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Carol and Craig Wilbour's table rocked at the Sweetheart's Dinner. (They're on the right in photo.) More photos on page 16.

DINNER, VALENTINE'S DÉCOR, RHYTHM & BLUES DELIVER SWEETHEART SUCCESS!

Thanks to Sweetheart Dinner chairs Captains Carol & Craig Wilbour for organizing another fun filled event at our mainstation. Willie and his capable crew provided appetizers on the second deck followed by a delicious dinner buffet of stuffed

chicken breast, veggies, rice, potatoes, desserts and more than one Champaign toast. Rhythm & blues music provided by Little Sara and the Nightowls delivered easy listening for members & guests who enjoyed Valentine's décor and much, much more.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR TARETTES' OFFICERS

Ladies, Are you interested in being a more active volunteer in the Club and get to know more women members?

Serving as a Tarettes Officer is a great way to be an active Club member volunteer and lead fun events. We are currently open to accept nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisory until April 30th. The Slate will be announced in May and voted on at the Tarettes General Meeting in June.

Nominations are open and self nominations are welcome. All QCYC women are now automatically members in Tarettes. Please contact Joanie Preusser, jmp-cfp@comcast.net or Carol Soffel, carolsoffel@hotmail.com, if you are interested.

– Joanie Preusser
Past President & Board Advisor

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MARCH 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

March 4	QCYC Open House
March 9-11	Novice and Old Timers Race
March 10	Tarettes 75th Anniversary
March 11	Burger Bash
March 14	General Member Meeting
March 24	Casino Royale
March 28	General Member Meeting

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QCYC EVENTS 'KNOCK COVER OFF THE BALL' & NEW SATELLITE OUTSTATIONS ADDED FOR ALL

COMMODORE'S REPORT-

29 degrees this morning as I write this column. Yikes! Cold and rainy the rest of the time. Where is spring?!!!! As we near the end of winter, cruising season is just around the corner. Yet, some nearly 40 hardy souls intended to brave the chill to cruise to Poulsbo at the end of February. Unfortunately, snow and high winds forced a cancellation. Michael and Stephanie continue to knock the cover off the ball, putting on great events and many more are slated, so keep your eyes glued to the calendar. My thanks, too, to Craig and Ann Wilbour and their crew for a lovely evening at the Sweetheart Dinner.

March has an incredible event on the 24th: Casino Royale – James Bond Night. Gentlemen, come



Scott Grimm

dressed in dinner attire, and our Queen City ladies are gonna outshine any Bond Girl, for sure! It'll be a swanky night of blackjack and craps, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a great crooner singing the night away. By the way, you DO NOT want to miss the first general meeting in March. It's going to be a lot of fun and VERY different from any meeting you've seen.

Last month, the Board of Trustees approved four new

"satellite outstations" in addition to Thetis Island and Ganges. These new satellite outstations are an experiment of sorts this year. Our other two outstations, Bainbridge Island and Deer Harbor are owned and leased, respectively. The membership has clamored for more outstations and supporting that end has been a goal of the Board and the Bridge. Owning more outstations, however, is not a sustainable model at this time, so doing some creative thinking has resulted in Queen City negotiating deals with Thetis, Ganges, Mill Bay, Port Browning, Sidney, and Dock Street in Tacoma. The six satellites present a unique financial challenge to Queen City in that they charge by the foot. Queen City has heavily subsidized member stays at Thetis and Ganges over the past few years and our costs for those two sites have neared \$14,000 a year. Adding more outstations at that rate would simply bust the budget, so the Outstation Committee recommended that







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instead of applying an \$8/night fee to every stay, a more budget-friendly approach was needed. The Committee recommended that the members foot a portion of the satellite outstation cost and the Club subsidize the remaining amount. That amount is 50% of the negotiated per foot charge by the marina. Our negotiated rate is usually 10% of the retail rate. NOTE: Bainbridge Island and Deer Harbor remain at \$8 per night. There is no change to these outstations.

So let's look at an example. Karin and I have a 54' boat. We decide to stay at Mill Bay and make a reservation. If the negotiated rate is \$1.50 US per foot (an easy number to do the math here), the Club will pay half of that negotiated rate and we will pay the rest. That means our stay at Mill Bay will cost \$81 in total, with Karin and me paying \$40.50/night and the Club paying \$40.50. That is a great deal, for we would have paid the entire amount last year. In effect, because the rate is negotiated, the member is actually paying only 45% of the retail cost.

As you can see, however, even this arrangement can tax the budget of Queen City. It remains to be seen if this is a long-term, sustainable deal, or too expensive to continue; so the Club is hedging its bet and doing this for one boating season at this time. If it works out, the Club will re-up for the following year. Does this raise the rates of Thetis and Ganges? Yes it does, but the Board and Bridge want uniformity as to how we handle the financials of the satellite outstations, given the fact that all charge by the foot. No matter what, all of these stays will be a good deal overall for the membership.

I am excited about the new satellite opportunities. Check your Queen City annual for the rules

for each of the satellite outstations.

Let's have some fun and get things done.

– Scott Grimm, Commodore

QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB SCORES A REPEAT VICTORY IN THE 2018 SEATTLE BOAT SHOW YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE.

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT – If you were at the Boat Show for the Yacht Club Challenge photo, feel free to congratulate yourself and then heartily pat yourself on the back. Queen City won the challenge, but also blew all the other yacht clubs totally out of the water(!).

Thank you very much for the bragging rights we now have over the other Grand 14 Yacht Clubs. Karleen and I will have so much fun teasing the rest of the G-14 Officers.

Captains Chris Benson and Barry Rutten orchestrated the win and report a massive crowd of 164 members, brimming with club pride, assembled for the club photo, which required 4 separate pictures to fit everyone in! Boat Show personnel presented our trophy at the



Mark Reed

February 28th General Meeting, along with our \$500 prize. Queen City members organized to beat the next closest club by almost 100 members! Special thanks to Captain Michael Abrejera for taking charge of the spirited crowd to get our official head count and to Captains Scott & Lisa Helker, owners of Waterline Boats, who allowed us to take the big group picture from the fly bridge of their Helmsman 31 trawler on display at the show.

Let's set the goal at 200 QCYC members next year. It should be a piece of cake.

Michele Bedner, our outstanding Moorage Committee Chair, has reported that there

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is only one boat on the storage boat watch list. This means that 99.5% of all those who have club moorage are following our simple rules of boat usage. As Vice



Karleen and VC Mark "Ozzie" Reed

Commodore it is my job to send a notice to those that do not comply, and I am so happy to report that no letters have been sent this year.

If you have any questions about minimum usage, you can review the rules online, or in the club annual, or you can even contact Michele directly.

Onto more refreshing news . .

Our goal is always to make any new process or transition as easy as possible for our members.

Due to the efforts of our Office Manager, Elise Ochs, and the Web Team, including Gerald Fey and Bill Brunkhorst, these tasks are now completed and we were able to go live a couple of weeks ago.

The good news is that you, the QCYC member, will not see or have to do anything different from the past. When you arrive at any satellite outstation, simply wander up to the marina office and sign in the log book. From there, a new automated system will allow our Mainstation office to monitor usage live and keep your billing up-to-date. See you on the water.

— Mark Reed, Vice Commodore

SAVE THE DATE: PRIDE OF QUEEN CITY APRIL 28, MEMBERS CLEAN, PAINT, SCRUB AND WASH

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — Happy March! Spring is just around the corner! Save the date for the Pride of Queen City on April 28th. Work teams will gather to clean docks, the clubhouse and grounds. It's a fun day and opportunity to meet other club members.

Speaking of which, we closed



Sandy Werner

out the Seattle Boat Show with a healthy list of potential new members. We will be holding the annual Open House on March 4th from noon to 4:00pm. If you have any friends who may be interested in joining Queen City, invite them to this event.

By the time this is published we should have final approval from City of Seattle on our newly installed fire alarm system. Also, our grounds watering system has been extended to a few areas that weren't receiving water and many other existing areas repaired. These repairs will benefit the club by making watering more efficient.

— Sandy Werner, Rear Commodore

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DOCKS DOIN'S

IT'S BECOMING TIME TO "LOOK UP"!

We haven't finished the planking tasks. We will never finish planking. However, we are far more caught up with planking than we were just a few years ago. The worst situations on each dock have been corrected.

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Committee with the luxury of looking up from the surface of the docks. We're noticing that many of our painted surfaces are looking worn and dirty. In a lot of areas,

paint is damaged or peeling.

Our goal for the appearance of the marina should be nothing less than first class; and that means we need to pay some attention to cosmetic as well as structural issues.

If the paint on your particular moorage cover seems to be past its prime- (maybe way past in some cases)- rest assured that we will try to paint our way through the marina over the next few years.

-Chuck Gould

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

JOIN THE QUEEN CITY BARTENDER CREW - MEET NEW FRIENDS & HAVE FUN

Club Manager Heather Brignull promises newbies a full tour of Queen City basic beverages and brews. You'll learn the difference between and 'Captain



Club Manager Heather Brignull

Ronnie' and a 'Captain Johnny'! Pre-mixed Cosmos, Manhattans, vodka & gin martinis; plus tap beers and wine selections make

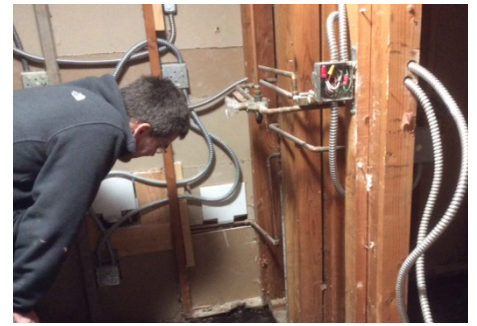
bartending easy. As a Queen City bartender you'll join Heather's 'wine tasting committee' and 'distilled tastes' both with Willie's knock-down appetizers. So, why wouldn't you volunteer? It's easy to get the proper credentials (search for WA MAST providers on the internet) and then you can then do as many, or as few, events as you like. Contact Heather directly at kavenga@heatherandjim.com for questions and the scoop about joining the Queen City bartender crew.

OUTSTATION REPORT

NEW OUTSTATION 'KEGERATOR'S' FIRST WORK OUT AT ANNUAL OUTSTATION WORKPARTY APRIL 13-15

Things are quiet at all the Outstations- must be the dead of winter [Editor's note - I like it when no one's around, messing things up, making noise, having fun, etc.].

A few weeks ago I mentioned to V/C Mark Reed that the rusty old beer dispenser at Bainbridge should really be replaced with something up to date. And this week a large box arrived with a new kegerator in it! With Rico Adams in charge, we got it out of the box and assembled a couple of



Shower remodel encounters rotting wood, rusty pipes.

days later. I'm sure it will get used a lot this summer and the beer will even taste better!

During this quiet time at the Bainbridge Outstation, Captain Tom Schultz will be remodeling both shower rooms. Tom, bless his heart, undertook the complete remodel of the bathrooms a couple of years ago, and they are fantastic! A lot was accomplished in the first 48 hours in the two shower rooms. Tom is now evaluating the decomposing wood frames and rusty plumbing. There are always surprises with remodeling older structures. For those who routinely use the showers (many more than one might guess), this will be a welcome improvement. In the meantime, don't plan on using the showers in the Clubhouse for at least a month. Eric says you [Editor's note - women only] can use the showers on our boat and he promises not to lock you in. Don't believe him!

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Barb Wood and Rico Adams set up kegerator.

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The time is fast approaching for our annual workPARTY. We have scheduled it for April 13-15 which, coincidentally, is also Eric's birthday weekend [Editor's note - try to keep gifts to under \$100 this year]. We will give you more information on this fun event in next month's Outstation Report.

Happy boating,

*-Barb & Eric Wood,
Outstation Co-Chairs*

REGATTA POWER REPORT

HIGH SEAS CHALLENGE 27 BOATS IN FIRST OF THE SEASON RALLY

This was a rally for the ages. In retrospect it should have been cancelled. Reported 8 ft waves in Lake Washington; but 8 boats kept on going. Blue water over the windshield for many minutes felt like eternity. If your boat didn't leak before, it leaked that day. Thank god it was fresh water. A lake! Come on now. But the 20 boats who bailed out can attest. Bremerton Heavy Weather had better get a new name.

The NOAA predictions were for gale force winds in Puget Sound, but that usually means less in the Lake, Not that day. 37 kn was the most I saw but over 40 was reported. That is over 50 kn relative for some boats. One registered boat decided to not even leave his slip on Friday, looking at that forecast. That dropped the 28 registered boats by one. 27 contestants, crews and observers milled around the clubhouse that

morning, eyeing the increasing winds and absorbing reports from the boats who had just run from Rainier, Meydenbauer and the east side marinas that morning.

Rally officials from 2 clubs drove over the Hwy 520 floating bridge to look at the water. The consensus was choppy but safe. At 10:30 anyway, but the winds were a steady 25 kn. All contestants were given the choice to run or not, and if they went out and even started but quit, they would not get a DNS (did not start) with its minimal points and last place.

About 24 boats actually went to the start line and some ran the first leg but bailed out when they saw or heard reports of 8 ft seas south of the Bridge. Fortunately the start was north of and in the lee of the bridge. But that was intentional as we have started south of the bridge; though the winds were not anywhere as strong; and it was still a harrowing start. The FOS always starts in the lee of the bridge or Webster Pt.

The 28 contestants from 6 clubs hailed from Rainier YC, Poulsbo YC, Bremerton YC, Seattle YC and Meydenbauer Bay YC; plus QCYC.

IPBA is testing the use of various electronic aids in its rallies this year. QCYC chose to allow Speed (SOG) from your GPS. But the conditions were so bad that SOG varied by a knot or two with the ups and downs of the big swells, though most swells were 3 to 4 foot. The reported 8 ft swells were under the east opening of the 520 bridge; accentuated by the reflecting waves off the bridge hitting the incoming 3-4 ft swells.

For the third time in recent memory, no Rallier in a lake rally bettered the magic mark of less than one half percent error and the 500 club - i.e. 0.500% error. SOG use predicted even better scores than normal especially as

An advertisement for Helmsman Trawlers. The top part features the company logo, which includes a compass rose and the text 'Helmsman TRAWLERS'. Below the logo, the text reads 'MORE BOAT LESS MONEY' and 'TOP QUALITY AT FACTORY DIRECT PRICING'. The main image shows two white motorboats on a body of water, with a city skyline in the background. The larger boat is labeled '38E PILOTHOUSE' and the smaller one '31 SEDAN'. At the bottom, the website 'HELMSMANTRAWLERS.COM', phone number '206.282.0110', address '2400 WESTLAKE AVE N', and city 'SEATTLE' are listed. A small red flag logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the ad.

the rally was a short 12.3 NM and had only 5 control points. But the winds sure blew (literally) away that expectation.

First overall and the Binnacle trophy went to MBYC's John and Ellen Murphey on Sturdy Gal with 1.1497%. Second overall went to Mike Henry of BYC on Peachy Keen with 1.7798% error. A NOVICE from PYC, Mark Sparks on *Good Tidings* took third with 1.9798%. Poulsbo YC won the Al Smith Trophy for best two boat team from a Club; QCYC was second and BYC was third.

First in class plaques went to Bruce Cullen in class 3 and 4th overall with 5th overall going to Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* in Class 5. The largest rally each year has usually been the BYC rally held at their main station in conjunction with their Skit Night.

– Bob Lindal, Regatta Power Chair

REGATTA POWER

NOVICE AND OLD TIMER'S RALLY MARCH 9-11

This is a simple Club Rally held in Lake Washington and is a great opportunity to try out Predicted Log Racing/Cruiser Navigation Rallies. But to make it even easier – Just use the rally layout from the FOS Rally – The only change is the date. One of the Club veterans will take you out on your boat, time it along the 520 bridge and then use your boat data to calculate predictions for you on your boat. Then while you are still out there, help you run the rally. Learn, have fun, get some bragging rights amongst your boating buddies. All club members and friends are invited to the Sunday evening Burger Bash and Awards ceremony. (just let Bob Lindal know if you are coming so we have enough food and not waste any). Seattle YC and QCYC run rallies the same weekend as a Spring Challenge Rally and their contestants will join us for the burger bash and awards. The best individual score of both clubs and the best club team are recognized.

PREDICTED LOG RACE RALLY SCHEDULE

3/3 Meydenbauer Bay YC
Boomerang
3/17 Tacoma YC

4/6-8..... QCYC/SYC Eagle Harbor
4/21 Gig Harbor YC
5/12 Poulsbo YC
6/9 Filucy Bay
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QCYC HISTORY

MEMBERS HELP LEAD 1917 MONTLAKE CUT OPENING

This issue of Pacific Motorboating (a forerunner to Sea Magazine) reported a 1917 parade of boats celebrating the opening of the Montlake Cut. Although the Montlake isthmus was previously breached to equalize the levels of Salmon Bay, Lake Union, and Lake Washington behind the dam at Chittenden Locks, navigation into Lake Washington was not practical until the canal was fully improved. Queen City Yacht Club members were prominent participants in the event.

—Chuck Gould



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The Squadron of Fishing Boats Passing Through the Canal Into the Lake

MARINE PAGEANTRY MARKS OPENING OF THE FAMOUS LAKE WASHINGTON CANAL

SO much history is being made these days on so gigantic a scale that events of mere national importance fade into insignificance in the vast confusion of international conditions. Hence it almost happened that the City of Seattle allowed to pass unheralded the opening of the great Lake Washington Canal, an accomplishment for which its communitative forces have been struggling more than half a century. Had it not been for the motor boat owners, in fact, there would have been no celebration and this great event would have occurred without a single demonstration to mark its passing.

In the more normal times of a few years ago, it had been planned that the opening of the canal should be marked by a great celebration in which army and navy and merchant marine should join together in mammoth pomp and ceremony to commemorate the accomplishment of this great engineering project and exploit its commercial importance to the nation. But the completion of the work found the world at arms, commerce in a condition of chaos and the nation's army and navy preparing to assume the offensive against a powerful enemy. The participation of the merchant marine under the circumstances was impracticable, the assistance of the army and navy impossible and for a time it looked as though the opening of the great waterway would pass unmarked and un-honored.

Then it occurred to the Seattle Chamber of Commerce to appeal to the great motor boat and yachting interests of the Northwest, to whom the opening of the canal was also of great significance, to aid the community in its emergency and to stage a celebration which would be in keeping with the importance of the occasion. It proved to be a happy solution. The boat-owners, already engaged in patriotic endeavor to assist the nation in its hour of need, gave evidence of further public spirit by an enthusiastic response. They not only provided a boat parade

Flagship "Roosevelt" and "Tacoma" Passing Fremont Avenue Bridge

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SPEAKER SERIES SETS GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Thanks to Captain Barry Rutten, Board Member & Presentations Committee Chair, our second monthly general membership meetings have attracted maximum attendance, setting club records! The good turnout allows members to learn about our club as the Bridge conducts regular business, followed by one of Captain Rutten's special guests! Club Manager Heather Brignull had to add a second bartender to accommodate the now popular meetings!

The Speaker Series brings them in! On January 24th, 8 | THE BILGE PUMP

the 3rd deck was jam-packed with 165 members in attendance for the presentation by Captain Skip Sethmann, skipper of the corporate yacht *Daedelus*. Skip brought 6 members of his professional crew

and together they shared Behind the Shine: Working Life Aboard a Superyacht.

Launched in 1999, the motor yacht *DAEDALUS* which was developed by Seattle's Delta



In February the Speaker Series included a presentation on the unique R2AK non-motorized race to Alaska.



In January presentation attendees had a close look at mega yacht cruising.

Marine Industries is a 151 ft., 34 ft. beam luxury yacht will sleep 10. Powered by two CATERPILLAR diesel main engines @ 2000HP, DAEDALUS



*General Meeting Senior Member
Gordy Foote*

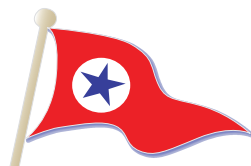
can reach a high speed of 16.5 knots, cruising up to 8000 miles at a cruising speed of 13 knots.

Great pictures, videos and

interesting stories of their adventures and a few mishaps kept the audience fully entertained.

In February, members learned about the 750 mile, Port Townsend to Ketchikan 'Race to Alaska' (R2AK) through the inside passage with no motors, no support and lots of danger! R2AK is the first boat race with this format and North America's longest human and wind-powered race, and currently offers the largest cash prize (\$10,000) for a race of its kind. By the way, if you need to get a feel for the spirit of this race, second prize is a set of steak knives!

The Speaker Series is held during the second General Meeting of the month and offers members presentations of topics of nautical interest from the Salish Sea and beyond. Contact "Speaker Wrangler" Captain Barry Rutten, Presentation Committee Chair, (425) 949-2815 or barryrutten@comcast.net with your topic ideas, and your recommendations of, and hopefully introductions to, possible speakers!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT **MEET PROSPECTIVE** **NEW MEMBERS AT** **MARCH 4 OPEN HOUSE** **EVENT**

We will have our Open House at our Main Station following the Boat Show. The date for the Open House is Sunday March 4th from 12:00 – 4:00. Come out and greet our prospective members.

At the February 14th General meeting we had 1 initiation; Capts. Ken and Evie Knokie were sponsored by Commodore Scott Grimm. Currently we have 393 Active Members, 96 Senior Life Members, 9 Social Members, 17 Intermediate Members, and 31 Life members for a total of 546.

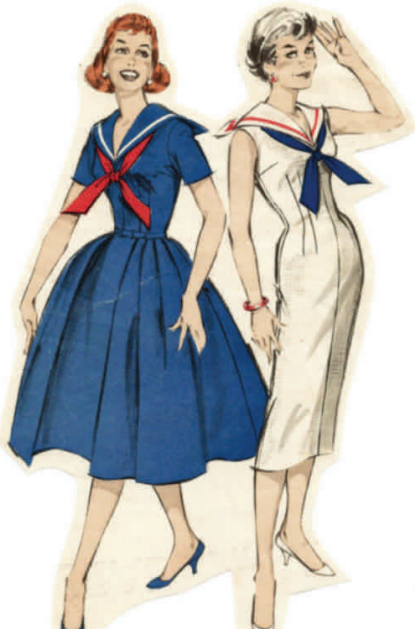
Thanks to Barry Rutten who did a great Job in coordinating the efforts of the Yacht Club Challenge Picture. We won this event by a boat load! Queen City had a total of 164 members in the picture, Seattle Yacht Club a meager 68 members, Corinthian Yacht Club 61, Bellingham Yacht Club 57, Des Moines Yacht Club 32, Milltown Yacht Club 32, and Sacramento Yacht Club 10.

Great Job Queen City Members for your great support. Northwest Marine Trade Association will presented the 2018 Trophy and a cash prize for \$500.00 at the February 28th meeting. Thank you for all your support in staffing the Queen City Seattle Boat Show Booth. We had over 80 volunteers this year.

*– Chris Benson
Membership Chairman*

CELEBRATE TARETTES

75 YEARS



The Tarettas invite you to come salute their 75th Anniversary at Queen City Yacht Club!

Help us go back to 1943, by dressing for the era, in vintage 1940s cocktail, yachtswoman, or just red, white and blue threads to get in the Groove!



Cocktails, Dinner & Jazz!

Saturday, March 10

5:30—10:00 pm

Queen City Yacht Club

\$20 per person

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Shirley Rogers, Treasurer

*Music by the
Sweet Spot Combo*



Tarettes Corner

75TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY MARCH 10 PROMISES GREAT APPE- TIZERS & JAZZ

Tarettes enjoyed two events in February! We hope you were able to join us for the fun! Wednesday, February 21, 10 women attended a WIC luncheon at Seattle Yacht Club. We were entertained by Allison Davis Cedeno, Master Mariner Graduate SYS Sailing Program.

On Thursday, February 22, many women had a special Girls Night Out Evening sponsored by Sistee Lentgis. We met at QCYC for champagne and appetizer, then were chauffeured to Hamansu downtown for a fabulous Asian dinner. Then on to the 5th Avenue Theatre for a terrific fun musical, Mamma Mia! Thanks again to Sistee for organizing this truly special evening!

Upcoming Events

We invite ALL QCYC members, both men and women, to join us on Saturday, March 10 when the Tarettes will hold a 75th Anniversary Party! We will celebrate our beginning year of 1943 with a 1940's theme. We encourage attendees to wear 1940's attire. A special hearty appetizer buffet will be offered on the 3rd deck with fun entertainment by a local jazz group, the Sweet Spots Combo. Cost is only \$20! Check

out our flyer in this Bilge Pump or in the Clubhouse!

Please register online at the QCYC website and send checks for \$20 per person made out to Tarettes to Shirley Rogers at: 20512 129th Ave SE, Snohomish WA 98296

Wednesday, March 28 – WIC Luncheon at Olympic Yacht Club. Please contact Patti Oberg for details on cost and signup deadline at (425) 503-1182 or my3ormore@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 11 – WIC Luncheon at Bremerton Yacht Club.

Please contact Patti Oberg for details on cost and signup deadline at (425) 503-1182 or my3ormore@yahoo.com.



Lila Haaze, Tarettes 1943 Secretary Pro-tem.

Friday, April 20 – 1:00 PM - Tarettes General Meeting and Jewelry Making Demo. More information to follow in April Bilge Pump

*–Mary Jo Svendsen
Tarettes President*

LADIES NIGHT DESIGNATED DRIVERS

Tarettes 'Ladies Night' attracts drivers who chauffeur them to a nice restaurant and 5th Avenue Theatre to see 'Mama Mia'!! It is a tradition these 'designated drivers' could not pass up (L to R) PC Dean Lentgis, VC Mark Reed, Cpt. Dan Lohse, PC Larry



Chmela and (not pictured) Cpt. Gordy Foote successfully served the purpose safely!



BOAT SHOW OBSERVATIONS

EVERYONE IS HAPPY AT THE BOAT SHOW, QCYC WINS SBS YACHT CLUB CHALLENGE!

I've been going to boat shows for literally decades. As most of you know, I attend multiple times, both in the water and inside the stadium. If you pay attention, you'll notice almost everyone is happy. The attendees of course, but even the vendors, the ticket takers, and the food service folks.

The attendees, in my observation, arrive happy and smiling and treat these people well. They take an extra moment to say hello or chat. I think it's because

everyone is hoping and dreaming --about new equipment or a new boat, and about new adventures. Everyone is there because they want to be there.

I also notice that despite the crowds, everybody is polite --to each other, to the vendors and show staff. Of course everyone has different tastes and budgets -- from fishing boats, to cruising boats, party boats, and yachts. But everyone is united by love of water and this unique activity -- as a hobby, pastime or a passion. All of these! So yes, you saw me there many times. And for a moment, I'll stop and wish all the world was one big boat show, every day. Would that be so bad?

With 164 (yep, one hundred and sixty four) members assembled for the Seattle Boat Show

Yacht Club Challenge -- the QCYC won again this year! See the Vice Commodore's article, but thanks to everyone who came out to show Queen City pride! Special recognition to Membership Chair Chris Benson for making sure tickets got in everyone's hands and Fleet Captain Michael Abrejera for doing such a great job getting an accurate head count.

Club members and yacht brokers Scott and Lisa Helker of Waterline Boats let us use the area in front of their booth to assemble and let us take the picture from the fly bridge of the Helmsman 31 trawler. We had so many people in the picture, they had to snap 4 pictures which will be stitched together into one.

— Captain Barry Rutten
QCYC Trustee

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMPLETED THANKS TO MANY GOOD HANDS

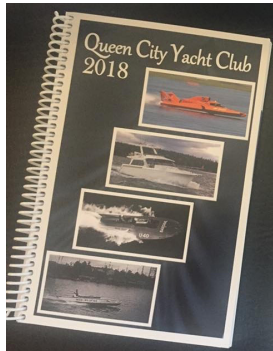
Hopefully everyone received their 2018 Annual in the early part of February! I hope you've had the chance to read and enjoy the Racing Dedication and refreshed Club History – both provided by Commodore Scott Grimm.

I appreciate all the warm comments and thanks that I've received, but I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of many other contributors without whom this project could not happen.

First and foremost, thanks to our members who responded to the call to update their personal information. You would be AMAZED at how many members change addresses, boats, jobs, contact information and roster photos during the course of a single year!

Second, thanks to the several members who diligently track and report on the areas for which they hold responsibility, including Bob Lindal (IPBA race results), Ken Klett (members and friends who have passed), Barry Rutten and Walt Braithwaite (By Laws

and Rules updates), Eric Wood (Outstation updates), Margaret Krows (Tarettes contact information), Wendy DeLaunay & Michael Abrejera (new member & event photos), and Elise Ochs and Steve Farber (database expert). Whew! Thank you all!



Third, thanks to the Advertising Committee (Pete Delaunay, Wendy Hamal Redding & John Steckler) for reaching out to members and local business owners to support both our Annual and Bilge Pump, and helping to coordinate the art for some of our advertisers.

In my opinion, this team had the toughest and most time-consuming role. Thank you for all your efforts!

I won't lie (and I'm sure Kathy Fish will agree) – the last few

weeks of pulling together the final missing pieces, tracking changes, confirming updates with the publisher, and juggling communications flying in from all directions gets a *little intense*. In that final stage, it's a one-man job and I found myself getting... hmmm, well... a bit testy (it's OK, you can admit that you noticed too). But a deadline is a deadline!

That said, final thanks and acknowledgement goes to Commodore Grimm. During the busiest time of both the personal and Commodore year, he took on extra responsibility with this year's annual to provide more color and context to QCYC history and tradition. Nevertheless, he let me nag and pester him for detail after detail, and deadline after deadline with his typical good humor. Thank you Scott!!

– Colleen Rutten
Annual Directory Chair



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MUSIC COMMITTEE TAKING SHAPE MEMBERS RECRUITED TO SET THE TONE

The first meeting of the Queen City Music Committee was collaborative and productive, attracting 13 participants -- but organizers say 'the more the merrier'. Committee chairs report that additional keyboard players are needed (the guy we've got ain't all that good and can't sing a lick...!!!!) All interested members are invited to join and participate.

The purpose of the Music Committee is the assembly of QCYC member talents into a well rehearsed, professionally produced dance music ensemble. Once the committee has rehearsed enough to produce a tight sound, committee chairs will have the option to use the Music Committee for events. It's becoming more difficult to include live entertainment for many of our events without running into a financial deficit. Major events with high dollar budgets can more easily hire outside entertainment. The Music Committee will provide a "volunteer" option for other events; possibly even Outstation cruises (if desired).

We need guitar, bass, keyboard players, and drummers. We can use horns. Vocalists too, of course. The more the merrier.

In an ideal situation, we will attract a greater number of musicians and performers than needed at any one time. This will allow the committee to field a workable combo without necessarily using the very same people every performance. We will all work off a common set list and rehearse together, allowing individual musicians to step up or step out when needed.

The only requirement is a



'OCEAN CROSSINGS' OPENING DAY THEME

SYC Opening Day chairs reported how the tradition will continue on May 5 with a cannon blast to start morning crew races, the Grand Parade followed by a sailboat race on Sunday. The Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day has become the nation's largest regional celebration of water, spring, and the opening of boating season. Participating yachts will be decorated to illustrate the 2018 theme for Opening Day, "Ocean Crossings".



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The newly-formed Music Committee has already had its first meeting. The plan is for the ensemble to be available for club events. More musicians wanted!

serious commitment to regular rehearsals, likely twice a month at the clubhouse. Committee members will need to be at most, if not all, of the rehearsals. You will need your own gear. We are hopeful that if we can demonstrate a definite financial advantage to the club QCYC might eventually spring for a basic PA system and equalizer.

We currently have expression of interest from three vocalists, one guitar player, another guitar player who can double on the bass, one drummer, and a keyboard player. Again, we're not "Filled up". This is a committee effort, not a traditional "band". There is always room for more.

Most of the stuff likely to be worked up requires little more than average talent and a sense of rhythm. Don't be shy or feel too intimidated. Superstars would be nice to have, but not at all required. We'll even have a couple of numbers with *no* chord changes. :-)

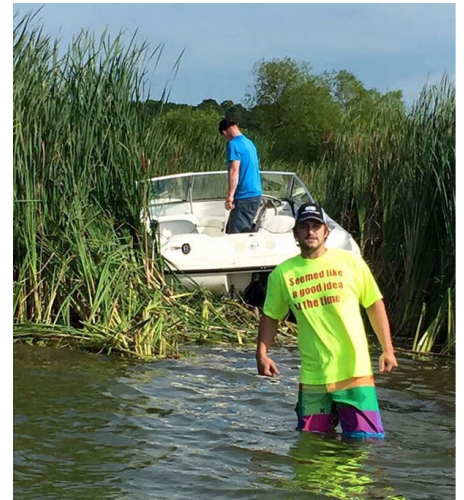
Next step if interested; contact Mark Vanderwall or Chuck Gould and get on the list. We invite everybody to get together with their ideas and visions, and craft a concrete plan for moving forward.

Mark Vanderwall contact info: tollycraft@hotmail.com or 206-595-8790

Chuck Gould contact info: gould0738@aol.com or 206-605-6744.

How many boating tales begin "Seemed like a good idea at the time?" The guy at the right may have anticipated trouble when he dressed in the morning and doesn't seem to be particularly bothered by the predicament.

A couple of other boaters apparently had some good ideas as well, but chances are they're a bit more bothered by the outcomes.



SWEETHEART'S DINNER



Captains Debbie Foote & Shirley Rogers welcome guests.



Past Commodore Dale Roberts & Susie



Captains Debbie & Gordy Foote

*Rear
Commodore
Sandy Werner
& Chas, right.*



Captains Kent & Carol Soffel



Past Commodore Dave Bedner & Michelle



Thanks to Wendy Redding & Bill High for sweet bartending.



Past Commodore John Rogers & Shirley



Captain Louis Titland & Sally



Above, Past Commodore Rich McCroskey & Christine.

Willie & crew deliver delicious dinner buffet, right.



EIGHT BELLS

STEPHEN (STEVE) F. NORMAN 1941 – 2018

Captain Steve Norman crossed the bar peacefully from complications of Alzheimer's Disease, surrounded by his loved ones. He will be remembered by his family and his many friends as a man of great humor, kindness, character, fairness and generosity. Steve was Queen City member number 086 when he passed at 76 years old.

His daughter, Jill writes: "Steve was born in Seattle at the exact moment that the Huskies scored a touchdown apparently setting the precedent for Steve being a lifelong Husky fan! He attended elementary and middle schools in Seattle, and graduated from Garfield High School in 1959.

After high school, Steve joined the Navy, becoming a member of VS891. He later attended the University of Washington, Olympic College, and Seattle University, graduating Cum Laude from Seattle University with a degree in Marketing in 1968.

Steve enjoyed many years of rewarding employment, first with IBM and later with Foster & Marshall, and Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation. Upon retiring from investment banking, he became the owner of BMW Seattle until he sold the business in 2001.

Steve and Annie lived many years in Edmonds where they had a beautiful view of Puget Sound. They had two children there; son Joel (previous QCYC member) and daughter Jill.

Steve was a member of various local, national and international

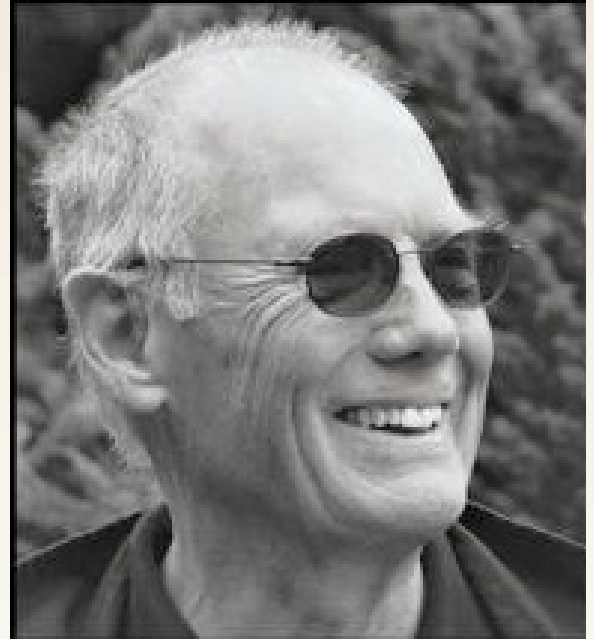
car clubs, as well as a life member of Queen City Yacht Club. He enjoyed many years of boating on the *Lucky Swede IV*.

He served on numerous boards and had a number of leadership roles during his life, including Stevens Memorial Hospital Foundation, Seattle University Alumni Association, Seattle University President's Club, Seattle University Board of Regents, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, University Prep Academy, and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Guild of Greater Seattle. He was a mentor to many throughout his life.

Steve might be best known for his love of fine cars. By his family's count, he owned over 40 cars and motorcycles in his lifetime, of many different marques. He frequently participated in car shows through the years, often winning top awards.

Steve spent the first 50 years of his life working hard, and the remaining 26 playing hard. He and his wife Annie traveled extensively in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and North America. They enjoyed participating in car rallies throughout the US, Canada, and Europe, and drove the ALCAN Highway to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories several times."

Captain Norman joined Queen City in 1983 following his father Carl Norman, who had joined



QCYC in 1971, and listed Carl's *Lucky Swede III* a 40' CTF diesel trawler. Steve soon bought the *Hoops*, a 38' Bayliner. While members, he and Annie owned two boats: the *Hoops*, and then the *Lucky Swede IV* another 38' Bayliner that they named following Carl's *Lucky Swede III*. They cruised the *Lucky Swede IV* until 2013.

He is survived by Annie, his wife of 53 years; son Joel (Katina); daughter Jill (Jason); his five wonderful grandsons, Benjamin, Stephen, Finley, Evan and Connor; and his sisters Sallie and Barb. He will also be greatly missed by numerous nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

—Ken Klett
Chaplain

EIGHT BELLS

PAST COMMODORE FEDERICK C. BERESWILL 1929 – 2018

Our well known and greatly popular P/C Fred Bereswill crossed the bar on Jan 24th of this year. Fred was 88 years old, just three weeks shy of his 89th birthday and member number 027 at the time of his passing.

Fred was born on February 16, 1929 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he grew up. He was later joined by his brother William and sister Ann.

Fred's story is a good one as his daughter Carol recounts:

"Even in his youth, he was an inspiration to those around him. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was an avid proponent of scouting until his death. He graduated from Pius high school and attended Marquette University, receiving a degree in aeronautical engineering. Later he attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota. It had always been his dream to be a fighter pilot, so naturally his determination carried him into the United States Navy. He attended flight school in Pensacola, Florida, earning his wings and commission. Soon after his graduation, Fred married the love of his life. Lois Fehling became his bride on September 1, 1951.

After logging flight hours in nearly every aircraft in the Navy arsenal, including the latest jet aircraft, he left active duty to spend time with his growing family. He did not leave his beloved Navy however.... He began a career in the Naval Reserve flying rotary wing aircraft until he retired from the service, having attained the

rank of Commander.

Fred went to work for Northwest Airlines in Minneapolis for a time, but felt stifled during his tenure. He moved his family to the Seattle area in 1968 and took an engineering job with the Boeing Aircraft



Company. He later retired from Boeing as a crash investigator in the legal department. He traveled the world many times, performing his duties in Hawaii, Africa, Europe and Asia. The sometimes grisly duties made for some very interesting stories. He investigated incidents, discovered root cause, and made maintenance and inspection recommendations. He was well known in his field, appearing on such television shows as "Engineering Disasters" as an expert commentator. He loved his work and the people he worked with.

After his retirement he moved from the Issaquah plateau to Carnation. He started on a mission to become an active community member. He was elected to

the city council, served as deputy mayor and was on the city council until his death. Fred enjoyed tutoring children every Tuesday at Carnation elementary school. Many of those children are now adults who fondly remember "Mr. Fred". (Touching memories of Fred were offered at his Memorial Service by community and school board officials and a classroom teacher whose students were tutored by Fred as well as some of his students – he was truly beloved by all in Carnation).

He was an avid boater and taught many safety classes for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was an active member of the Queen City Yacht Club and had been a past Commodore. He enjoyed golf and target shooting."

Fred joined QCYC in 1971 and true to his passion for contributing to any organization he was involved in, immediately became involved in the club. He and Lois, both being gregarious and friendly, were very involved in social events and a popular couple.

He served as Yachting Facilities chair for two years and then Meeting Night Steward. In 1984, Fred served as our Secretary and the next year he began going through the chairs becoming our 69th Commodore in 1985 representing us extremely well to the Grand 14 yacht clubs. He was a member of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the nominating Committee the next year. Fred is remembered by members of having a great sense of humor while being a very efficient and good administrator.

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Fred became Queen City's "official" US Coast Guard boat safety inspector. Many, many members asked Fred to inspect their boats to determine if all USCG requirements were met - if yes, he was authorized to provide the CG sticker showing compliance. In this, Fred took his CG authorization very seriously and meticulously checked all items on the CG list to the finest detail. No getting a sticker on a promise to fix something, but he would always offer to come back after the issue had been complied with. Once a sticker was provided, you had confidence that if boarded (and some were), you would get a "clean bill of health from the Coast Guard!

While members, he and Lois owned the "B Hive" for two years and then Fred bought the 26' Tolly he named the "Sea B" that the Bereswills cruised in for thirty years!

Fred always believed "Whatever you touch in life, Leave it better than when you found it" - this he did, whether it was the community he lived in or Queen City Yacht Club!

Fred leaves behind Lois, his wife of 66 years, daughters Christine Wilderman (Russell) and Carol Calender (Doug), Grandsons Ryan and Eric Wilderman, and many nieces and nephews. Fred, as the family patriarch, was instrumental in making sure that his large extended family knew each other and kept in touch. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

—Ken Klett
Chaplain

EIGHT BELLS

WILLIAM F. (BILL) WEST III 1931 – 2017

Captain Bill West, well known businessman and leader in the Seattle maritime industry, crossed the bar peacefully in the early morning of December 20th, following complications from a fall. Bill was 86 years old and Queen City member number 003 at his passing.

Bill's daughter writes: "Born in Everett, Bill grew up with a passion for all things in, on or around the water. From a very early age, summers spent on Mission Beach, a place which became a part of his very soul, launched his love of boating, crabbing and fishing. Graduate of Everett High School where he captained the swimming team and met the love of his life, cheerleader & Sweet Heart Queen, Maryann Thomas, who, in 1953, became his wife.

After a year at Linfield College, Oregon, Bill heeded the call of the sea and 'ran away' to work on Foss tugboats and then on to Bryant's Marina. With the cornerstone of marine experience set, he formed and managed Marine West Yacht Sales, Northwest Pacemaker Sales, the very successful Boat Street Marina and more.

In 1986, Bill became the Executive Director of the Northwest Marine Trade Association where he worked with government agencies and legislators promoting the boating industry, chaired the Seattle Boat Show and was instrumental in the formation of the NMTA Medical Trust.

Fun was had too, as a long-time member of Seattle and Queen City Yacht Clubs, and boating recreationally with

friends and family throughout our NW waters. Bliss to Bill was, in the early morning hours,



bouncing his family out of bunks as he set course up the Strait of Juan de Fuca heading for Princess Louisa Inlet. From the flying bridge, he skillfully navigated wind and waves, while his offspring lined up on the leeward rail, greenish of skin, a nice compliment to cheerful orange of lifejackets.

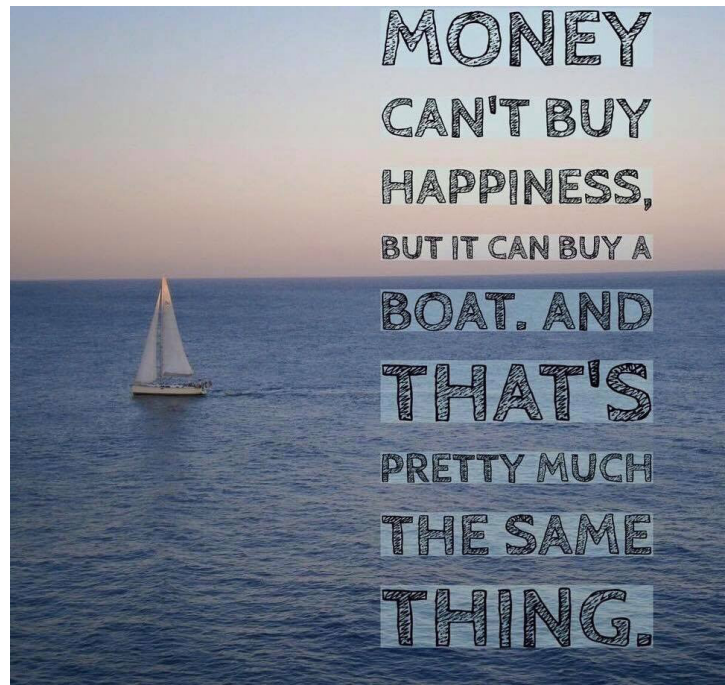
Bill's family and friends remember Bill as a loving husband, father and grandfather, consummate perfectionist, gentleman, wood chopper and stacker extraordinaire, golfer, sailor, baker of cookies, organizer, respected, loyal friend and family man."

Bill joined Queen City in 1960 and became a life member in 1985. While a member, Bill & Maryann owned six boats: while he was at Bryant's Marina, they owned the "No Bil aDe" a 27' Chris and then traded up to the "Cavalier" a 30' Chris. When Bill managed the Pacemaker dealership, they purchased a 40' Pacemaker and then owned the "Show-n-Tell" a 34' Pacemaker. When Bill moved to the Boat Street Marina, they moved into an 18' Bayliner runabout and fishing boat.

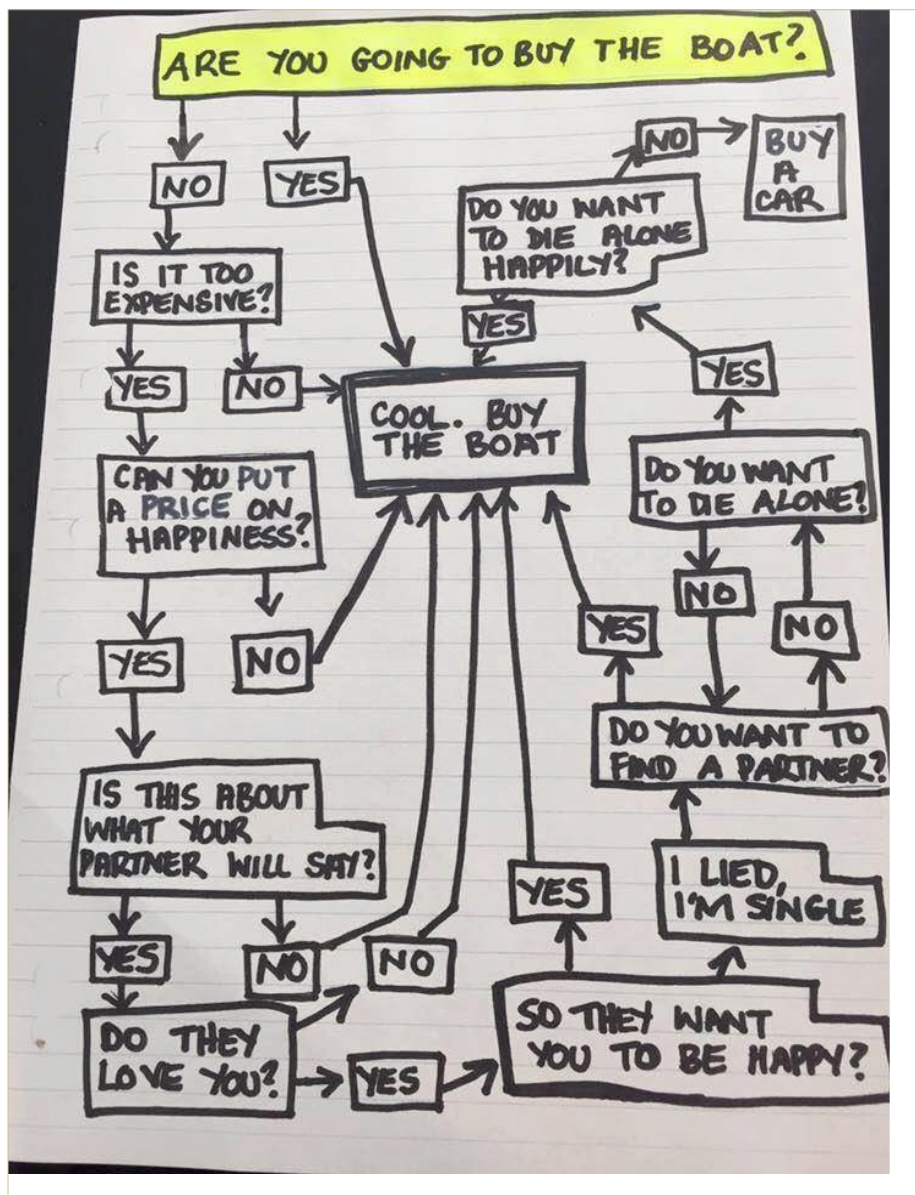
He leaves behind his loving wife, Maryann, children, Bill West Jr, Debra, Noel (Bonnie), Brent and grandchildren Saoirse and Corey.

— Ken Klett

RANDOM BOAT SHOW THOUGHTS



*Fleet Captain
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Saturday	Boat Decorating Trivia Jeopardy Buffet Dinner "Tropics" Entertainment
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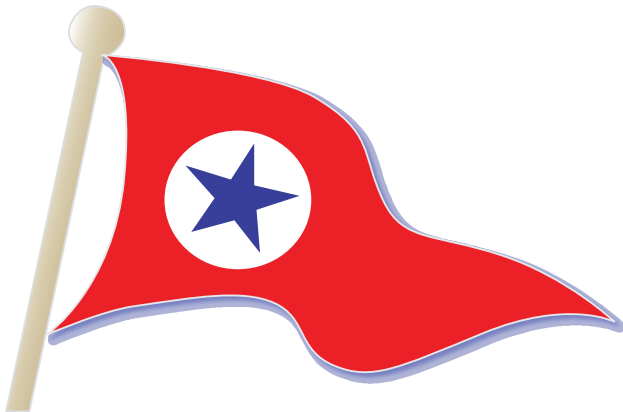
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 QCYC Open House 12:00pm to 4:00pm	5	6 House Committee 9:00am to 11:30 am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm - 8:00pm KPlanning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	7 Alt. Wed. Night Dinner 5:45pm	8	9 Novice & Old Timers Race Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30 \pm Friday Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm	10 Novice & Old Timers Race Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 8:30am to 2:00pm Tarettes Anniversary Event 5:30pm to 8:00pm
11 Novice & Old Timers Race Burger Bash (2nd Floor) 5:00pm to 7:00pm	12 QCYC Board Meeting 8:00pm	13 Architectoral Advisory Committee Meeting 6:30 to 8:00pm	14 Ship's Store open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-meeting Dinner 6:00pm General member Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	15 SSPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	16 Friday Lunch 11:30am - 1:30pm Private Event - Tyee JO dinner meeting 5:00pm to 10:45pm	17 Saturday Breakfast 8:30am to 10:30am
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