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COMMODORE BILL MCGILLIN

✦ COMMODORE'S COMMENTS ✦

Busy Schedule

We are already into a busy year. In February we have the Sweetheart's Dinner chaired by Stephanie and Bob Marcelynas, a grounds work party at the main-station, racing at the Heavy Weather Race at

Bremerton and the always quirky Queen City Players' skit and we can look forward to the St. Patrick's Day cruise in March. There are opportunities to have fun and be involved at every turn in this club because our members step up and participate. Why don't you join in the fun too?

New QCYC Website

Kyle Bixby has developed an all new QCYC website. At the March 12 General Membership meeting, Kyle Bixby will demonstrate the new website. From what he has told me, the new site will be a quantum leap forward in content, presentation and navigation. I hope you will come find out what it's all about.

Speaking of the QCYC website, it is the best and most current source of information about our club, its events and moorage information among other things. The most current edition of the Bilge Pump is available online as well as the PDF

file you can download and print, it is exactly like the one you receive through the mail. The one online is usually available two weeks before it shows up in the mail. There were a couple of minor errors in the January calendar in the printed edition caused apparently by a glitch in the way the printer pulls the calendar from our website. Kyle is on that though.

Technology

Chairman Craig Ranta has equipped our outstation with a wireless microphone system. He and his committee (John Rogers, Dick Geving and Steve Farber) are fast closing in on replacing the mainstation's notorious security computer with one that will be more flexible and less problem-prone as well as getting our Treasurer a more modern system.

AAC

The AAC has reconvened for the year and the committee held its first

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HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2008

2 Feb.	Tacoma Commodore Ball
2 & 4 Feb.	QCYC Dock Inspection Project
8 Feb.	Sweetheart Dinner
9 Feb.	Mainstation Winter Grnds Cleanup
16 & 17 Feb.	Bremerton Heavy Weather Race
23 Feb.	Gig Harbor JO Ball

meeting January 14. Bob Hutnik is the Chairman and has a good committee. As you know if you have followed this publication over the past months, the AAC is a committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, to advise the Board and Bridge regarding proposals which would make permanent changes to the club facilities. The Bridge then proposes projects to the Board as part of the budget process. Projects and changes underway or under consideration include a new main entryway with a nautical theme and a board/meetings room on the third deck at the mainstation.

Congratulations and Thanks

Belatedly, congratulations to Kent and Carol Soffel who were honored by the Argosy Christmas Ships cruise with an award for the best decorated boat (Windy I) of the season. If you didn't see their boat you really missed something. Thanks to Scott and Tracy McPhee for chairing Martini Madness. You took on a tough event and we know how much time you volunteered to your club. I know that all of the other members who are truly club-focused appreciate all that you and your volunteers did on this event.

Voting by Mail

In a past column, I asked members for comments on whether the club should consider amending the bylaws to permit voting by mail. I did receive some feedback. One member wrote:

"I've concluded that in earlier times more of the Club's membership, could (for various reasons) be counted on to actively participate in Club matters and voting might have been representative."

That certainly resonates but raises questions as well. Once upon a time everyone stayed pretty much in

their own community and their recreation time was spent with their close friends and families. The perception some members share is that in days past, the yacht club was more of a focus for our members and that recreation revolved around club activities around our boats. Today it seems our members are less connected locally and that they have myriad choices for recreation. Some "snowbird" to sunny climes in the winter while others live and work at such distance from the club such that attendance at club meetings becomes impossible.

Should only members who can attend the meetings make the decision for all? Conversely, should the voice of members who are not here, actively involved and attending meetings control the course of the club?

Finally

Thank you to all of the members of this club who have shown your support by showing up at events and volunteering your time. You truly understand the meaning of the term 'club' and you are a positive force in our midst. For members who have not been involved of late, try making it to a meeting or an event and reconnect with your club.

Bill McGillin
Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

February is when I start to see the first signs of spring and that always prompts me to start making a list of projects that I want to accomplish before the upcoming boating season arrives. This applies to our own boat, which these days never seems to gets much attention, as well as projects around the Mainstation and Outstation. Currently,

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the most important project happening is the docks inspection program, in which the winter time phase is nearing completion. With our docks being nearly fifty years old, it is critical to plot a course that ensures that the structural integrity remains sound. Most of our docks can only be inspected during low water periods (October to March) and as you can easily imagine, this is probably the worst time of year for anyone to be floating around under a dock, cold and wet, looking for those deficiencies. My hat goes off to Art Mauldin and Richard Frisch for heading up this project, and for all those members who have given up their weekends to do the actual inspection work. Thanks you!

Two things to note about the Outstation at Winslow; With Peter Anderson's tutelage, the new galley equipment was installed in late January, and mark your calendars for the April 6th Outstation work party. Not only is it a fun time, it always amazes me how much our members accomplish in one day. While you have your calendars out, mark April 26th, which is the date of this year's "Pride of Queen City". Your continued support of this event is appreciated. I would like to conclude this article with thanking Commodore McGillin for his leadership and the help he has given me this year. There is a lot to manage in the Vice Commodore year, and his support has been invaluable. Also, I would like to thank Rear Commodore Ed Jennerich for all he has accomplished. It is wonderful to be part of such a great team.

Dale Roberts
Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

With the Holidays behind us (and hopefully the worst of the weather), it's time to start thinking about getting the Club and our boats ready for Spring. It's hard to believe there's only 3 months until Opening Day!

GROUNDS:

There will be a Winter Grounds Clean-up on February 9th. We'll be working on gardening projects as well as initial construction of the dumpster enclosures. Additional information can be found elsewhere in this issue or you can contact Linda Roehl, Grounds Chair, at ljroehl58@hotmail.com for further information. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the Club and make new friends at the same time. I'd particularly like to encourage our newer members to come and join in the camaraderie. QCYC has a long history of member volunteerism—let's keep the tradition alive. With enough volunteers, we should be able to finish around noon and -- we'll provide lunch. What a deal!

SECURITY:

We're in the final stages of upgrading our computer hardware for the security system and it should be installed by the time you read

this. Thanks to Dick Geving and Craig Ranta for their work on this project. On a more troubling note, we've also had some recent incidents of property vandalism at the Club. The Bridge is looking at additional ways to enhance our security and we're asking members to be increasingly vigilant around the club and report any suspicious behavior to the Rear Commodore.

MEMBERSHIP:

Mark LaFontaine, Membership Chair, has started the year off in grand style but he needs our help. We still need approximately 35 more members to be at our full compliment. So let's each of us make a commitment to go out and ask our boating friends and acquaintances to become fellow members of QCYC. We can do it—all we need to do is ask! Let's not keep QCYC a secret. Remember—the #1 reason people don't join organizations is because nobody asks them to join.

I've had the opportunity to meet with the Jr. Boating Committee chaired by Tim Rutledge and we're exploring ways to form a stronger linkage between the Jr. Boating program and Club membership. You can help Tim, his committee, and the Club by getting the word out about this excellent program (see the Jr. Boating page on our

website www.queencity.org). Obviously, the Jr. Boating participants are too young to join but we may be able to use this as a means of attracting their parents to become members.

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Rear Commodore

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We already had a great start as sun-starved club members and their friends attended the Luau at the start of December. Snow came down like a blizzard though you wouldn't know it looking inside at all the palm trees and warm spirits. You can't beat the coconuts in this group. Many thanks to new member Captain Tony Stempak for all the great decorations. Jess Hill and his crack team of bartenders helped serve, in addition to the usual fare, his version of Kickapoo Joy Juice - a strong resemblance to his Closing Day "Cruisers". Willie roasted the pig and served a tremendous Polynesian cuisine. Meanwhile the University of Hawaii roasted the Huskies and made poi out of Willingham's Dawgs.

Captain Larry Dubia and his lovely wife Dorothy led the curious through the Maritime Museum and a tour of an icebreaker. If you missed this event, contact Larry and I'm sure he can get you into see the Museum. Thanks Larry. Happy New Year, Captains and families! We're heading to a busy season of cruises and fun get-togethers. Here is the 2008 Fleet calendar as it stands. I'm always looking for help and suggestions so if you have some input for the forthcoming events please contact me at paul@grimm.com ...

2008

December 15th - Over land "Cruise" to Concrete, WA and Vintage Airplanes

January 19th - Silly Chili Willie Nillie Cookoff at UW dock

February 15th - 17th Bremerton Heavy Weather Cruise

March 14th - 15th - St. Patrick's Day Weekend & Poker Run

April 18th & 19th - Daffodil Festival Cruise

May - June Stew Crew and Poker Run?

June 27th - 29th - BYC Big Brothers Cruise

July (Mid month) - Seattle Seafair Clown Arrival? Romp with the Clowns as they harass the Seattle Seafair Pirates guns a-blazin'!

August - San Juan/Gulf Island Summer Cruise - August 8th - 17th

September - Closing Day - September 27th, 2008

Cruise well, live well.
F/C Paul Grimm

OUTSTATION REPORT

Just when I think I won't have anything to write about, stuff happens!

We left on December 21st for the San Juans and points north to spend the Holidays with family in Bellingham and cruise a bit. (Mother Nature kept things interesting with high winds now and then, but other than a lot of salt spray, we have no "big sea" stories.) We stopped in Deer Harbor on our way back and enjoyed the "other" outstation as 40 knots of winds blew from the south. It was nice being tied to a dock!

When we returned to Bainbridge Island, we found a party underway. Nine boats had come over to spend New Year's Eve and welcome the New Year. We "crashed" the party and enjoyed some great beer can chicken, macaroni and cheese, salad and dessert. Apparently the party

wasn't planned - it just happened. I'm not sure how many of us stayed up late enough to actually welcome in the New Year, though. (Remember when your parents couldn't get you to go to bed? Now we can't even stay up late enough to celebrate New Years Eve...)

Another surprise one weekday was a nice addition to the Outstation - two new wireless microphones. Craig Ranta made a special trip out here to install a new system, and left instructions about how to use them. (The old microphone wasn't reliable, and kept the speaker tethered by its cord.)

Think about how loud Jess will be now!

Barb Wood



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the time of this writing, two new members are scheduled to be initiated into Queen City Yacht Club at the Jan 9th meeting. They are Capt. Ryan Garvie, son of Capt. Randy Garvie, also his sponsor, and Stephen D. Jones, sponsored by Commodore Bill McGillan. Congratulations! A warm QCYC welcome to both of you! Please plan on attending a future event or Friday Lunch soon and meet some the members of your new yacht club. Let's all keep a look out for these folks and show them around. Many thanks to the sponsors! There are now nineteen sponsor names eligible for the Lottery Drawing.

We have memberships open, and NO waiting! The current total is now 367 active members, 33 shy of our elusive goal. Keep the "heat-on" new prospects you may be talking to, and, we will do our best to get them into the membership process well before Opening Day and the start of the Summer season. Remember the number one reason people do not join organizations? That's right, no-one asked them to!

We will be participating in a new opportunity to publicize the Club at the annual Seattle Boat Show. The NMTA (Northwest Marine Trade Association) has offered free display space to set up brochures in a mini booth at no charge to area Yacht Clubs. The display area is to be located upstairs at Qwest Field, in one of the lounge areas. We'll see how this works, and if a few new member prospects are identified, it will be well worth the nominal expense of handing out Club Brochures. New new member prospects are identified, it will be well worth the

nominal expense of handing out Club Brochures.

Details are not finalized at this time, so more later...

Keep Recruiting!

Mark LaFontaine
Membership

REGATTA REPORT

Bremerton YC Heavy Weather
Race Feb 16/17

Meydenbauer YC Boomerang
Race Mar 1

Novice and Old Timer's Race
Mar 14 - 16

THE JIM-DANDY REPORT

The coat closet on the 2nd floor still has coats and jackets left from 2007. Please check your boats and closet for any missing coats or jackets. If they are not claimed by Feb 29 2008 the mention items will be donated to goodwill.

Would like to thank the following for there help in putting together the canvas on the railing on Boyer Ave. entrance. Jerry Zuvich, Gary Stone, Rons upholstery and Tim Rutledge. The phone that is next to the office, an extra phone cord has been added for the convinced of Capitan's using the internet.

HOUSE
JIM DAMERY

WINTER GROUNDS CLEAN UP!

Even though it's not Spring, there is always work to do to keep our grounds looking at its best. Mark your calendar for February 9 for our Winter Grounds Clean Up from 9am-noon. A 'To Do' list will be posted by the fresh coffee in the morning of the 9th so pick your spot and have at it. Willie will provide yet another fabulous lunch for us. Questions? Contact me at 425-894-8624 or ljroehl58@hotmail.com

See you all there!
Linda Roehl

BOYER CHILDREN'S CLINIC

On November 24 we hosted an event featuring a meal consisting of baked potato & salad for \$10.00 per person at Queen City Yacht Club; with all proceeds going to support the Boyer Children's Clinic. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with their work, the Clinic was formed by a group of doctors, parents & volunteers in 1942 as the Spastic Aid Council. In 1947 the name was changed to Spastic Children's Clinic & Preschool. In 1972 the name changed again to Children's Clinic & Preschool and, finally in 1986 it was reincorporated as Boyer Children's Clinic. Throughout the evolution of a name for the Clinic, the work remained the same. Their work is to provide treatment, and care for children with developmental concerns, and giving support to their families. The range and scope of the care provides services to children in need from birth, to their teens. The charges and fees for this care are based on an ability to pay basis where no child is denied services because of their parent's inability to pay.

This is an organization that Queen City Yacht Club has supported for many years. The Bridge offered to match the amount raised by the Membership up \$1000.00. I am proud to say that revenue from the sale of the meals, the bar and generous gratuities was double our goal. With the contribution from the Bridge, your Club was able to deliver in excess of \$3000.00 to support the Clinic.

As a footnote, I want to point out that this function was attended by members, spouses and their friends for a total of 80 participants. I want to recognize P/C Larrie Chmela, Jess Hill, Jim & Carol Hess, Linda Roehl, Carolyn Sonstegard, Jackie Weiss, my loving wife Lori and everyone else who gave of their time to put this event together. I also would like to point out that the attendance for this event was supported by the 20% of the Active Club Membership that repeatedly turn out for this type of event. Participation is what makes this Club what it is, a Member oriented Club.

We had fun putting the event on and, a contribution was made to an organization making an effort to improve the lives of those who deserve our concern.

Jerry Zuvich
Event Chairman

QUEEN CITY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB

The Queen City Junior Yacht Club is a separate 501-C-3 non-profit corporation that provides weekly summer boating and sailing camps. Campers must be able to swim and should be between the ages of 8-17 years old. The 2008 sessions will begin the week of June 23rd and run through the week of August 11. Each will be one week long, Mondays through Fridays, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Instruction for both beginning and intermediate level boaters is provided by a Certified Sailing Instructors. Curriculum includes boating safety, small boat handling, rowing and sailing fundamentals, knots, and more. The fleet consists of 8 sailboats, 3 rowboats and 3 kayaks. The primary focus is to have students learn about boating and sailing while having a really good time. The objective is to have the initial boating experience be a fun one.

QCJYC provides course materials and the use of lifejackets. Students need to bring their own lunches and towels. Tuition is \$275 per week with a discount for the same student taking a second week. Registration information is available on the Queen City website.

Last year we had 37 campers attend. Financially the program essentially broke even with revenues of \$10,181.75 and expenses of \$10,105.37. Early this year the QCJYC received a donation of QCYC building bonds from Dick Best's family. Members have donated boats which we have sold to benefit the program and others have provided a weeks registration as a donation into their favorite auction. The program is very grateful for this support as it allows for expansion and modernization of the fleet.

We would like to gradually double the size of the program to facilitate 80 students on an annual basis. We intend to provide additional non-camp activities for the Junior Boaters such as a burger bash on a Saturday and other get-togethers during the year.





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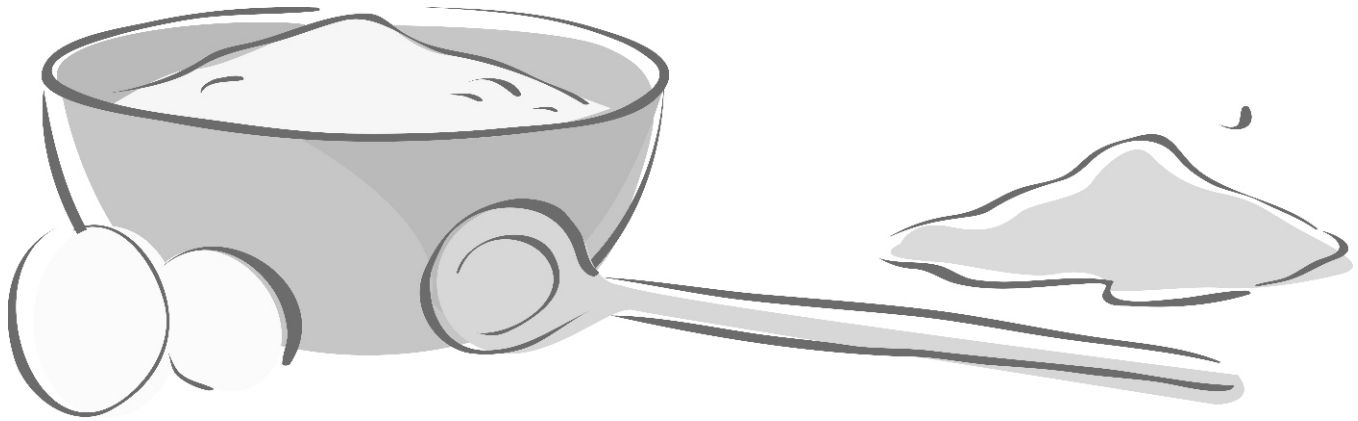
To Each Their Own

The First Mate was in a rare mood as he finished drilling the crew. He barked out a final order: "All right, you idiots, fall out!"

The men fell out, but one sailor stood firm.

The sailor stared as the First Mate and smiled. "There were a lot of them weren't there sir?"

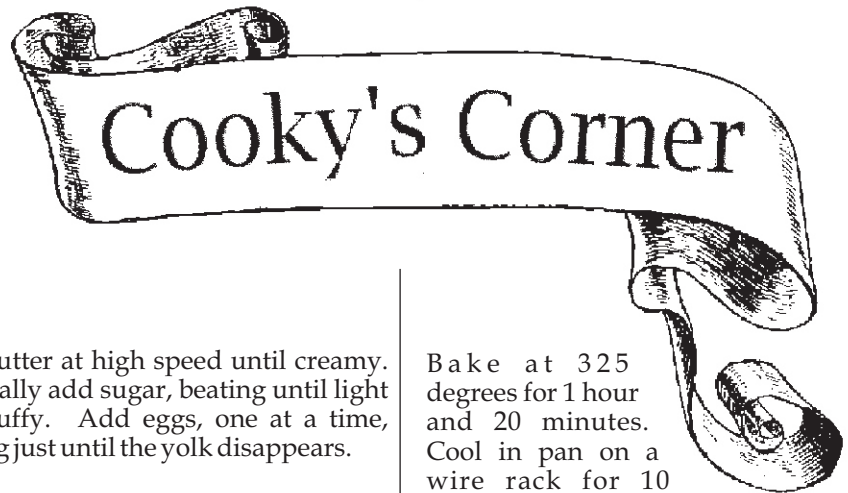




I've been making this delicious pound cake since Bob and I were first married in 1976. This is a great cake for a bridal or baby shower when you don't want a frosted cake. It's so good, use the best butter you can find and if you wrap it well in Saran first and then in aluminum foil it will keep for days. This is perfect with fresh fruit, ice cream, or just all by itself. We've taken this cake on the boat with us to the San Juans and enjoyed it all during the trip.

Sour Cream Pound Cake

1 ½ cups butter, softened
 3 cups sugar
 6 large eggs
 3 cups all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon baking soda
 1 - 8oz container sour cream
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 ¼ teaspoon almond extract



Beat butter at high speed until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until the yolk disappears.

Sift together flour, salt, and baking soda. Add to butter mixture alternately with the sour cream. Beat batter at low speed until blended. Stir in extracts. Pour into a well greased 12 cup tube pan.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Cool in pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then remove from pan and continue cooling on wire rack.

Bon appetit,

Shirley Renfrow



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**LAUGHLIN 2008
MARCH 25-27**

Its that time again to begin planning our annual trip to Laughlin, NV! Mark your calendars...we'll arrive on March 25 and depart on the 27th. For those of you who have attended this annual party you know what fun it is! For those of you that have never been you're missing a terrific time! Laughlin isn't just about gambling. It's a chance to visit with our "snowbird" friends from California and Arizona and take in the sights! Laughlin offers boat rides,(both jet boats and paddle wheelers) ghost towns, tours to local dams and walks along the river. They also have a several golf courses and even a bowling alley! And gals, there's an outlet mall right across the street from our hotel! Plus if you're really adventuresome jet skis are available!

The only planned activity is a cocktail party each night at 5 PM in the Montgomery/Cooper's room where we offer goodies to consume

and spend our time talking about where we been, what we've seen and who the latest big winner (or loser?) is. There is a slight charge for the two nights of parties to cover the cost of the food. We have a raffle on the last night and wait til you see what we have for prizes!

This year we will be at the Aquarius Hotel again because they offer us the best party accommodations in the area! The cost per room this year is \$27/night. Slightly higher than last year because the following weekend the rodeo is in town. (So if you want, you can stay around for that, too!)

To make reservations call the Aquarius Casino Resort 1-800 662 5825 and ask for Group Code C-QCY08

In order to receive the group rate all reservations must be booked by March 11, 2008.

For questions call

Lynn & Kathy Montgomery at
206 276 7185 or 206 437 3979

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HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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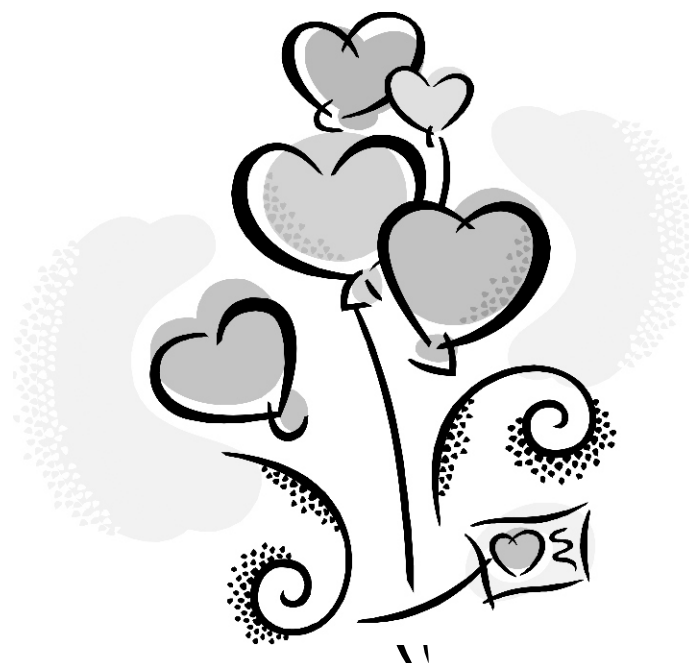
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Sweetheart Dinner 2008

Friday, February, 8th
\$25 per person

5:30pm - open bar - special romantic cocktails offered!
Dinner commences at 7:00pm - catered by Chef Willie!
Dancing to follow - DJ'd by SeattleParties.com!



Please RSVP to Jonelle in the office by Friday, Feb 1st

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		New Years Day			1 12:00-1:30pm Friday Lunch	2 9:00-1:00pm Saturday Breakfast/Lunch 9:30am Dock Inspection Project 6:00pm Tacoma Commodore Ball
3	4 9:30am Dock Inspection Project	5 11:45am Men's Lunch 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	6	7	8 12:00-1:30pm Friday Lunch 6:00pm Sweetheart Dinner	9 8:00am QCYC Mainstation Winter Grounds Cleanup 9:00-1:00pm Saturday Breakfast/Lunch
10	11 7:00 Board Meeting	12 11:45am Men's Lunch 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	13 7:30pm Gen. Meeting 7:30pm Tarette Gen. Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15 12:00-1:30pm Friday Lunch	16 Bremerton Heavy Weather Race 9:00-1:00pm Saturday Breakfast/Lunch
17 Bremerton Heavy Weather Race	18 Presidents' Day	19 11:45am Men's Lunch 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	20 WIC Luncheon Seattle YC	21	22 12:00-1:30pm Friday Lunch	23 9:00-1:00pm Saturday Breakfast/Lunch 6:00pm Gig Harbor JO Ball
24	25	26 11:45am Men's Lunch 12:00pm Ladies Bridge	27 7:30pm Gen. Meeting 7:30pm Tarette Gen. Meeting	28	29 12:00-1:30pm Friday Lunch	

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