

# THE BILGE PUMP

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## HERE'S TO AULD LANG SYNE AND ANOTHER CENTURY OF BOATING

**COMMODORE'S REPORT** — Before we get into more pertinent things, be aware that you are reading the first edition of the Bilge Pump which kicks off the beginning of the second 100 years at Queen City Yacht Club.

With the centennial behind us, we can look to the future as we shape our evolving dreams and water-borne aspirations into reality for the next 100 years.

While the events of December are behind us, I need to take a moment to thank the members who helped make the QCYC holiday events so special.

Carol Soffel once again took the lead in decorating the clubhouse, along with a crew of helpers.

The Seafair Holiday Cruise under the capable leadership of Val Ohlstrom was bigger and better than ever. We had about 120 guests, supported by more than 90 volunteers who made things run quite well. Val did a superb job in her first year as the event sponsor. She took over the leadership of this event under difficult circumstances and made it appear as smooth as if she had been doing it for many years.



Dave Bedner

The long-standing QCYC tradition of the Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade continued as a two-night cruise event with Chuck Gould at the helm as event sponsor. That event starts with getting a city permit, ensuring we have insurance coverage and recruiting turn boats for both nights. And that's all in anticipation of having good weather and a good showing of lighted and decorated boats.

Shauna Bennett has been a long-time sponsor of the Children's Holiday Party and did it again this year. The kids had a really good time watching the interactive magic show,

which ended just in time for everyone to see Santa arrive by boat. The expressions on the kids' faces when Santa made his entrance on the third floor . . . priceless.

The traditional Captains Dinner hosted by the Tarettes under the leadership of Mary Jo Svendsen and Becky Garvie sold out this year. Hopefully you made your reservation early and were able to have a nice dinner with your QCYC friends. Many thanks to the Tarettes for all they do for the club.

The last event of 2016 and also the last event of our centennial year was the New Year's Eve Black and White Ball sponsored by none other than

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### JANUARY 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>January 6-8</b>	Past Commodores' Cruise In - Winslow
<b>January 12</b>	QCYC Annual Girls Night Out
<b>January 13-15</b>	G-14 Winter Cruise-In at Winslow
<b>January 11, 25</b>	General Member Dinner & Meeting
<b>January 20</b>	Sail Boater's Social
<b>January 21</b>	QCYC First of Season IPBA Race
<b>January 27-31</b>	Seattle Boat Show

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Michele Bedner. This event had not yet occurred as of this writing, but Michele has successfully sponsored it previously so I am sure it was another fun, well-organized and amazing evening. What better way to ring in the New Year than with your QCYC friends.

On January 13-15 all of your bridge officers will be at Winslow for the Grand 14 Cruise-In. This will be the last event for Michele and me in which all the current Grand 14 classes will be together. The Grand 14 Commodore class is the Krakens, the Vice Commodore class is the Salish Lights and the Rear Commodore class is the Nautilus.

There is a tradition at this event where the junior officers roast their commodores. It's been very entertaining the past two years. This year, as the recipient of the roast, it might not be quite as much fun, but it certainly will be no less entertaining.

— *Dave Bedner, Commodore*

## NEW WINTER PROJECTS AFOOT

**VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT** — With the start of 2017, I am looking forward to several new projects being initiated at the club.

In the near future, work will begin on a new work float on Dock 3. This will be a great improvement, giving members a much better work environment for their boats. Waterfront Construction will be the contractor.

The Bainbridge outstation will be receiving a much needed repair on the asphalt driveway. Agate Asphalt Company will patch, repair, overcoat and re-stripe the driveway. Repairs will done to a sink hole that has developed in the drive, tree roots beneath it, cracks in the asphalt surface and other issues.

Work will begin on new showers there in late summer, shortly after Labor Day. Contractor and member Tom Schultz of Tomgar Construction will do the work. Tom did a great job remodeling the bathrooms last year.

The architectural advisory committee is looking for member input regarding the third-floor remodel. The committee wants to improve service to the kitchen area, maximize storage, add a third-floor bar and better utilize the conference/apartment area.

I want to remind mooring members they need to provide QCYC a copy of their insurance declaration page naming QCYC as additional insured. Many thanks to Bill Brunkhorst and

Jeff Madera who've developed a new software program to let members know their insurance will soon be expiring and remind



*John Hieber*







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them to send the insurance declaration page to comply with the club's rule.

Electronic billing at QCYC should begin about the time you get this issue of the Bilge Pump. Moorage members should begin receiving their statements electronically this month. This new program will save the club labor and mailing costs associated with previous billings. Member input is encouraged.

—John Hieber, Vice Commodore

## THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT — Just sitting here today dreaming of a warm weekend cruise to Deer Harbor. But unfortunately, I stuck my head out the door and a cold, gray sky blasted it with wind and rain. Wow, talk about a reality check. Spring and summer cruising now seems so far, far away.

What I have learned over the years as a Northwest boater is

to spend January and February maintaining the "Miramar" and planning ahead for the boating season just few months away.

The same thought process works around the QCYC clubhouse with our committees and committee chairs fulfilling their responsibilities. This is a busy time for most of them maintaining their areas of responsibility and planning upcoming special events.

I thought a brief report on all the committees that the rear commodore directly supports might be in order this month:

★ As I am sure you are already aware, Membership Chairman Chris Benson is currently busy, busy, busy, right up to his stern thruster, this time of the year.

Not only has Chris been organizing the inductions of new members all fall and winter, but the Seattle Boat Show comes up

the end of January and he's in charge of our booth there.

The boat show is an opportunity for us all as current members to meet prospective members and extoll the benefits of QCYC membership while at the same time brag about all the friends and fun Queen City brings to our lives.

Last year Captain Jim (Crabby) Damery and I spent a few hours together in the booth. We not only had a great time talking QCYC up, but then we spent some time enjoying our free ticket to the boat show.

If you haven't already signed up with Chris to spend time manning (or womaning) the booth, please do as soon as possible.

★ Our Grounds Committee Chair Karleen Reed has been spending these colder months working with Ironwood Landscaping on a new bi-monthly grounds-maintenance

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program. The results have been noticed and admired by many and she wanted me to thank everyone for their kind comments. She said that we all can soon look forward to a little more color in the flower beds while the sky is still gray.

Karleen is working toward the Pride of Queen City weekend where all of you who like to scratch in the dirt a bit can spend a couple of hours helping weed, plant and mow the place into its glorious spring self for the boating season's opening week. More information will be coming to you closer to the event.

★ The best report from Security Committee Co-Chairs Wolfgang Werner and Scott Grimm certainly is that they have nothing to report. Don't you agree?

We did have some main gate reliability issues last fall, but they all disappeared when the old gate reader board was replaced.

The good news is we have



Mark Reed

had very few issues security-wise so far this winter. This can be directly attributed to the vigilance of everyone in not only keeping an eye on our assets, but also keeping the gates closed and doors locked and using common sense by not leaving items visible in our vehicles when parking overnight in our lot.

★ Jim Brooks, our friendly and efficient parking watchdog, has also had a quiet winter. This time of year, he mostly watches the fire lanes, restricted parking spots and loading zones, and he has reported no violations.

We all can look forward this spring to a media blitz reminding everyone of the spring-and-summer parking policies and reviewing the fall-and-winter parking rules.

It is our intent that everyone is fully aware of these parking rules and policies in order to avoid getting one of those nasty green (or

even nastier red) stickers stuck on their window.

In conclusion, we are so fortunate to have these people chair these committees and take such pride in and ownership of their volunteer responsibilities. When you see one of them, please help me express our sincere thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

Now, back to daydreaming about warm days, salty spray and those amazing butterhorns at that bakery in Poulsbox. . . .

—Mark Reed, Rear Commodore

## “SNOW” PROBLEM WITH THE TEMPERATURE. YET.

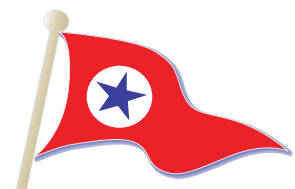
OUTSTATION REPORT — The song “Baby, It’s Cold Outside” comes to mind as we deal with temperatures in the 20s! So far, no problems with the pipes or faucets here at the Winslow Outstation. Of course, as I write this, winter hasn’t even started, so . . .

The first and second weekends of January, we expect lots of boats here from the Grand 14. The past commodores will be here January 6 to 8 and the current officers will be here the 13th to the 15th. The docks are always full for these events, so you may need to side-tie if you plan to come over during those two weekends.

Due to scheduling complications, the showers won’t be remodeled until next fall. If they turn out as nice as the bathrooms, it will be a big improvement.

Happy New Year!

— Barb Wood, Outstation chair




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Recently inducted members Greg and Kate Wharton down a couple of Chef Willie Williamson's enormous hamburgers before the new member orientation meeting in November. The meeting is expected to be an annual affair to introduce new members to ways they might like to participate in club events and duties.

## QCYC AT THE BOAT SHOW

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — Queen City Yacht Club will have a booth at the Seattle Boat Show January 27 to February 4 to introduce boaters to the club and sign up new members.

Our QCYC booth will be at the same location that we had for the last couple of years, Space E811. Mark the dates on your calendar

and sign up to come out and help support our membership drive. QCYC will pay for your boat-show ticket for the day you volunteer.

We also will have an open house at the main station following the boat show, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

Membership currently is at 383 active members, 101 senior members, 19 life members, 10 social members, and 11 intermediate members for a total membership of 524.

We need 400 active members for a full membership. We currently have 17 members who are eligible for a life membership.

About 70 new members attended the new-member orientation dinner and presentation November 15. Great thanks to Mark Vanderwall, Mark Reed and all the committee chairs for their presentations of the resources at Queen City Yacht Club.

If you are interested in helping with the membership committee, contact me or Rear Commodore Mark Reed. We appreciate all your ideas and considerations for membership.

—Chris Benson, Membership chair



Photo by John Macdonald

Nicholas Corff and Chuck Gould don their Scottish best at a recent membership meeting to urge people to join them with a wee dram o' whisky and a helping of haggis to honor Scottish poet Robert Burns January 28. See the flyer in this issue for details.

## AH, ROBBIE, 'T WAS GOOD TO KNOW YA

Time to get your plaids and pipes out and load your plates with a spoonful of haggis for a salute to the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's beloved poet.

Queen City's homage to Burns, aka the Bard of Ayrshire, will take place Saturday, January 28 with a piping in of the haggis and toasts to all things Scottish.

Burns was born January 25, 1759 and people have been celebrating that fact each year around the time of his birthday since 1801, about five years after he died.

"There will be bagpipes," says Chuck Gould, a co-chair of the event with Nicholas and Roxanne Corff. And haggis (that meaty concoction that's a standard in Scotland), and neeps (turnips) and tatties (potatoes) and a wee sampling of a fine Scottish whisky, he adds. There will be venison, especially for those who can't see themselves diving into the haggis.

The haggis will be ordered from Proper British Bacon in Auburn. Whisky Masters Jerry

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and Mary Bromberger, who are considered expert in their field, according to Chuck, will present samples of premium single malts. The couple makes presentations about whisky to Celtic groups and whisky aficionados throughout the region.

After the haggis is piped in amid thoroughly Scottish fanfare, there will be a recitation of Burns' "To and Haggis." Other poetry during the evening to include his "To a Mouse."

There will be toasts to Her Majesty the Queen, the President of the United States (with the

option to toast "the office" if you're so inclined) the lassies and the laddies.

Tickets are \$40 per person. The bar opens at 5:30 and the program begins at 6:30.

You might prepare by learning the Selkirk Grace, first uttered by the Earl of Selkirk and prominent in Burns Day celebrations:

*"Some hae meat an' canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it;  
But we hae meat, an' we can eat,  
And sae let the Lord be thankit."*

— Sally Macdonald

## BRIEFLY STUFF AND NO NONSENSE

★ Don't miss taking to the road for the wine-tasting tour of Woodinville Saturday, January 28. The bus leaves the main station at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. in plenty of time to get back for the Robert Burns dinner at 6:30 (the bar opens at 5:30). Chef Willie Williamson will send along box lunches to go with the wine. Cost hasn't been determined as of this

## YESTERYEAR

### THE END OF THE CENTENNIAL AND INTO THE FUTURE

It's certain that no current member will be part of our Bicentennial celebration.

But we closed our centennial year in December and now look forward to 2116. Now we can concentrate individually and collectively on making decisions that will help ensure that Queen City Yacht Club will exist a century from now.

We can influence what sort of club any superannuated folks, as well as grandkids, great grandkids and beyond will be enjoying.

Will we still be what our founders established in 1916 — a "working man's club," organized for yachtsmen (and now women) of "ordinary means?"

Over the next 100 years, recreational boating will evolve in ways we cannot begin to imagine today. How will the club evolve

to accommodate boats that may be larger than currently common? How many times will we remodel the clubhouse over the next century? If there are far more boats in the water in 2116 — or far fewer — how will that affect the club? With increased development of waterfront properties, will there be much scenic "cruising area" left in the Salish Sea?

No current members of QCYC can do much to affect the future of recreational boating, but we can all do some things today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year and thereafter to ensure that we pass a fun, relevant and vibrant club to the upcoming generations.

We can get involved, bringing energy and enthusiasm to club events and committee assignments. We can serve happily whenever we see an opportunity. We can be good ambassadors for QCYC, remembering that, as we are individually regarded in the boating community, so is the club, represented by the burgee.

December marked the end of our celebration of Queen City's 100 years.

During the anniversary year, Sandy Werner, assisted by scores of QCYC members coordinated a series of fun events that everyone will hold in cherished memory. The club owes her and her committee a hearty "thank you" for a job well done.

Perhaps the thing of greatest importance we can do in the future will come from remembering the closing lines of our oath of membership;

"I promise to treat other Queen City Yacht Club members with dignity, honor, courtesy and respect."

That alone will do a lot of carry us through our next hundred years.

— A.B. Deckman



writing, but will depend on how many wine-lovers attend. RSVP at the QCYC website events section.

★ Queen City has a new moorage chair, Don Frissell. Don takes over from Jeff Madera, who has done that duty for the past four years.

★ Commodore Dave Bedner reminds members to make sure their boats are ship-shape for the freezing weather. The docks committee is leaving a trickle of water on each dock, so if you see a

### ATTENTION MOORAGE MEMBERS!

*When your boat insurance renews it is your responsibility to provide the club with an updated Certificate of Insurance to remain in compliance with moorage rules.*

spray there, not to worry — that's keeping the pipes from freezing. As another freeze-preventive measure, don't leave your hose attached to the spigot. If the docks committee sees one attached they'll disconnect it. And there are orange buckets full of an ice melting product at the shore end and mid-point of each dock. Feel free to use it if the docks become slippery.

★ The Queen City Yacht Club board meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. Members all are welcome to attend.

★ February "save the dates:" The Women's Interclub Council, made up of women from other yacht clubs in the area, meet Thursday, February 2 at our club. And our Sweetheart Dinner-Dance will be Saturday, February 11. See flyers

elsewhere in the Bilge Pump for details.

★ We're hoping to make the Bilge Pump one of your most anticipated monthly reads. If you have a report, article, news or fun photos for the Bilge Pump, it's due the 15th of the previous month. We'd love to have news of your cruising, racing or embarrassing adventures. If you submit photos (and please, please do), tell us all about them: who, what, when, where.

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# Tarettes' Corner

## RING IN 2017 WITH THE WOMEN OF THE GRAND 14

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT —**  
Happy New Year! We are all looking forward to the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon to be hosted at Queen City on Thursday, February 2. This is a huge event chaired by Mary Jo Svendsen, and we've invited all the ladies of the Grand Fourteen.

Our Captains Christmas Dinner was a smashing sell-out success with Chef Willie Williamson's fabulous prime-rib buffet and a musical presentation by the Norwegian Women's Choir. I especially want to thank our co-chairs Mary Jo Svendsen and Becky Garvie for their hard work in organizing it and all the Tarettes and members who helped. Many thanks to Willie and Peg Braxton's kitchen crew, Ann Wilbour for taking reservations, Carol Soffel for decorations and all the members who donated gifts for the children at Boyer Clinic.

Our first Tarettes Meeting in the new year is Wednesday, January 18. The board meeting, open to all, is at 5 p.m., social hour at 6:30 and general meeting at 7:30 on the third floor. Please bring an appetizer and/or wine to share at the social. Carol Soffel will give a brief program on how to set a table in preparation for the WIC luncheon.



*Two happy Tarettes members, Linda Dishneau (left) and Mary Weale, came away winners of gift baskets at the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon at Everett Yacht Club.*

Women's Day at the Seattle Boat Show is Wednesday, February 1. Admission is free for women, and there are many interesting seminars especially for us. We will carpool from the club. Please contact Becky Garvie if you are interested.

I am pleased to announce that Barbara Wilson has volunteered to chair our philanthropy efforts. Thank you, Barbara, for your support. If you'd like to be more involved we are looking for chairs for the archive, roster, scrapbook, dock sale and Friday-night social committees, and we need a photographer. It would be really great to have some new Tarettes step up. Please let me or any of the officers know if you

are interested in one of these chairs.

—Joanie Preusser, president



*Shirley Elder (left) receives her 25-year Tarettes pin from President Joanie Preusser.*



## TARETTES AND TARTANS

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

— Eleven members enjoyed Scottish decorations, heritage stories, a hearty buffet and a talented bagpiper at the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon at Tyee Yacht Club December 8. Wendy Hamal Redding won a beautiful basket. A wonderful festive occasion.

Looking ahead to February, QCYC is sponsoring the next WIC luncheon Thursday, February 2. We need all Tarettes to help support this event by creating table name cards, making gift baskets and/or contributing items for baskets, setting up tables, decorating and cleanup. We also need to recruit some men to help set up tables. Please contact Mary Jo Svendsen, maryjosv@me.com, to let me know how you can help.

The theme for the luncheon is "I Love Island Traveling," with a tropical Caribbean touch. Our speaker, Barbara Wilson, will share a slide presentation on her boat travels to Cuba. It's sure to be an enlightening topic with Cuba now open for U.S. tourists. Cost is \$15. Mail checks made out to Tarettes to Ann Wilbour, 128 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy. N.E., Bellevue, WA 98008.

— *Mary Jo Svendsen,*  
*vice president*

## FIVE NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — I am delighted to introduce you to five women who have recently joined Tarettes. We so appreciate those who value the tradition of the QCYC women's group.

Please welcome Toni

Photos by Joanie Preusser



*Shirley Elder (left) and Debbie Foote celebrate the season at the Tarettes Holiday Mini-Bazaar. Shirley was awarded her 25-year membership pin at the Tarettes meeting following the Bazaar.*



*Mary Jo Svendsen shows off the basket she won at the Women's Interclub Council (WIC) raffle at the group's Past Presidents Luncheon at Tacoma Yacht Club.*

Knickerbocker, who boats on "Mr. Knauti" with her husband, John; Kari Portolese, who has "Oliva," with her husband, Victor; Vicki Pinson and Lisa Snider, who cruise on "By Chance," and Wendy Ritterreiser, who has "Dock Holiday" with her husband, Steve.

Tarettes membership is open to all women of QCYC. Tarettes support Queen City in many

ways and uphold the legacy that has been part of our fellowship since 1943.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about our mission. Dues are complimentary the first year. A membership application form is available for download on the web site.

— *Margaret Krows,*  
*past president and*  
*membership chair*



Fleet captains Dennis and Niki Rampe (back) plan QCYC's January wine-tasting daytrip with Terron and Denise Lindholme (right) and John and Debbie Hieber (left). The tour of several Woodinville wineries will leave the mainstation in buses at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m., Saturday, January 28. (The early return will leave plenty of time for wine-tasters to get back to the club for the Robert Burns Dinner that night.) Chef Willie Williamson will pack a box lunch to complement the wines. The cost for the wine-tasting trip will depend on how many people sign up — the more the cheaper! Sign up in the QCYC website events section.



The board of trustees works to get through with business before the holidays catch up with them. Left to right, Rear Commodore Mark Reed, Vice Commodore John Hieber, Commodore Dave Bedner, Trustee Barry Rutten, Board Chairman Richard Ashleman, Moorage Chair Jeff Madera and trustees Sandra Benson and Pete Delaunay.



Robert Svendsen accompanies the Norwegian Ladies Chorus in a Christmas carol at the Captains Dinner sponsored by the Tarettes December 15.

## GET ME TO THE DOCK (WITH HARDWARE) ON TIME

**D**id you ever wonder where some of that hardware sitting in Queen City's glass cases came from?

Bob Lindal, the regatta power chair, says many of the trophies on display are courtesy of Queen City members who have won local, regional and national awards in predicted log racing events.

And he and other club members who compete in predicted log racing have a plan to help us put the QCYC name on more of the above in the future. They're calling it PLR 101.

Predicted-log racing (PLR) is

an event in which skippers compete with others in figuring in advance the time their boat will cross the finish line of a race course. Wind, waves, currents and lack of talent, of course, can all play havoc with even the most experienced of captains and educated of guesses.

Lindal and other Queen City predicted-log racing participants (the races are also known as cruiser-navigation contests or regattas) are having an introductory how-to-do-it class at 7 p.m. Monday, January 16 at the main-station. Lindal hopes the meeting, which he has dubbed PLR 101, will morph into a mentoring program for club members who'd like to join the fun.

The season, sponsored by the International Power Boat

Association (IPBA) begins January 21, and most of the clubs in the Grand 14 clubs of this region participate. The race, on Lake Washington, usually attracts 20 to 25 boats, according to Ken Klett, a QCYC participant.

If you can't make the class, Lindal says, he needs volunteer race observers, who need no previous PLR experience.

And everyone should check out future issues of the Bilge Pump. Past Commodore Jeff Ewell is taking photos of some of that hardware and will let the rest of us know where it came from, says Rear Commodore Mark Reed.

For more information, get in touch with Bob, 206-938-1577 or [bobl@lindal.com](mailto:bobl@lindal.com).

— Sally Macdonald



Queen City Yacht Club Tarettes invite you to our  
"I Love Island Traveling" WIC Luncheon  
On Thursday, February 2, 2017  
11 AM Social Hour; 12 PM Lunch

Program will feature Barbara Wilson sharing her fabulous stories and photos of traveling by boat to Cuba.

*Queen City Yacht Club*  
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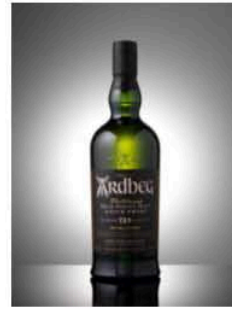
Cost: \$18.00

WIC Board Meeting and Installation of Officers will be held in the same location beginning at 10 AM

Mail list of attendees and check payable to Tarettes by January 26 to:  
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# GIRLS night out



**Calling ALL Ladies, we're doing it again...**

**Thursday, January 12, 2017!**

Enjoy a gourmet dinner and a spectacular variety show  
(just for us gals)! And chauffeured by our fellas!

## ***Here's how it works:***

Meet at QCYC 2nd floor at 4:15PM. Enjoy champagne and snacks during your ticket and car assignments. Our fine male chauffeurs will then deliver us to **THEATRE ZINZANNI** for an evening of glittering theatrical wonderment, all the while enjoying a decadent five-course dinner! Seated on the main floor, we will be surrounded by three hours of riotous comedy, aerial and acrobatic acts; a dizzying alternate reality entitled, "Welcome to Wonderland". In conclusion, about 10-10:30 PM, our chauffeurs will magically reappear and safely whisk us away to QCYC again. We always have a grand time!

Cost is \$112 per person. Beverages and gratuities will be separate. Special diet considerations are to be made at time of reservation. Please submit your check/reservation to Kathleen Lentgis at 1716 30th Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98199. Questions? Contact me at 206-285-7272 or kathleenl@comcast.net. I hope you can join us! It's a great way to make new friends and celebrate each other. Don't miss it!

*-Kathleen "Sistee" Lentgis*



## WALLACE G. MCPHERSON, JR.

1924 – 2016

Past Commodore Wally McPherson was an extraordinarily active member of Queen City Yacht Club in the 1980s through the mid-1990s. He and his wife Mickey combined work on many QCYC club activities (including predicted log races) and events with the other yacht clubs in the Grand 14 with his love of flying.

Wally, who crossed the bar November 23, was born in Monticello, N.Y. on July 15, 1924 to Scottish immigrants. The family moved to Seattle in 1926, where Wally spent the rest of his life.

It seems fitting to begin this eulogy with a report in the 1984 club annual of Wally's introduction to his commodore year, which Wally wrote, referring to himself in the third person, past tense:

"Number 68 on the Queen City Yacht Club roster of commodores, Wally McPherson began boating on Portage Bay with a 12-foot catboat the year the clubhouse was built. Brother Bert built the catboat and a 'flattie' in high school. Both were financed by Wally with money earned caddying and delivering the Seattle Times. Roosevelt High, the U of W, shipyard work and WWII Army Air Corp flying were followed by airline flying in the Philippines, Hawaii and Alaska before returning to Seattle in 1951.

"While in Honolulu, it was International 110 sailboat racing and building a sailboat on Wake Island on layovers that kept him more or less on the straight and narrow. But it was his marriage to Nebraskan FBI girl Mickey (a fingerprint expert with the agency) that brought his life into focus. Their first date was a sailboat race — he needed her for ballast.

"As a young family in Seattle, they became charter members of the Puget Sound Outboard Cruise Club, and won the club's first predicted log race in an 18-foot outboard cruiser. That was a fun craft for them with just daughter Cindy, but when (daughter) Cherie came along, conditions became too crowded. The family turned to tenting and a summer place at Lake Tapps with a succession of ski boats and day-sailers.

"With the girls out of the nest, Wally and Mickey returned to cruising. There wasn't going to be any two-foot-itis for them. They jumped right into the Marimac, a 44-foot Gulfstar. Now a captain with Western Airlines, Wally has been able to have the two worlds he enjoys most — the water and the air. Queen City has become an important part of his life."



After the war, as Wally noted, he continued flying as a commercial airline pilot, first with Philippine Airlines, flying in the South Pacific and to Hawaii. He then flew with Far Eastern Air Transport where he became the airline industry's youngest pilot to become captain at that time. Later he moved back to Seattle to join Pacific Northern Airlines before it became Western and then Delta Airlines. Wally completed his career as a senior captain for Delta. His lifelong passion was flying, and he had many adventures during his 41 years in the cockpit.

Wally met and married Mickey in Honolulu in 1951. They and their daughters enjoyed outdoor adventures while camping, fishing, hiking and skiing. His pastimes included golf, woodworking and tennis, which he continued playing into his early 90s.

He and Mickey enjoyed travels around the world and for many years had a winter home in Palm Desert, Calif.

Wally joined Queen City in 1979 (his sponsor was PC Virgil Fey, a fellow Western pilot). He was regatta chair and a member of the IPBA committee in his second year of membership. The next year he continued contributing enthusiastically as fleet captain and member of the regatta committee. In his fourth year of membership, he was elected rear commodore and took leadership as commodore in 1984. In 1985 he served on the board of trustees and the nominating committee.

In 1988 Wally joined six other members to create the computer committee with the objective of implementing the use of computers at QCYC, remaining on that committee, often as chair, through 1991. Wally wrote the club's first billing software program.

The McPhersons enjoyed predicted log racing and cruising, particularly with the Rindals, Lentgises, Sutherlands and Feys.

Wally is remembered as an old-school gentleman, whose strongest exclamation during times of duress was, "Dirty name!" His wife, daughters, grandchildren and friends knew him as loving, kind and considerate.

Wally is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marie (Mickey); two daughters, Cindy (Tom) and Cherie; five grandchildren, Ryan, Darin, Kelly, Sabrina and Lindsey; two step-grandchildren, Sarah and Laura, and two great grandchildren, McKenzie and William.

— Ken Klett, chaplain

## KARIN MCLEAN

1936 – 2016

Many friends at Queen City Yacht Club remember Karin McLean as an enthusiastic contributor to the club and Tarettes, avid skier and boater, and, as her friend Margaret Krows put it, someone “who gave her all to anything she committed to do.”

Karin, who passed away November 21, was a deeply religious woman whose Christian faith was paramount to her. She volunteered faithfully at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, where she was a lector and part of the eucharistic ministry, visiting sick and homebound parishioners and friends. She was 80.

She was a longtime member of the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron and served a term as SSAPS commander.

Karin joined QCYC in 2001 and became an active contributor over her years in the club as a member of Tarettes and the club’s bartender and nominating committees. She chaired the meeting-night program in 2014-2015. She also was Bill Field’s co-chair for the Special People’s Christmas Cruise and took charge of the meal-ticket sales during Queen City’s Opening Day events for many years.

Nadeane Rutledge, a friend through QCYC, Power Squadron and recreational boating and skiing, said she and Karin became “fast friends from the moment we met” almost 27 years ago.

She will be missed by the ranks of the Crazy Lady Ski Bus skiing friends, a group she helped found.

“She was one gutsy lady, completely undaunted by anything,” Nadeane wrote about her friend, and “was a beautiful fearless skier in spite of her knees.”

Years ago, Karin had plans to ski in Europe, Nadeane noted. “Nothing was going to stop her. She skied into a tree prior to going. No problem, just cover the bruises on her face with makeup and jump on the plane. Her husband of 38 years told her she couldn’t go because it was his busy tax season. She went anyway. Ultimately they divorced.”

Nadeane and her husband Tim enjoyed many ski adventures with Karin.

Once, “after skiing in a five-foot powder dump,” Nadeane remembered, “Karin showed us the joy of hot-tubbing under the stars while it was snowing. We think of her every time we use our hot-tub and gaze at Ursa Major.”

Karin had learned celestial navigation with SSAPS, Nadeane said, and “took sextant sights from the dock at her home on Lake Washington. And marlinespike! Karin was a whiz at knot-tying and taught seminars for SSAPS.”

A fearless sailor, Karin took her 14-foot sailboat out on Lake Washington in almost any weather, Nadeane said.

“Once, after participating in the Opening Day of the Yachting Season boat parade aboard Ray and Eileen Huggins’ J-24 we moored at Karin’s dock. The wind piped up and we decided to take Karin for a rip-snorthing sail. One ripped foresail later . . .”

Karin loved going to Winslow in her boat, “Knot Crazy,” and especially enjoyed opening the crabbing season there and remaining for the QCYC July 4 festivities, Nadeane said. “We were thrilled to have her aboard “Hale Kai” this year. We have cleaned hundreds of crab with



Karin, laughing and (having) a beer or six while doing it.

For many years, Karin and Nadeane chaired the power squadron’s annual salmon barbeque. “From buying the fish, cooking and planning silly games, these events were tons of fun,” Nadeane said. “Karin showed us how to toss caesar salad for 80-plus in a garbage bag, a trick we use regularly.”

The Rutledges “will miss you and raise a glass of Crown Royal to you this year, Karin,”

Nadeane wrote.

Karin’s contributions to Queen City were often through the Tarettes, said Margaret Krows, a former Tarettes president.

Karin and Margaret met soon after Karin joined QCYC as a captain, but got to know each other well through Tarette activities.

“Karin told me that when she joined QCYC it wasn’t easy to get acquainted with other captains,” Margaret wrote. “There were a few other female captains, but she had a difficult time connecting and finding fellowship at the meetings. She had prestigious boating qualifications in her own right, especially through her long association with Power Squadron, but she sometimes felt like a square peg in a round hole.”

Thinking that a better route to making friends was to join the Tarettes, she did so the next year, in 2002, Margaret said.

“In my lifetime I have known a few women who exemplify what I consider a person worthy to be highly praised and valued. Karin was definitely one in that league,” she added. “She had amazing wisdom, the type that could consider a problem situation, evaluate the main issue quickly, articulate and offer a sensible solution.”

Karin was parliamentarian and membership chair of Tarettes and continued the job while Margaret was president in 2014/15.

Margaret had little experience running meetings, she remembers, and Karin sat in the front row and made suggestions on procedural matters. “How I depended on her experience! It was comforting just knowing she was there for moral support.”

The biggest challenge that year was to revise the Tarettes bylaws, Margaret said, and Karin “was vital” to helping make the document more user friendly.

“She loved her boat, family, friends and gave her all to anything she committed to do. I consider it a great honor to have known her and call her my friend,” she said.

As a member of QCYC, Karin owned two boats, the “Hank,” a 20-foot Cobra, and the “Knot Crazy,” a 28-foot Regal, both go-fast boats perfectly in sync with Karin’s lifestyle.

Her survivors include her son Douglas; daughters, Barbara and Mary; three grandchildren, Michael, Robert and Fiona, and a large Italian-Swedish family who will miss her unique spirit and humor.

— Ken Klett, chaplain

*Queen City Yacht Club*

# *Sweetheart Dinner - Dance*



*Saturday, February 11, 2017*

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# *Sailor Stew & Brew*

## **QCYC Friday Night Social!**

**Friday, January 20, 5:30 p.m., Main Station  
\$10 Per person**

Queen City Sailors invite all club members to welcome IPBA racers to our Friday night social 'Sailor Stew & Brew' featuring Willie's special 'sailor stew' and 'brew'  
Bar opens @ 5:30p  
followed by sailor stew, salad, cornbread & dessert.



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## JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> House Committee Meeting 9:00am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Planning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Past Commodores' Cruise In - Winslow Friday Lunch 11:00am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm	<b>7</b> Past Commodores' Cruise In - Winslow Breakfast 9:00am Docks Fun Day 8:30am
<b>8</b> Past Commodores' Cruise In - Winslow	<b>9</b> QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	<b>10</b> House Committee Meeting 9:00am	<b>11</b> Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Mtg Dinner 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm	<b>12</b> QCYC Annual Girls Night Out 4:15pm	<b>13</b> Friday Lunch 11:00am G-14 Winter Cruise-In at Winslow	<b>14</b> Breakfast 9:00am G-14 Winter Cruise-In at Winslow
<b>15</b> G-14 Winter Cruise-In at Winslow Willie Out	<b>16</b> Willie Out Predicted Log Racing Class 7:00pm to 9:00pm	<b>17</b> Willie Out House Committee 9:00am to 11:30am Architectural Advisory Comm. Mtg 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Tarette Board Meeting 5:00pm Tarette Gen Mem. Mtg 7:30pm	<b>19</b> SSPS Dinneer Mtg 5:30pm	<b>20</b> Friday Lunch 11:00am Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Sail Boater's Social 5:30pm	<b>21</b> Breakfast 9:00am QCYC First of Season IPBA Race 8:00am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> House Committee Meeting 9:00am	<b>25</b> Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner 6:00pm Gen. Mtg. & Speaker Series 7:30pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Seattle Boat Show Friday Lunch 11:00am	<b>28</b> Seattle Boat Show Breakfast 9:00am Fleet Captain: Woodinville Wine Tasting 9:00am Robbie Burns Social 5:30pm
<b>29</b> Seattle Boat Show	<b>30</b> Seattle Boat Show	<b>31</b> Seattle Boat Show House Committee Meeting 9:00am				