celebrity Couple' and 'Most Glamorous Couple!'

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**Michele Bedner,  
New Year's Eve Party Chair**



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the main station*



*Decorating is risky business*

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### SEAFAIR HOLIDAY CRUISE – December 8 at 1:00pm

Volunteers are needed for several key positions, including organizing the Bus Elves, a Dockmaster, and assisting to assign our guests to their boats. Contact Vah Ohlstrom with questions and/or sign-up on line. [vohlstrom@comcast.net](mailto:vohlstrom@comcast.net)

**Posted by  
Commodore Sandy Werner**

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## Commodore's Report

# ENJOY HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE CLUB

Happy Holidays from the QCYC Bridge! The holidays are always busy and it's no different here at Queen City. We have many activities this month including:

### Seafair Holiday Cruise – December 8–

This is a very special event held every year at yacht clubs throughout the area. Val Ohlstrom has been working hard to find boats to take our Special People out on a cruise and to see Santa. As of this writing she was still looking for boats and dock elves to help. Please contact Val at [vohlstrom@comcast.net](mailto:vohlstrom@comcast.net). Next up on **Saturday December 14 is the QCYC Kids Holiday Party** – this long-standing party is enjoyed by everyone. And of course, don't miss the visit from Santa arriving by boat! Also, on **December 14 is the Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade and Electric Christmas Ball**. Join in on the fun and light up your boat for the parade. Can't make the parade, come for the pot luck dinner and bring a dish to show off to your fellow club members.

And finally, to top off 2019 and ring in 2020 is our **New Year's Eve party "An Evening with the Stars"**. We'll be celebrating both a New York New Year's Eve (9:00pm) and for you night owls, a Seattle New Year's Eve (12:00). Hope to see you all there! I'm looking forward to 2020 and all the activities we have planned. Have a happy and safe holiday season.



Sandy Werner, Commodore



Shocking way to tie-off photo / Photo by Dave Hancock

## Outstation Report

# SATELLITE OUTSTATION UPDATES & BAINBRIDGE SMOKER

Posted by Eric Wood




Eric Wood, Richard Walsh and Greg Satoro who donated the smoker"

Things are quiet in the Outstations World, and that's a good thing, because Old-What's-Her-Name (Barb Wood) is down in Carmel basking in the sun (as usual this time of year). If it weren't for caring people like the Adams, Baldasaris, Bensons, Burgesses, Longs, Reeds, Ruttens, and Wendy's in Poulsbo, I wouldn't have any food to eat, either.

The Saltspring Marina rebuild is progressing as the webcam there shows more than 75% of the new docks in place. Take a look... [www.saltspringexchange.com/cams/ganges-harbour/](http://www.saltspringexchange.com/cams/ganges-harbour/) Also, the Mill Bay Group is continuing their improvement work at Port Browning and Port Sidney Marinas, as is the owner of Telegraph Harbor Marina at that facility.

The Bainbridge Island Outstation has something new, too - a large "Louisiana" brand smoker, courtesy of Greg Satoro's long-time friend Richard Walsh. A year-old birthday gift, Richard offered it to the Outstation before he moved to Hawaii. We have a perfect place for it, Chris Benson agreed to be the "owner" for the Club (it's the same model he has at home), and it's already been used several times!

All for now - it's exhausting just describing all the new "stuff." I miss Edie.




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Ship's Store Chair Gail Genord displays QCYC Kids Wear for Christmas



*Natalie Elert, Denise Lindholme, Brian Elert, Barry Rutten and PC Dave Krows enjoy the Fleet Captain's Crab Feed*



*PC Dick McGrew and Teri bibbed up and ready for crab*



*Commodore dishes crab at the Crab Feed*



*Bartenders Pete DeLaunay and Mark Vanderwall rocked the Crab Feed bar*



*Barry and Colleen Rutten got CRAB at the Crab Feed*

**You're Invited!**

**QCYC Kids' Holiday Party**

Saturday, December 14th  
11:00am - 1:30pm


- Bring your Kids, Grandkids, Nieces or Nephews
- Make Holiday Crafts 11:00 - 1:30
- See a Magician Show 11:30 - 12:00
- Watch Santa Arrive by Boat 12:00
- Visit With Santa 12:00 - 1:00
- Snacks Provided

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Questions?  
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**Vice Commodore's Report**

**BAINBRIDGE UPGRADES & PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES, PLEASE.**

Sometimes I debate whether I should use this Newsletter article for good, or evil. Evil would be along the lines of, "Send peanut butter cookies, and fast!" Good would be, "Don't burn down your boat and/or the marina with ill-used heaters or extension cords." or perhaps, "Winterizing your boat is good but peanut butter cookies are better." Maybe the latter straddles the line?

It's hard to be objective with all this talk about cookies. BTW, I'm going to use this Newsletter article for good...this time. I am really excited about updates at the Bainbridge Island outstation, and not just because they are necessary. While replacing the roof is important, and protects our valuable asset, replacing the deck will be one of the largest visual projects we've all seen in a while.

In case you're not up to speed, the outstation deck has some rot that, if left unattended, could pose future structural and safety issues. The rot is pervasive enough, that we are getting ahead of the situation by replacing the entire deck, all the way to the footings. There, now you're up to speed.

I cannot forecast exactly when the new deck construction will begin, but we are working toward "immediately" as quickly as we can get contractors, permits, and lumber to line-up like the stars. At the time of this writing, not even our Deck Project Manager (Say that five times fast) can tell us what the final design will look like, because he doesn't have it yet. I can tell you that the beloved feature of, being able to sit on the

current built-in seating and looking out over the water, has been passed along to those in charge of such things. Whether the final design retains that feature has yet to be seen. I may be asking Santa for too much this year, but how about a new deck before January 10? (That's the annual Grand 14 Officers' Cruise-In date BTW) Oh, and Santa, since we are here, can I also get a plate full of warm peanut butter cookies? Um, the reason you never get any with your milk at our house is because I ate them...all...



*Bartender Scott Smith at Friday lunch*



*Vice Commodore Terron Lindholme*



*Attend Friday lunch - too many empty tables*

**Friday Night Social  
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**January 17, 2020**

**5:30 Happy Hour**

**6:30 BINGO and Pizza**

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**A Night with the Stars...**

**We've Rolled Out the Red Carpet for New Year's Eve 2019!!!**

The Paparazzi will be waiting for you at Queen City Yacht Club on December 31st!  
\$60 per Person

Lavish Buffet Featuring Filet Mignon and Halibut

Social Hour/Appetizers: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:30 pm

Dance to Hits from the 50's - 80's with the MacDaddy Band: 8:30 pm - Midnight

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## Rear Commodore's Report SECURE YOUR BOATS – REPORT ALL THEFTS TO SPD

Recently there have been several thefts of Yeti brand coolers from boats. In October I met with Officer Brian Blasé, our contact with the Seattle Police Community Team. He emphasized the importance that all crimes, even relatively small ones, be reported in order to collect data to establish patterns and problem areas to patrol.

When you discover a theft or damage to your boat or vehicle, call 911 and ask for a non emergency operator. Script can be simply "I want to report a non-emergency theft.....", etc.

There is an East Precinct burglary/ theft non-emergency number if you want to call directly, 206-684-5740.

One can also go to [seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov) and click on "Report a crime online."

There are some restrictions about the type of crimes that can be reported online which are explained on the web site.

Captain Greg Burgess is shopping for additional cameras on the docks and prompt installation is a priority. More information should be available soon.

Best wishes from the Krows family for a festive and meaningful holiday season. We hope to see you at many of the celebrations being held at the club.



Rear Commodore Margaret Krows

## NEW MEMBER



Welcome new member Will Penny

## PROCESS FOR MOORAGE SLIP SUBLET

There are often periods when members are cruising and not using their assigned slips. And there are often club members who would like to rent a slip at the club. Members may sublet their slips to other club members for periods of up to six months. This must be done through the moorage committee, which keeps track of members wanting to sublet, and assigns slips according to the priority system described in the club rules.

Members wishing to sublet should go to the club website, click on Moorage, for Sublets Available and Sublets Requested. Then simply fill out and submit the appropriate form and it will be sent to the Moorage Committee. The committee will notify members when there is an appropriate match.

Dick Moxon, Moorage Chair



### 47th Annual Chet Gibson Memorial

### Lighted Boat Parade

**Saturday, December 14 6 PM**

Rendezvous at the green buoy off of Gasworks Park at 6 PM  
All lighted boats able to maintain a 6-knot parade speed are invited to attend. Other lake-based yacht clubs specifically welcome and encouraged to participate. Route is Lake Union, Ship Canal, and Portage Bay. After the parade, join us for...



**2019's  
Electric Christmas Ball  
3rd Deck, After Parade  
8:30—11:00 PM**



All members, parade boats, and guests invited!

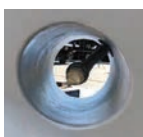
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*Spooks Jack and Linda Herring*



*Willie's Spooktacular heavy appetizers were crowd pleasers*



*The three amigas*



*Creature Jim Downar with Heather Brignull strike a pose*



*Spooktacular party chairs Greg Bolin and Janet Atkins*



*Mark and Lupe Weiss apply clever love*



*Winners of the Zombie Land costume competition*



*Anthony Kennedy channels Zombie Land*

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**Tarettes Corner**



**WIC LUNCH,  
MUSEUM TOURS,  
CAPTAINS' DINNER  
& THANKS TO  
TREEHOUSE  
VOLUNTEERS**

Posted by Karen Klett, Tarettes President  
kklett2@hotmail.com

**Tarettes volunteer at Treehouse & lunch at Farestart Café**

A great time of Fellowship was had by the volunteers who helped at the Treehouse in November! Treehouse supports the needs of foster children and their families. The volunteers helped by sorting and tagging clothing in their "warehouse" and had fun working together in the process! Then they enjoyed lunch together



Tarettes' (L to R) Mary Jo Svendsen, Barbara Wilson, Margaret Krows, Wendy DeLaunay and Tarettes president Karen Klett donated a day volunteering at Treehouse that was founded in 1988 by social workers. Treehouse is Washington's leading nonprofit organization addressing the academic and other essential support needs of more than 7,000 youth in foster care! If you can help in the future, please contact Barbara Wilson at 206-276-3874 or barbarawilsonphd@att.net.

<https://www.treehouseforkids.org/>

**Wing Luke Museum Tour & Lunch at Tai Tung**

Our November museum tour again was a great success! Seven ladies enjoyed great Fun & Fellowship with Friends & they

strongly encourage others to attend the next event on January 16 when Tarettes will tour the Nordic Heritage Museum followed by lunch. Thanks to organizer Becky Garvie for putting these museum tours together



Tarettes tour Wing Luke Museum & enjoy lunch at Tai Tung Chop Suey (L to R) Margaret Krows, Wendy Hamal- Redding, Becky Garvie, Barbara Wilson, Kathleen Lentgis and Tarettes president Karen Klett

It's that time of year!!! The calendar's filling up & the challenge is to keep everything organized, isn't it? So to help you, here are some of the fun things planned for December for Tarettes! Find your calendar & check it out; you don't want to miss anything!!

**WIC Luncheon Day Island Yacht Club – December 10**

The next Women's Interclub (WIC) Luncheon will be, December 10 at Day Island Y C.

Holiday Tailgate Party – great professionally catered Tailgate food & fun. Wear your game day or casual holiday clothes. Holiday music including sing along & the entertainment promises a surprise twist! WIC consists of all the clubs that belong to the Grand 14 & all QCYC ladies are welcome! Reservations can now be made & lunch paid for on the club website.

**Annual Captains' Christmas Dinner December 12**

Don't miss attending our annual traditional Christmas dinner with entertainment by our QCYC Desolation Sounds. Prime Rib and Salmon Buffet will be served! We encourage you to bring family and friends for a special evening. Also plan to support the Boyer's Children's Clinic by bringing an unwrapped gift for a child 3 or younger or a gift card from Target, Safeway or Fred Meyer. Sign up on QCYC website SOON!!

**Lots of FRIENDS FUN FELLOWSHIP coming up!! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Karen Klett, Tarettes President**

**WOMEN TAKE  
THE HELM AT THE  
TARETTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
ON JANUARY 10**



Don't miss the Tarettes general meeting on Friday, January 10, for Capt. Linda Lewis' informative talk, "Women - Let's Take the Helm!". Why should women step up and take the helm? And navigate? And dock the boat? And handle the anchoring? And, it's a lot about safety, isn't it? And about teamwork and the sharing of responsibilities.

We'll talk about the important boating basics; how to start learning; how to convince the usual primary operator that it wshare running the boat. What if there is an injury or an illness that limits them? Instead of reacting to an emergency, how about '...being prepared for unexpected circumstances...' instead? Let's explore together how to alter our mind-sets (and theirs) and get ourselves prepared.

Capt. Linda Lewis holds a USCG 100-Ton Masters License and has 45 years of hands-on experience (sail and power) cruising the Inside Passage (including nine trips to SE Alaska). A retired Emeritus Associate Professor from the U of WA, she brings her professional educator background to presentations on all things boating at many venues, including the Seattle Boat Show and Trawlerfest. Through her own business - Private Boating Instruction LLC, she provides customized on-the-water instruction, on-your-powerboat

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For comments about the Bilge Pump, and if you like the print/mailed edition contact our bridge officers. Smooth sailing everyone. Pete DeLaunay, Bilge Pump Editor & Chairman

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## December 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	Planning & Finance Meeting 6:00pm	Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	Toys for Tots Charity Event (2nd Floor) Past Commodore Christmas Party (3rd Floor) 5:30pm	Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Private Event - SSPS Holiday Party 6:00pm
8 Seafair Holiday Cruise 1:00pm	9 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	10 Tarettes - WIC Luncheon at Day Island YC 11:00am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	11 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	12 Tarettes - Captain's Christmas Dinner 5:30pm	13 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	14 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 8:30am to 2:00pm Kids' Holiday Party 11:00am to 1:30pm Chet Gibson lighted Boat Parade and Electric Christmas Ball 6:00pm
15 Private Event-Svendsen	16	17	18 Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	19 SSPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	20 SSPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	21 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
22 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed (Holiday)	25 Christmas Office Closed (Holiday) General Member Meeting (CANCELED for Holiday)	26 Office Closed (Vacation)	27 Office Closed (Vacation) Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	28 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
29	30	31 New Years Eve (A Night with the Stars) 6:30pm				7