

'We Three Trees from QCYC Are' – Mainstation Lights Up for the Holiday!

By Commodore Michael Day & Kitt Day
with the QCYC Mystery Poet Laureate

The Christmas elves have gone above and beyond this year. The Clubhouse is decked out in seasonal decorations. Lots to see on all levels. Well done. A huge thanks for everyone that helped. The place looks fantastic. Thanks to all the Santa's helpers who worked over three days

to decorate the Mainstation. The trees were shipped in large cardboard boxes. Thanks to Tim DeCook for flattening the boxes!

*We three trees of Queen City are...
The best festooned, both near and afar...
Wrapped in ribbons, lights, and reindeer...
Topped off with celestial stars... 🌟*



Members Saved Cart From Watery Grave!

By Josh Hoffman
Candid Camera

It was a wayward dock cart submerged on the north side of Dock One that got the attention of Mark Vanderwall and Steve Behen.

Some said the pair saved the "swimming dock cart" – It was like the Running of the

Carts during Closing Day festivities, but less charging and more splashing. Apparently, a gust of wind blew the cart off the dock. Quick thinking members turned a chat session into a boat hook rescue mission to save the wayward dock cart! If you see a wayward dock cart in the water, put on your lifeguard face and save the cart. 🚤



JOIN THE CHET GIBSON LIGHTED BOAT CRUISE!

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 9, 6 P.M. - LAKE UNION
Followed by the Electric Ball & Potluck



QCYC Snowbird Wranglers, Roger & Susie Courson Organize Monthly Gatherings on the 3rd Thursday at Casino Arizona



It's Not Too Late for Willie's Prime Rib & Salmon Buffet at the Captains' Christmas Dinner!

Captains' Holiday Dinner
– Thursday, December 7 –

Sign up online at QueenCity.org. Contact Mary Jo Svendsen as needed with special requests maryjosv@me.com

QCYC SNOWBIRDS' NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 21 - ARRIVE AT 11 A.M.
RSVP to Roger Courson @ rogerdoops@gmail.com or text 206-948-0137

Commodore's REPORT

— No Commodore's Report this Month —
"Covid knocked me flat!"



MICHAEL DAY
COMMODORE

QCYC Member Wins Hardware Times Four – Skipper of the Year!

By Kitt Day
Commodore, First Lady

International Power Boat Association sanctioned cruiser navigation rallies are not a test of speed, they are like road rallies on the water, only as a test of navigational accuracy. Cruiser navigation

rallies serve as practice for navigation skills and satisfy competitive urges in a friendly environment on the water in your boat. QCYC is proud to have an exceptional skipper in our midst.

Commodore Day presented Dave Padgett (QCYC #162) 'Skipper of the Year' honors for the International Power Boating

Association North Sound, for the skipper with the highest score for the racing season. The 'Jerry Bryant Trophy' was rebuilt by P/C Dick Timmerman to add the top levels of the trophy and is made of teak from the USS West Virginia that was sunk in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Our Commodore presented Dave with more

hardware and a place on the Silver Platter for 4th place overall in the International Cruiser Race (ICR) contest. ICR is the premier IPBA race.

Dave Padgett was also awarded the NACA Codrington Trophy for the national highest Best Overall in 5 of the first seven contests. 🚢



Commodore Day and Dave Padgett with the Jerry Bryant Trophy



Commodore Day and Dave Padgett with the ICR Award



Codrington Trophy for Best Overall



Jim Korzetz from Poulsbo and Dave were awarded the Century 21 trophy for winning the 1st overall in that contest



THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

The Annual Chet Gibson Memorial **Lighted Boat Parade**

Saturday December 9th at 6pm
– Lake Union –

All Boaters are Welcome to Participate!

6 knot parade speed • Parade assembles off Gasworks Park
Twice Around Lake Union, then Back to Portage Bay
Stay in Line • Keep the Gap Consistent • Have Fun!

After the Boat Parade,
join us for the
Chet Gibson After Party!
8pm - Bring a Potluck Dessert

Entertainment by QCYC's own




Morrison's
NORTH STAR MARINE

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

PRESENT YOUR QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AND RECEIVE:

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

Contact Dave Morrison if you would like to schedule an oil change, or if you have any questions.

Phone: (206) 284-6600
Fax: (206) 284-6601
morrisonnorthstar@gmail.com

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



Kim Nance
Realtor®

Cell: 480.489.7178
kimnance.az@gmail.com

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

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



QCYC Captain & Arizona Sunshine Specialist

Vice Commodore's **REPORT**

Welcome to December, colder weather and shorter days

By **Doug Genord**
Vice Commodore

Hopefully all of you are looking forward to a festive holiday season. Gail and I celebrated Thanksgiving this year in Arizona. We have had so much to be thankful for this year. Our lives have changed significantly.

At the time of this publication, we just completed our first year with me retired. We have spent more time together this year boating and traveling and to get to know so many of you better. You have heard the saying the more you put into it the more

you get out of it and this has been the case for Gail and me as we proceed with my journey through the club's chairs.

You learned last month about my disappointment with how little some moorage members engage with the club. So many of us who are engaged in this club's activities realize what those members are missing out on. I want to thank everyone who responded to my request last month to hear from you regarding engaging and supporting our club and being a valued member that comes with the benefit of low moorage rates.

Your messages are helping me understand

the diverse opinions on the topic. If you wish to add your thoughts to the subject, please share it with me via email at vicecommadore@queencity.org.

On another topic, I wanted to point out how high our gas utility bill was this past month. We used twice as much gas at the Mainstation as we did last year for a period of comparable weather temperatures and one less day. We are investigating what has contributed to this dramatic change and our primary concern is how often the room thermostats are being adjusted by members. Please let the bridge or club manager know when you believe the club



DOUG GENORD
VICE COMMODORE

with Gail on Kona, Hawaii, for a sun break

facilities are excessively warm. I am asking everyone who believes the thermostats need to be adjusted higher to make sure they are wearing warm clothes and ask a club officer or manager to adjust the thermostat in the event of a club function.

Wishing you all the happiest of holidays. 🌊

ABC's of QCYC Membership - Part 3

By **Val Ohlstrom**
Membership Chair

We hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving and are enjoying the Holiday Season. Our membership remains strong, but there's always room for more. As of 10/31/2023 we had 376 Active, 11 Active Social, 31 Intermediate, 66 Life, and 76 Senior Life Memberships, for a total of 560. Check out the website for the membership and the super-easy to use online application and requirements.

The application process begins by the interested boater contacting the Membership Chair at membership@queencity.org. Prospective members are invited to join us for one of our twice monthly dinner meetings. Willie's dinners never disappoint and may tip the scale to join.

Applicants With Significant Partners

(Not married based on the Laws of the State of Washington)

At QCYC we welcome members who have significant partners. However, when a single person applies to the club, only he or she becomes a Club member, with all the benefits and responsibilities that membership incurs. For full participation in the benefits and responsibilities of the Club for both unmarried partners, we require that each individual join separately. With written agreement from the member, QCYC offers the following benefits to the Significant Partner:

- A complimentary nametag.
- A key card for access to the club docks and buildings.
- A personal log-in for the club's website and Facebook page.

- Significant partners may attend and volunteer for club activities and events. Significant Partners may have access to the club's properties and events through the Member, but they do not receive the full benefits of membership, including:
 - The partner will not receive a membership card.
 - The partner's name will not be on the Member's account unless requested by the Member.
 - The Member will be responsible for charges by their partner to the Member's account,

such as at the Ship's Store or the bar.

- The partner is not eligible to serve on any Standing or Special Club committee, the Bridge or the Board of Trustees, nor to individually chair an event.
- Permanent moorage is granted only to a boat owned wholly by an Active Member(s) and mooring privileges at any club outstations require the member to be aboard.
- The partner is not entitled to continued or survivor membership benefits at the termination of the member's membership. This concludes my series on the ABC's of QCYC Membership. I am always happy to answer membership questions. Val - Membership Chair at membership@queencity.org. 🌊

You're Invited!

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB PRESENTS

Kids Holiday Party

Saturday December 9th
10:30am - 1:00pm

Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces & nephews!
Make Arts & Crafts! • Snacks will be provided!

Magician Entertainment **10:30-11:30am**
Visit with Santa **11:35am-12:30pm**

.....

While not included, consider breakfast with Willie before the party!

Questions? Contact Chris & Julia 206-569-4019

HEY FOLKS

It's Time to Bowl!

Your QCYC Fleet Captains Invite you to strap on those smelly bowling shoes and keep 'em between the gutters at **WEST SEATTLE BOWL**

January 20th 6PM-8PM

Just \$25 per player

(includes 2 hours of play and shoes)

Sign-up is on the New QCYC Fleet Captain Events Page:

<https://www.queencity.org/fleet-captain-events>

Good? Bad?? **UGLY!!**
This is your time to shine and impress all the naysayers!!
Fabulous prizes for the winner AND loser!

Great No Host Food and Drinks from the Highstrike Pub! wsbowl.com

Time to move?!

Call Bill Reid

206-852-6293

Since 1984 WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE This office is independently owned and operated

PACIFIC FIBERGLASS, INC.

Haulouts, Repair, Rejuvenation
(206) 789-4690

Fiberglass is just the Beginning

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

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

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

Girls Just Want to Have a Fun Night Out!

By Kathleen Lentgis
206-947-1516 or kathleen@comcast.net

Save February 29 for our annual 'Girl's Night Out' to have some fun! This year we are going to Dimitriou's Jazz Alley. Join us for a soul-infused performance by vocalist, Kandace Springs, backed

by her ace all-female rhythm section. The cost is \$48, plus dinner & cocktails. Reserve your spot by sending a \$48 check payable to Kathleen Lentgis, 1716 30th Ave West - Seattle, WA 98199. 🚢

Girls Night Out with Vocalist, Kandace Springs



The Queen City Yacht Club Fleet Captains Leavenworth Land Cruise Review



2023 QCYC Fleet Land Cruisers



Fleet Co-Captain Brian Presser with Cruisers Rocked the Icicle Brewery



Co-Fleet Captain, Brian Presser, Takes Aim at the Land Cruisers Leavenworth Mini-Golf Tournament



Fleet Captains' Land Cruise Lit up Leavenworth

Trusted, Personal Driver. 206.999.2848



Scotty Lee Wilson
TEAM ME UP SCOTTY
Transportation

Where's Scotty?

He was called North to team up with Santa. But he'll be back in the Happy New Year! Thanks To All of the wonderful riders I've had the pleasure to drive this year. I look forward to serving you again in 2024.



Gabel's
Refinishing & Upholstery
Restoring furniture is our passion. Please call us for an appointment.
(206) 784-2305 • 344 NW 85th, Seattle
www.gabelsrefinishing.com



GALLERY MARINE ENGINE
On Seattle's Lake Union Since 1983

- Westerbeke Engines & Generators
- Universal Engines
- Ford Lehman
- Hino
- Yanmar
- Crusader
- Cummins
- Marine Power
- Complete engine room service on Gas & Diesel Engines
- 50' Dry Dock for Shaft and Prop Repairs
- Electrical Repairs & Upgrades
- Repower or Rebuild
- Our dock or yours

717 NE Northlake Way
Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 547-2477
office@gallerymarine.com

YACHT PERFORMANCE CENTER

Under new ownership but still dedicated to working our customers with making every day on the water trouble free.

References & Photos Available

Haul Outs with Elevator Lift • Bottom Painting • Electronics Rigging Specialist
Repower • Merc Cruisers • Volvo and Crusader • Fuel Injection

915 N.E. Boat Street
Seattle
Office: 206-633-1195



Tarettes BINGO Raises \$1,100+ for Forgotten Children's Fund!



Thanks to Willie & Peg for Pizza Excellence

By **Debbie Foote**
Tarettes Past President/Board Member

Bingo, Pizza, and Great Friends, what more could you want? Thank you all for coming, We raised more than \$1,100 for the Forgotten Children's Fund! You are all awesome! I want to thank everyone who turned out to play Bingo and have some awesome pizza! It made my heart leap for joy to see all of you and we raised an amazing amount of money to donate to the Forgotten Children's Fund. And we raised an amazing amount of money to donate to the Forgotten Children's Fund. You have proven again that the members of QCYC can give to a great charity! 🚢



Gordy Foote Keeps Score While Mark Vanderwall Calls the Numbers



Full House on the Second Deck for Bingo, Pizza & Fun

Rule Violations for Do-It-Yourself Cleats in the Mainstation Marina

By **The Docks Committee**

On or around November 1, winds of up to 40 mph pummeled the Queen City Marina on Portage Bay. Historically, these are the moments where weak spots in the infrastructure make themselves known. On this occasion, two boats in the side-tie 400 slips were imperiled by the failure of a cleat.

A member called to report, "My boat and the boat behind me were tied up on the same cleat. The wind was rocking both of our boats, and that cleat ripped completely loose!" Before the Docks Committee member taking the phone call could respond, the caller continued, "I mean it totally pulled out! The lag bolts are just laying there on the dock!" "Lag bolts" while the actual problem remained to



Commodore Day removes unauthorized "cleats" from Mainstation marina.

be solved- the cause of the problem was apparent. Queen City Yacht Club does not install cleats with lag bolts. When the Docks Committee installs a cleat, it is through-bolted through the stringer, using steel bolts about 16 inches long. Rule 2:08, reads in part "No alterations or changes shall be made to any of the club's facilities without the prior approval of the Docks Committee." Despite this, it isn't uncommon for members to pick up a cheap cleat at Fisheries and a couple of three-inch lag bolts and "customize" the moorage hardware in an assigned slip.

While it may seem tempting to customize "your slip" to conform to the mooring apparatus more perfectly on "your boat," that's not something the Docks Committee is going to approve. Drilling or driving holes into the main or finger piers creates additional opportunities for water to penetrate the structure. Water creates rot. None of us owns our individual slips, and it isn't uncommon for members to move from one slip to another, perhaps several times, during the years they belong to Queen City Yacht Club. Modifications that Boater X installed to suit his Pile

knocker 38 might be totally unsuitable when Boater Y eventually moves into that slip with a Wakemaker 40. If Boater Y removes the extra cleats installed by Boater X, and then adds some more of his own in different locations, soon our stringers have more holes than an old pincushion. But worst of all, as we see in this incident from the early November windstorm, a DIY cleat secured with a

couple of lag bolts may *not* hold when it really needs to do so.

In addition, when Boater X turns the slip over to Boater Y, Boater Y has no reason to know that Boater X did a quick and dirty installation. Boater Y just might assume that all the cleats in his slip are equally sound and secure, and that's really not the case. Tempted to just add an extra cleat or two to your slip to make tie-ups easier? Please don't. Not only is that not permitted by the club rules, but it damages our marina structures and increases the risk of any vessel relying on a DIY cleat rather than a properly through-bolted cleat supplied by the club. 🚢

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL

PACIFIC NORTHWEST YACHT CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION

Gala & Auction

BENEFITTING THE

Forgotten Children's Fund

DECEMBER 6TH, 2023 | 5:30 - 9:30PM
QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB
2608 BOYER AVE E ~ SEATTLE WA

TICKETS \$125 PER PERSON
SIGN UP EARLY AND SUPPORT THE CHILDREN!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR DONATE TODAY](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
PNWCAPTAINSAUCTIONFORFCF@HOTMAIL.COM



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

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

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

YOUR REAL ESTATE CONCIERGE

scott macrae COLDWELL BANKER BAIN

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

Andy Gerde -
Your knowledgeable and reliable yacht broker.

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

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

UNITED YACHT SALES

Rear Commodore's **REPORT**

Volunteer for Events to Meet New Friends & Support Our Club

By **Doug Wadden**
Rear Commodore

The Christmas trees are up at the Club, thanks to many volunteers and the holiday events are fast approaching. December kicks off with the Seafair Holiday Cruise, thanks to the efforts of membership chair Val Ohlstrom.

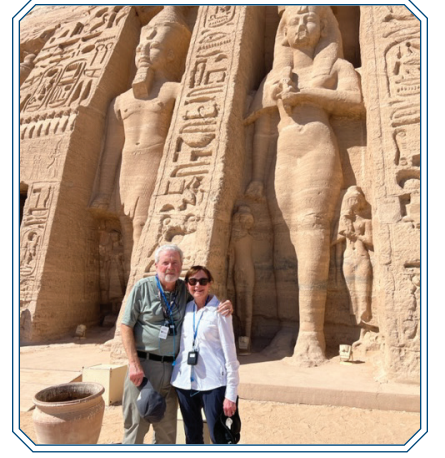
Then you have the opportunity to attend the Tarettes Captains' Dinner, with proceeds from the Dessert Dash going to the Boyer Children's Clinic. Or get aboard the Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade, started by a member of Queen City in the 1940's, followed by the Electric Christmas Ball, and everyone is invited to the Children's Holiday Party. That means you have several opportunities to bring family, boating

friends, neighbors and new acquaintances to the Club and extend the season's cheer.

All of this requires volunteers to make it successful. Hopefully you will be able to attend many of the events, along with volunteering, whether it is in January or February, at the Seattle Boat Show or the spring grounds clean up, or the Pride of Queen City, which prepares for Opening Week festivities. In all of these endeavors you have members chairing committees that you can contact, such as Susan Rebello and Kaye Brunson, Wendy Delaunay, Chuck Gould, Ron Stevenson and Eric Lindbeck or Gordy Foote, Sandy Smith or Julia and Chris Ramos and they would welcome your support and involvement.

Every organization needs new members, and as we see members retire from boating

or move away from the Pacific Northwest, we need to introduce the next generation of boaters to the Queen City Yacht Club. Many of them are new to the Northwest, as well as the growing number of new boat owners who would benefit from the experience of a seasoned cruising community who are generous in sharing their knowledge. Make an effort to invite potential new members to the Club for lunch or an event. Share the calendar of events with them, from the Fleet Captain's cruises to educational presentations, holiday celebrations and themed parties, such as Robert Burns Night, Agave Madness, The Queen City Bowling Tournament, St. Patrick's Day Cruise, the Junior Officers Ball or the Open House in March. Every month there is something happening at the club in addition to the



DOUG WADDEN
REAR COMMODORE
and Margi in February

twice-monthly member dinner meetings and the standing Friday lunches.

Find the time to attend or volunteer in whatever capacity suits you or your first mate, from party planning and decorating, to dock maintenance, gardening, power washing, electrical work, kitchen help or staffing the bar. It keeps the Club affordable, lively and accessible to the membership year round. 🚤

Active QCYC Member, Carolyn Elbon, Passes Peacefully

By **Ken Klett**
Chaplain

Carolyn Elbon passed away peacefully on October 8th surrounded by family in her home at Emerald Heights retirement community where she and Marv lived. She was born in 1935 in North Bend, Oregon and grew up there, graduating from North Bend High School.

Carolyn attended Oregon State University, belonged to the Delta Zeta sorority, and majored in home economics education. In her sophomore year she met Marv, and they married in December 1956. They spent two years living in Taiwan while Marv was in the Air Force. Their oldest child, Debbie, was born there in a military hospital.

Carolyn raised two children, Debbie & Jeff, and worked as a Camp Fire Girls leader and at the Seattle Camp Fire Girls office. Carolyn also worked as an office manager at an interior design firm and as a secretary for the Bellevue School District. Carolyn enjoyed needlepointing, quilting, knitting and even did some tole painting and cake decorating.

Her adult children remember her as a stay-at-home mom, until later in life, who instilled in them core family values and who taught them about a lot of practical things they would need to function as adults that we all need to learn! They could always rely on her in good and bad times and knew she cared about them in all situations. Her children & grandchildren adored her. She was supportive and interested in all of her kid's activities. She left them with a legacy of caring for others and the importance of lasting friendships.



Carolyn Elbon 1935-2023

Carolyn was one of those people who was very caring and made steadfast friendships that lasted a lifetime. Her kids often would develop lifetime friends with Carolyn's friend's kids! She enjoyed boating prior to and during their QCYC membership after they joined in 1997. She immediately joined the Tarettes and enjoyed the meetings, often volunteering, and WIC luncheons. Marv and she enjoyed many club social functions;

Friday Lunches, log racing burger bashes, IPBA Awards Dinners and dock parties when out cruising. She was a very smart woman and had an amazing memory. When moored at a marina or at anchor, she would gaze out into the channel and remark, "Oh, there goes a Bayliner 45 such-&-such" or "there goes a Tolly such-&-such" - she could identify whatever boat that was going by! Not only smart,

Carolyn was one of those special people you meet in life that have common sense and wisdom. (Chaplain's Note: We have known Marv and Carolyn since the early 60s but were privileged to become best friends when Marv and I retired from Boeing. We traveled together to Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, Arizona, Oregon and cruised together in the San Juans, Gulf Islands and up into Desolation Sound and the Broughton Archipelago -

Carolyn enjoyed every minute and often

developing our itineraries. She participated with Marv in Log Racing and was so proud of him.) She spent almost four months in Hospice care but was at peace the entire time because she was a devout Christian and knew she would be spending eternity with Jesus. She actually looked forward to her passing. Anyone who ever knew her will miss her very much. Carolyn is survived by her husband Marv; daughter Debbie, son Jeff; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. 🚤

Gifted Mechanical Engineer, Peter Lange, Crosses the Bar for the Last Time

By **Ken Klett**
Chaplain

Peter Lange, our great engineer, machinist, and inventor, crossed the bar for the last time on Aug 13th at 90 years old. He was member #333 when he passed. Born in Aue near Dresden, Germany, he was raised by his mother Edith Lange nee Zeidler, and Dr. Kurt Lange. His father trained with the famous surgeon Prof. Sauerbruch in Munich, headed the Aue hospital, and from 1945 until his death in 1950 practiced in Davos, Switzerland. For the twelve-year-old Peter the move from Aue to Switzerland was traumatic. At 17 he lost his beloved father. He started working early and got his master's degree in mechanical engineering in evening college in Zurich.

In 1960 he emigrated to the US with his Austrian wife Hilda and her daughter Sonja. Peter was an immensely gifted engineer who worked for Boeing, the US Navy, General Electric, Alaskan Copper, and not least his friends, owned many patents and the company "Lange Design." Hilda died in 2011 and in 2014 Laura Bloice became Peter's companion, until she passed away in 2020.

Peter regarded his life in Seattle as the American dream come true, working hard, sailing all over the Pacific Northwest and living modestly. He owed his success to integrity, dependability, and a unique sense of humor. He loved making friends, and he made them easily - human, canine, and even avian. He didn't suffer fools gladly. Pete was well loved by his West Seattle neighbors and many other friends.

His most notable boating experience was in 1990, being run down by a freighter in



Peter Lange 1932-2023

the dead of night off San Francisco Bay, sinking his sailboat within 5 minutes. Amazingly, Peter was able to launch his dinghy saving the entire crew of 5 with no serious injuries! Peter joined Queen City in 2014 and is remembered very fondly as "one of the good guys," a happy, soft spoken and interesting man who was always eager to help fellow members fix their boats. He was an excellent machinist and, as an example, he designed and machined some clever fasteners for our upper deck galley door porthole for Bob Prestebak's crew when they remodeled the galley area.

Peter told his friends that he had found a "home" at QCYC and responded by being helpful for all things mechanical for the club. Just 3 months ago, Peter was up on the clubhouse roof cleaning one of our webcam lenses at age 90! He built his own 34-foot sailboat the "Cygnus" that he sailed through the San Juans, Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound and on up to the Broughtons. 🚤



M7 ENGINEERING

PROVIDING 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN
THE MARINE INDUSTRY

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



MIGUEL SUAREZ

(206) 717-5752

WWW.M7ENGINEERING.COM



Friends, Fun & Fellowship **Tarettes**

Captains' Christmas Dinner & More!



WENDY DELAUNAY
TARETTES PRESIDENT

By Wendy DeLaunay
Tarettes President /
QCYC Women's Auxiliary

The Captains' Christmas Dinner is always a well-attended tradition of QCYC, presented by The Tarettes on Thursday, December 7th (see flyer). Beginning with a 5:30 p.m. reception followed by Willie and Peg's outstanding salmon and prime rib buffet! Our own house band, "Desolation Sounds," will entertain us with holiday music. New this year is a 'Desert Dash.' Proceeds will go to Boyer Children's Clinic. Sign up today for a delicious dinner followed by some holiday cheer. Sign-up is on the website

@ \$42 per person by December 3. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. If you would like to help at the dinner! Contact Mary Jo Svendsen at maryjosv@me.com. or 206.304.6842.

You may still donate gift cards from Target, Safeway, and/or Fred Meyer for Boyer Childrens Clinic.

Tarettes Upcoming -- Join our monthly Craft & Chat with friends on December 5th. Join the Tarettes Book Club on Zoom December 11. Join us for the WIC Luncheon on December 12th at the Day Island Yacht Club. See flyers for additional information.

Special shout out to Debbie Foote, Tarettes Secretary, Past President & #28 Sr. Life QCYC member, along with Gordy Foote, and number



Wendy joins the Book Club meeting on Zoom

caller, Mark Vanderwall, for making the BINGO night a huge success raising money for the "Forgotten Children's Fund." Thank you, Diane Prestebak who heads our Sunshine Committee and mailed a Get-Well Card to Mark Stevens. Thank you to Margaret Krows for making cookies for the members who work to check the docks and electrical.

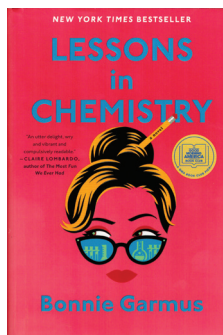
We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 🎄

QCYC TARETTES

Zoom Book Club Dec 11, 2023 @ 7 PM

"Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus

For more info, contact Kimberlee Campbell
kimcamp5000@gmail.com 206-200-0848



QCYC TARETTES

Crafts & Chat

Tuesday, Dec 5v • 10am-1pm
QCYC Clubhouse - 2nd Floor

Bring a brown bag lunch & your current project to work on while visiting with other members.

Crochet, Knit, Jewelry, Art and More!
Beginners are encouraged to join!

Contact Margaret Krows 206-999-1374




\$42
PER PERSON

Tarettes Invite All Members to Captains' Holiday Dinner

– Thursday, December 7 –

- 5:30 PM - Happy Hour & Appetizers
- 6:30 PM - Sumptuous Buffet
- 7:30 PM - Christmas Music by Desolation Sounds

Sign up online at QueenCity.org. Contact Mary Jo Svendsen as needed with special requests maryjosv@me.com

We are supporting Boyer Children's Clinic. This year we are having a dessert dash. You may still bring a gift card from Target, Walmart, Safeway or Fred Meyer to donate.



Featuring
Chef Willie Williamson



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



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



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

RECIPROCAL CLUBS WANTED!

SEND NAME OF RECIPROCAL CLUB & CONTACT TO
JIMI CHEVIGNY, QCYC RECIPROCAL CLUB CHAIR
CHEVIGNY@COMCAST.NET

A Yacht Is As Good As Its Systems

- AC & DC Electrical
- Electronics
- Watermakers
- Heating Systems
- Custom Woodwork

EMERALD HARBOR MARINE
VESSEL SYSTEMS & SERVICES
(206) 285-3632 • emharbor.com

Auto Home Yacht Business Life

INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP
Helping People Make Great Choices
Dean Lentgis • Trevor Campbell

Safeco Insurance
TRAVELERS

206.283.1000 | www.InsuranceServicesGroup.com



TIMBERLANE
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS

Dave Enslow
cell: 253-221-6398
www.timberlanepartners.com



Sheri Henrikson
LICENSED INSURANCE AGENT
(206) 890-9457
shen@medicare-journey.com
www.medicare-journey.com

TAKE YOUR Medicare Journey WITH ME

Willie Williamson
Queen City Yacht Club Chef
2608 Boyer Ave E
Seattle, WA 98102
253-632-5303

More than Catering
it's cooking for friends
www.queencity.org
williewj@comcast.net



Christmas at Queen City Yacht Club

By The Queen City Yacht Club Poet Laureate

'Twas the night before Christmas
 And all 'round Queen City
 It was still, it was dark, very quiet and pretty.
 The wind crept stealthily round like a cat
 Leaving nary a ripple to reveal where 'twas at.
 The members were mostly gone home to their beds,
 Dreams of last summer's cruising replayed in their heads.
 One late night stay-aboard, pooch on a leash
 Scurried quick 'round the parking lot and tried to not freeze.
 But that silence was busted, tranquility trashed
 When a voice from the blackness called out "Help," and then? Splash!
 The member raced down the dock in a fury
 If somebody fell in, they'd need help in a hurry.
 It was then they discovered, sinking just past the U,
 A sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too!
 Treading water, eight reindeer, disgusted and wet
 Realized this was Santa's worst docking job yet.
 The crash landing rinsed out the ashes and soot

But Santa's red suit was soaked through, head to foot.
 Hauled out by the member, who then boat-hooked the sleigh
 Saint Nicholas griped, "This just ain't been my day."
 "Should have shot for the chimney, as I've done years before
 When I stopped by with a gift for your fine Commodore.
 My error it seems, that created this mess
 Was wiring my sled with a bad GPS"

The Queen City member, sorry to hear it,
 Was then overcome with the true Christmas spirit
 "It's late, and I'm tired, and was headed for bed,
 But I guess I'll stay up and help bail out your sled"
 With a bucket and pump, working lively and quick
 In just several minutes they refloated Saint Nick.
 The reindeer approached and were rigged into place
 Saint Nick lit his pipe and took off into space.
 The member then noticed, wrapped up with a bow
 Their favorite beverage and a note reading so:
 "Thanks for the help, please enjoy this good cheer.
 'Cause what goes around comes around. Least once a year." 🦋

THE **BILGE PUMP**

QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commodore
Michael Day

Vice Commodore
Doug Genord

Rear Commodore
Doug Wadden

Secretary
Eric Wood

Treasurer
Ray Rebello

Office Manager
Audrey Roche

THE **BILGE PUMP** PRINT & ONLINE

Editor
Pete DeLaunay

Copy Editors
Margaret Krows & Marcia Bailey

Advertising
John Steckler & Brian Elert

Advertising Production
Kurt Hoehne
 MEADOW POINT PUBLISHING

Photography Editor
Wendy DeLaunay

Designer
Casey Auvé
 AUVE INK



Thanks to Bilge Pump Photo Contributors

Wendy DeLaunay, David Ulfers,
 Commodore Michael & Kitt Day,
 Gordy & Debbie Foote,
 Evie Aguilar Knoke, Brian Presser

DECEMBER EVENTS

VISIT QUEENCITY.ORG FOR UPDATED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 26 Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30-6:30pm | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 R. Lee Private Event | 1 Friday Lunch 11am-1pm Ship's Store Open 11am-1pm | 2 Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Vessel Electric Safety Inspection 9am-12pm Wise Private Event |
| 3 Seafair Holiday Cruise Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30-6:30pm | 4 | 5 Crafts & Chat 10am-1pm Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm | 6 Ship's Store Open 5-7pm Sethmann Private Event | 7 Happy Hanukkah! Fire Safety Inspection 9am Captains' Holiday Dinner 5:30pm | 8 Friday Lunch 11am-1pm | 9 Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Docks Fun Day 9am-12pm Kids Holiday Party 10:30am-1pm Lighted Boat Parade 6pm Electric Christmas Ball 8pm |
| 10 | 11 QCYC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom Book Club 7pm | 12 QCYC Past Commodore Holiday Dinner | 13 Regular Member Meeting w/Dinner & the Annual Ugly Sweater Contest 7:30pm | 14 | 15 Friday Lunch 11am-1pm Ship's Store Open 11am-1pm | 16 Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Ramos Private Event |
| 17 Svendsen Private Event | 18 Pat Grimm Private Event | 19 DeLaunay Private Event | 20 | 21 | 22 Friday Lunch 11am-1pm | 23 Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am |
| 24 | 25 Merry Christmas! | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Friday Lunch 11am-1pm Ship's Store Open 11am-1pm | 30 Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am |
| 31 | | | | | | |