



COMMODORE GEORGE AUSTIN + COMMODORE'S REPORT + MAY 2011

t's May and by now we will have spring-cleaned Winslow and Seattle, found all the Easter Eggs and entertained half of the Grand 14 yacht clubs during Opening Day. Thank you to Eric Wood, Jerry Zuvich, Sherry Weiss, and Dick and Elin Storey for chairing all these

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events. I'm sure I have forgotten to thank somebody on one of the work parties or events this year but I can tell you that I see a lot of fellow members pitching in and making our club so special. Thank you to all of you.

During our Vice Commodore year at Queen City the future Commodore has the task of finding volunteers for all the committee chairs for the Commodore's year at our club. This time of year the Vice is talking to members about these positions. Thank you to all of you who continue year after year in these positions and for those who aren't continuing please give the Vice enough time to have the new person learn the ropes. I made mention that I would like to help Gary Stone with the parade at Winslow on the 4th of July next year and he said I had to buy a red convertible. I may have to think about that part but I enjoy all the activity, games, food, and kids having fun and so why not help out?

Pick an event and claim a piece of the action.

Our *Bilge Pump* is full of information about what is going on in our club. We currently send it out to every member and Grand 14 Yacht Clubs. We are working towards offering this to our members by email. See Bill Field's article. Also make sure you read the Treasurer's report this month about payment due dates and late fees. Look for the information about the new outstation at Salt Spring Island and all the events that are coming up.

Look for all the summer events: Fleet Captain's Cruise to Kingston (reservations needed), Memorial Day, 4th of July, Fleet Captain's Summer Cruise (reservations may be needed) and Labor Day. Summer is so short in Seattle. Let your burgee fly and let's go have some fun on the water.

I'm keeping this article short so you can get to the Vice Commodore's

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article with important information.

Safe Boating and thank you for being a part of Queen City Yacht Club. I look forward to seeing you at all of the upcoming events.

George Austin Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

he Bridge and Board on the recommendation of the Membership Committee have drafted two bylaw changes that will have a positive effect on our club: Spousal Membership and Active Social Membership.

Spousal Membership gives the spouses equal membership and gives the club a broader base. In recent times we have had three prospective members choose not to join our club because we do not offer spousal membership. I was recently told by some of our members that if this were not enacted, they would withdraw from the club. I think this change should be approved by the membership. It allows the spouse to be a member with equal standing while retaining those active members. As we all know, our spouses very often do as much or more for the club than the member. The spousal membership would allow one vote, one boat, and one parking place. This change would allow the spouse to remain in the club in the event of the death of We currently force the other. spouses to vacate a slip upon the death of the member within 6 months, even though they participate as much as their spouse. The bylaw change would further allow them to remarry and the new spouse would be a member. This succession would only be extended until the original member resigned or passed away. This would allow a fair and proper treatment of our members. I know many feel that this would affect our moorage turnover. Our research indicates that it would not affect it. When we are losing members because we don't have spousal membership and don't have a waiting list of new members it only makes sense to make this change. I would encourage our members to vote for this change when it comes to a vote of the membership. Below is the proposed bylaw change:

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

This amendment would amend Article III, Section 2 of the existing bylaws of the Queen City Yacht Club by replacing subsection (A) (1), granting membership to married couples.

The bylaws would read as follows:

<u>1. Active Membership is granted to</u> those applicants, either single or as a married couple, approved and inducted into the Club as required by Article III, Section 3. A marriage shall be defined as that defined and recognized by the State of Washington. A married couple shall share one membership and one vote, and each shall have all rights and privileges of that membership. The number of members in this category shall not exceed four hundred (400) at any time and shall be obligated to pay annual dues as specified in Article III, Section 5.

JUNE BILGE PUMP DEADLINE MAY 10TH

QCYC EMAIL NOTIFICATION

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If a single member subsequently enters into a legal marriage, all privileges of membership shall be extended to the new spouse. In the event of the death of one person of a married couple, the surviving person will retain the membership and all its rights and privileges. In the event of the dissolution of a marriage, the legal settlement shall determine who retains the Club membership. If a determination cannot be reached by the settlement, the Board of Trustees, at its sole discretion, shall determine ownership of the membership.

The requirements of membership qualification under Article III, Section 1 and member application under Article III, Section 3 are waived for the spouses of existing members who joined prior to July 1, 2011. Existing couples already having separate Active memberships will have the option of retaining their separate memberships or changing to Active membership as a couple.

A second bylaw change to allow a member to become an Active Social Member has been recommended and passed by the Board and is to be brought to a vote of the membership. It would allow a member who has been an active member for ten or more years and no longer has a boat but wants to continue to be active in the club to pay one half dues and stay involved in the social aspects of our club. A copy of this change is below.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

This amendment would amend Article III, Section 2 of the existing bylaws of the Queen City Yacht Club by adding subsection (A) (4), granting social membership to Active members who have completed ten years of membership and no longer own a boat.

The bylaws would read as follows:

4. Active Social Membership may be granted upon approval by the Board of Trustees to an Active member in good standing who has completed at least ten years of Active membership and does not own a boat. Upon approval, Active Social membership shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year following the member's application and approval. Active Social members may not own a boat. Active Social members shall pay one



half of the current regular annual dues and shall have all privileges of Active Membership except voting, holding office, proposing and seconding proposals for membership, temporarily mooring or having permanent moorage at the Club facilities, chairing standing and special committees, utilizing reciprocal moorage, and flying the Club burgee. If an Active Social member wishes to return to Active membership, the member shall pay a new initiation fee, full dues and shall receive a new initiation date and member number.

As to the moorage turnover it would seem that the inactive boats present a greater problem to moorage turnover than spousal membership. To correct those moorage issues we have begun Non-Compliant Vessel Inspections to insure that vessels are moored within our moorage rules and maintain active vessel status. This issue will continue to be vigorously pursued. These inspections will be recorded each month to give us a chance to monitor compliance. If we occasionally list your vessel for something incorrectly, please bring it to our attention. We will note the issue so it doesn't get listed again. Tabs are often under sunscreens or placed in areas that are hard to see even though we have two inspectors making a real effort to not miss anything. Regarding insurance and registration certificates, this information comes to us directly from Deborah in the office. If there is anything you think is incorrect, please let us know and we will resolve it together.

Below are comments from Judy Wilson regarding Spousal Membership. As she is not a member and cannot speak out as such, I am including her comments in my report.

Don Wilson Vice Commodore

Don and I have been together for twenty years. We are one of those couples that spend much of our time together. It probably comes from our spending so much time together in our working years. We were together 24/7. We worked well together and we worked as equals towards common goals. All that we have earned and accumulated is <u>ours</u>, regardless of the source.

Most of our social time is spent either with our families, at Queen City, or with our families at Queen City. Don and I think of Queen City as our club. When we decided to join Queen City we made a commitment to actively participate We have enjoyed as members. ourselves whether it is chairing a committee, cooking a Friday night dinner, decorating the Opening Day boat, acting silly in the talent show or going through the chairs and attending every Grand XIV event. I always feel welcomed when I walk into the club. It is our home away from home. My help appears to always be appreciated at Queen City Yacht Club yet I am not a What's up with that? member. What would Queen City Yacht Club be like if no spouses participated in anything?

Club members are soon going to be faced with a proposal for spousal membership: a proposal that would allow spouses to automatically become members of the club if they so choose. Well, Hallelujah! It's

about time. Queen City Yacht Club is the only club in the Grand XIV that does not have spousal membership. Actually the club is sometimes the butt of jokes and moreover used as an example of a club not to be joined because of it. We have had prospective new members turn us down because we have no spousal membership, especially younger people. We have members ready to resign because of this issue. Some of you may say fine, we don't need them. Yet that is not true, we do need them. We need new members to keep fresh ideas coming into the club. We need new members (and especially younger members) to participate in work parties. Money is always an issue in the club, so diminishing membership is not a good thing. Do you think there is a correlation when clubs with spousal membership also have waiting lists to join their clubs? There are only so many prospective new members out there and Queen City should make the club as attractive as possible to them. It is an important issue that must be addressed and this is the time to do it. Please support the future of Queen City Yacht Club and when the issue is proposed, please vote positively for spousal membership.

Judy Wilson

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT



It's May and the Opening Day celebration is just about ready to launch. What an exciting month. Our club volunteers under the watchful guidance of Opening Day Chairs, Dick and Elin Storey, have worked hard and have done so much to make this celebration successful. Please mark your calendars and plan to join in the celebration.

Lois and I are looking forward to attending the Tacoma Yacht Club (TYC) Daffodil Parade this year and are looking forward to all the festivities and ceremonial activities that we will be taking part in. Our special appreciation to chairs, Capt. Gary and Elaine Halverson, who will lead over 20 boats from Queen City to TYC to join in the celebration.

GROUNDS: Our annual pruning of the trees and shrubs was successfully completed at the Seattle Main Station all along Boyer including the west bank area in mid-March. By the time you get the May *Bilge Pump*, the "Pride of Queen City" cleanup, chaired by Jerry Zuvich, will have been successfully completed. I will





report all the details and particulars on how it went next month.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership in March was 473, which includes 357 active members and 116 Senior Life members. Our 2011 goal is to add 45 new memberships: we are currently at 40 % of our goal.

SECURITY: Capt. Rod Hilden confirms that there are no security issues to report either at the Winslow Outstation or the Seattle Main Station. Please note that P/C Scott Grimm serves as Rod's backup.

PROGRESS NOTE: With a little help from our Winslow Dockmaster Eric Wood, Capt. Rod is making good progress on the installation of the new electronic locking system for the outside access doors to the showers at Winslow. Thanks, gents. We appreciate your good efforts!

REMINDER NOTE: By now each member should have received their 2011 OCYC VEHICLE PARKING PASS for Opening Day and summer parking with your current membership number. As I have noted previously, only one vehicle parking pass per membership will be issued. The parking pass will need to be displayed on the rear view mirror starting on May 5, 2011, to gain entry in to Queen City's Main Station parking lot. Your cooperation on the club parking Rule 7.01 will be appreciated.

RECEPTION / HOSPITALITY: OPENING DAY CELEBRATION May 5-8, 2011, is one of our flagship events, and we expect many visitors and guests to visit our club during the four-day festivities. As you know, an event of this magnitude requires a great deal of coordination and cooperation by all of our members. With this in mind, the goal of the Queen City Bridge is to make it a safe, enjoyable and funfilled celebration.

Lois and I are looking forward to the opportunity to welcome and meet other yacht club members and guests to extend Queen City hospitality and to enjoy this year's wonderful Opening Day theme, "Treasures of the Salish Sea," celebration.

Bob Stettner Rear Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRUISE

The weather leading up to this scheduled Fleet Captain event was as usual wet and windy. It seems that weather is always the variable when it comes time for a party involving boats. For a change the St. Patrick's Gods were smiling down on us. The initial plan was for members and their boats to arrive early to save space on the UofW dock and avoid stray boaters nesting on my planned party dock. The reciprocal section in the QCYC annual listed the dock at 200', but upon arrival there was at least 300' of dock, which left plenty of room to accommodate the beer boat, the grilled sandwich boat, and even space for Seastorey. Everybody was very happy.

Friday afternoon and most of the evening the rains came. I don't think anyone cared because most of the early arrivals were in front of TV's watching the UofW basketball team win their first round game in the NCAA tournament. Saturday morning after a very restful night

the sun was up and the day turned out to be glorious! The docks were busy with folks setting up tables and canopies, tapping the keg, and warming the grill. As all this was going on more boats were arriving. I lost count of boats and people, but figured there had to be 18-20 boats with 35-40 members and guests. A very nice turnout. With the first of the grilled reubens coming off the grill at around 1:00 PM and about ¹/₂ of the keg and wine consumed, the sun and warm temps made for a perfect day. By late afternoon I even noticed a few sunburned faces! Now doesn't that beat all!

Sunday we awoke to more sunshine, but the temps didn't hold. The wind was brisk out of the north, but the planned pot luck breakfast still took place. Many great items were served along with eye openers from the Fleet Captain. Most everyone loaded up on treats and retired to a TV to watch UofW lose their second round game. Bummer!! The fleet departed shortly after the game and the UofW dock once again was quiet.



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While I can't take full credit for this great cruise, talking with a number of participants, they were very happy with the way people could gather around and socialize without having to traverse many boats, cross swim steps, climb over aft cabins, etc., to access the activities of a St. Pat's cruise. Also, I am happy to announce that we lost no one overboard this year! (Future Fleet Captains please take note). Special thanks to a few special people: Mitch and Lynne Garton for being the beer boat, Jess Hill and Jimmy Hess for grilling the reubens to perfection, Carol Hess for another terrific job with the raffle sales, Scott and Tracy McPhee for agreeing to be the goose poop patrol leaders, P/C David Krows for being the "Dock B_____," and Assistant Fleet Captain Jacquie for just being her.

Thanks also to the people and companies who donated prizes: Doc's Marina Grill, Murphy's Diversified Services, Blanchard Auto Electric, David Kutz, Russell Fastening, Gary Halverson, Carolyn Barton, and Jacquie Weiss.

SUMMER CRUISE

Please find in this issue the itinerary for the summer cruise. The flyer will be posted around the club and online on our web site. Follow instructions to make reservations at designated destinations. If you have questions or need further information please call or e-mail me and I will try to help you.

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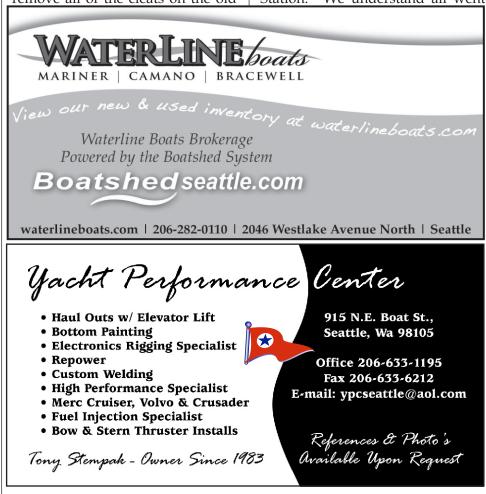
OUTSTATION REPORT

March was wet and windy, but despite that, the last section of new docks arrived from Marine Floats in Tacoma and the old wooden section on "Dock A" was removed. A few Members came over by boat to see the work in progress. The electrical service was powered up the day before the predicted log racers arrived, and Bill and Trish Anderson got the prize (?) for being the first to tie to the newest section of dock!

Scott and BJ Smith came over two weekends in a row. Scott purposely came over the second weekend with a power tool brought from his extensive home collection to remove all of the cleats on the old docks (which will be stored for future use at the Main Station). Thank you, Scott.

The lawnmower hadn't been used since last fall and the lawn was starting to look a little shaggy. Vince Firlotte dusted off the lawnmower and he and his son promptly got the job done. (Eric tried to convince me that he'd done it but I knew better than that.) Thank you, Vince - the lawn looks great!

As mentioned above, the annual joint QCYC/SYC Predicted Log race was once again held at the Outstation. Most of the boats started arriving early Friday, just as *BarbEric* traveled the other direction across the water to visit the Main Station. We understand all went



GATE SECURITY: In order to improve club security, the driveway gate will continue to open weekdays at 6 AM, but will now close at 7 PM. The gate will remain closed on weekends.

well and a good time was had by all. The clubhouse was left tidy and ready for the next event!

By the time you read this, the Outstation Work Party will have occurred, so next month I'll be able to tell you how much was accomplished! We have some interesting projects planned this year.

Barb Wood

BOARD REPORT, APRIL, 2011

While we may not know it by the weather, it is spring and time to ramp up the deferred maintenance so we can all get back on the water this season! The Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting on April 11th and dealt with some important issues.

Docks Electrical

Gary Stone reported that the final recommendations for addressing electricity issues at the marina should be completed very soon. A preliminary indication is that we will be able to do the work in phases. We hope this is the case as it will increase flexibility for financing the project over time.

<u>520</u>

Gary continues to work with the community group in order to limit the impact construction of the new 520 bridge will have. Many thanks to Gary for his continued hard work.

<u>Ganges</u>

Eric Wood has moved forward in an agreement with Salt Spring Marina for outstation moorage this coming year. Thanks go out to both Eric and Barb for the effort put into this. Their research even included counting the steps from the marina to town!

Defibrillators

While really a Bridge issue, I suggested to Planning and Finance and the Bridge that we consider AEDs on each dock and on both levels of the clubhouse. While this may be a \$3,000 to \$5,000 issue, it would certainly be worth the cost to any of us who might need to use one!

Non-Compliant Vessel Report

Moorage at the mainstation is a privilege and many are on the waitlist for that moorage. It is important, mandated actually, that our moorage be utilized by our members who are active in boating. A list of boats that are out of compliance with the moorage rules was presented to the Board. It was agreed that further action will be taken in a number of cases that were deemed serious and ongoing.

Family Membership

A new definition of Active Member was forwarded by the Board for a vote by the general membership. If passed, this would effectively change the definition of Active Member to include both parties of a married couple. The change would be effective for existing members as well as applicants.

Active Social Membership

The creation of a new class of membership, "Active Social," was forwarded by the Board for a vote by the general membership. This class is would grant social membership status to former Active members who have completed ten years of membership and no longer own a boat. The class would offer reduced annual dues, no moorage privilege and would not count in our 400 active member limit.

On both of the bylaws issues, the

Board voted unanimously that these should be moved ahead for further discussion and a vote by the general membership. Stay tuned...

Please make your opinion heard, join us at the next Board meeting on May 9th at 7pm. We are pretty sure there are still seats available!

Tom Johnson Board Chair

REGATTA POWER REPORT

Jack Hyde Memorial Race

The Tacoma YC Jack Hyde Memorial Race on March 26th was re-instituted by a group of new TYC racers, some also members of Gig Harbor YC, and for the most part chaired by the cadets from Curtis High School's Naval Junior ROTC group. About 20 of the school's 120 NJrROTC members did nearly everything including race layout, check in and out, scoring, observing and 3 cadets skippered boats doing their own calculations and running the race.

Tacoma YC was again gracious hosts with a TYC member hosted potluck on the dock Friday night (just before the rain started) and a spaghetti feed at the Saturday night awards banquet.

Little wind, showers and the usual swirling currents from Colvos, Dalco, Quartermaster and to Pt Defiance were quite the challenge. The new research buoy at Quartermaster, used as CP 3 and a waypoint, had been removed recently. So the TYC group grabbed one of their sailing program's big Yellow inflatable buoys and 300' of anchor line and placed their own. That might catch on in other races to create NEW waypoints! Do you know how much a buoy in 150 ft of water with 300 ft of poly line swings in the wind and current?

The scores were surprisingly good, with four racers besting 1% in the field of 18 racers. P/C Dick Timmerman won his second race in 2 months on *Vagabond* with a score of 0.6549%. Second overall was won by a novice and one of the NJrROTC cadets at that! Gavin Nadong and Chris Foster with 0.8849% error as the second team on *Norwester* barely beat out the boat's owner, Jerry Downer of GHYC with 0.8933% in third place.

Bill Anderson and Vince Firlotte on *The Tillie* were 5th and first in class 2 at 1.0455%. Bob Lindal and P/C Jeff Ewell on *Suzy Q* were 6th overall and first in class 3 with 1.1470%.

Eagle Harbor Race – April 9th

Seattle Yacht Club joined with Queen City for the 11th year to cosponsor the Eagle Harbor Invitational Race on the weekend of April 8, 9 and 10 at our Winslow outstation. The QCYC race team and other QCYC members pitched in and with the help and financial support of the SYC race team we put on a tremendous weekend of boating. We hosted 18 boats from 6 clubs. The combination of SYC and QCYC has made this a premier event of the IPBA season and one of the largest events at our outstation.

The clear weather on Friday (the first mostly sunny day in 6 weeks) reverted back to our typical weather this spring with 10-15 kn south winds and 1' chop to make for a challenging race once again. There were some very good scores despite the windy rough conditions. The course went west to Alki, south down Colvos and around Blake Is and back to Eagle Harbor.

SYC's Bill Grady and Todd Prodzinski won First Overall on *Zorro* and with a 0.3535% error had a tremendous race. Bruce Cullen on *Caroline* took second with 0.5461%. Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* took third with 0.9313%. MBYC won the Team Trophy.

Our outstation was as busy as a summer holiday weekend club event with nearly 30 boats including other club members and the racers - and as usual we accommodated everyone comfortably. The new south end of A dock was an impressive welcome for the many new and veteran racers. OCYC members handled most of the social events and SYC took care of most of the race functions and the Friday night dinner. Ken Klett and Marv Elbon handled Saturday Night and P/C Dean Lentgis and Bill Anderson prepared their usual great omelets on Sunday Morning. Vince Firlotte was in charge of arranging the observers.

QCYC racers won lots of Class awards as well. Bill Anderson and P/C Dean Lentgis were first in Class 3 and 5. Second in class 3 was John Rogers. Third in class 1 was Richard Kay, class 2 was P/C Terry Baker and in class 5 was Bob Lindal.

The full results were:

#	Skipper	Boat	%
2	Bruce Cullen	Caroline	0.5461
3	Ken Klett/	Klettitat	0.9313
	Marv Elbon		
6	Dean Lentgis	Kalos Filos	1.2201
7	Bill Anderson/	The Tillie	1.2599
	Vince Firlotte		
12	Bob Lindal/	Suzy Q	1.5981
	Jeff Ewell		
13	John Rogers	Nirvana	1.5991
17	Terry Baker	Choppers	2.3026
18	Richard Kay	Matana	4.5001

Upcoming Races

Poulsbo YC - 5/13 to 15 Gig Harbor YC - 6/10 to 12 ICR Lopez Is - Sunday 7/10 Barusch - Sidney BC July 16th

Bob Lindal Regatta Power Chair

NOTICE New Ganges Outstation

Beginning May 1, the Club's Outstation in Ganges Harbor will be located at Salt Spring Marina (the marina to the Northeast of Ganges Marina).

Two procedures will be slightly different:

- Advance reservations will be required phone (250) 537-5810
- Member stays will be for a maximum of three consecutive nights, with no more than six nights in a 30-day period and a maximum of nine nights per year

Other procedures will be the same:

- All boats must fly a QCYC burgee
- Members will be required to sign in
- Rafting may be required
- Garbage fees will be paid directly by Members

Among the businesses on Salt Spring Marina's property is MOBY's pub, the Rendezvous Cafe (a French bakery/coffee house), a laundromat, and auto and bike rentals. The award-winning Hastings House is next door, and, most important, a liquor store is just across the street!

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DOCKS COMMITTEE

I have a great deal of pride for the many members who've now come around to help make this a great yacht club. We really are getting more participation and a lot more critical work does get done. I see people having a great time together as well. It doesn't get much better than having a rewarding and fun time, while simultaneously giving future, efficiency, cost savings, and more to the club which really is us all. The last work party saw 14 people hard at it and we have some newly painted and nice looking stuff as result. The real miracle, and there is proof of it, is that the last work party saw yours truly up on the scaffolding swinging a paint brush for the club! Them pigs are soar'n like eagles now, huh?

Just a little biz here and then let's think something else. There are committee meetings at 6:00 PM Tuesday, May 24 & June 28 (the 4th Tuesday of every month) and the next scheduled dock work parties are May 14 & June 11 (the 2nd Saturday of each month).

There may not be more than half a dozen or so people who really remember our club back to the early 60's and 1950's. Back before the times of flat roof covers, three full docks, and a single combined parking lot. There was a day when that lot was actually two lots, north and south, separated by shoreline that went dry at low water and allowed limited traffic for only part of the year. There was moorage right there in the parking lot to the west of dock 2, too.

The shore-side leg of dock 1 was maybe 70 feet further south than it is today. There's still one lone symbol of where it used to come ashore. The work floats were then located along the shore near the willow tree and there were only two of them. The grounds there used to host several large cinder block pits where the salmon was barbequed and the potatoes baked. Imagine a truck load of salmon arriving, 750 to 1000 pounds. Even before that we had the annual salmon bake with member caught salmon at Port Ludlow.

Dock 3 was a long row of assorted styles of boat houses and a houseboat dock sat just a short distance south of the old dock three, which is the abandoned row of pilings you see south of Dock 3 today. Dock 3 only extended a hundred feet or so beyond the bend in those days and Dock 2 didn't even have finger piers on the south side of the dock.

To my knowledge the only remaining dock from the 1930's, 40's, and 50's is the abandoned dock south of dock 3 which is actually on the Roanoke Street ROW, and the eastern part of dock 1. The pilings out there are old growth giants. There's a little of that left at parts of Dock 2, and yes we did have covered moorage. Members installed curved pipe style frames over 2-boat-wide slips and stretched canvas up and over the frames. It got so hot and so humid under those tents. It got hot and humid in Seattle politics too. I can't imagine it, but apparently there weren't permits for those covers and maybe the club didn't care quite enough until they got the call to care. I won't name him, but one of those gentlemen on the wall downstairs did a night in jail for us over those covers.

We got the flat roofs and seriously reconfigured docks in about 3 phases from 1959 to 1964. What a fabulous investment that has been and we gained so very much moorage and functionality in the marina. Today, a lot of the club's focus is upon preserving the investment in those expensive docks and assuring their long life into the future. It's all a great gift to us left us by some very generous and forward thinking people. We owe them the favor of preserving what we own as much as we owe it to the next generation who partake of our yacht club.

After the 1999 remodel, I almost broke a window several times over. I know the architect is reading this, so I won't hesitate to say that it isn't right that there is no door at the round table and no stairway down the hill! Okay old timers.... I urge you to correct me and add to this. Let's get some of our history set in words.

Arthur Mauldin, Docks Chairman

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(Nostalgia ain't what it used to be. Ed.)

ON-LINE VERSION OF THE BILGE PUMP

Those who attended Breakfast with the Bridge know that an on-line version of *The Bilge Pump* is being considered. A number of members have let it be known that they don't want a hard copy mailed to them each month. If the number who don't turns out to be substantial, there could be a significant savings in printing and postage. An on-line version could also be presented in color, so that the flyers would be more attractive and arresting, as would the advertisements. It should be possible to reduce the lead time, so that items would be more timely.

Developmental work is currently being done. It will take several months to get the bugs worked out. In the meantime, please feel free to ask questions of your officers, board members or me and also to express your opinions or offer suggestions.

Bill Field Editor, *The Bilge Pump*

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

CALLING ALL BARTENDERS

We need bartenders. There are many of you who are licensed that I have not seen behind the bar lately. As usual, we have about 20% of the bartenders doing 80% of the work. The club has paid for your licenses with the expectation that you will be signing up for shifts throughout the year.

Opening Day will be here soon and we will need shifts filled for this busy four day event. Please contact Judith Pippin as soon as possible to help her fill the remaining shifts. At last count we had about 50% of the time slots filled. Your club needs you!!

Also, many of you who received your license at the original group class will be expiring at the end of 2011. Something will be arranged to get everyone updated in a timely fashion. However, the list of current bartenders will be reviewed prior to renewals being issues. Bottom line here is that we need you, and would appreciate your active participation. Thank you,

Andy Gerde Club Manager

LATE FEE RULE CHANGE

Your Officers and Board appreciate that with the current economy some of our members may be experiencing difficulty. Unfortunately your yacht club also has obligations to Our members previously meet. established the policy for Indebtedness in our By-Laws, Article III, Section 8, which states, "Any member whose indebtedness to the Club exceeds thirty days shall stand suspended." Our club rules for moorage charges, 1.07, and late fees, 6.01, both state that bills are delinquent after 45 days and late fees may be applied. This has led to a growing sense of entitlement with some member that they have 45 days to pay their bills. A recent review of the October 1, 2010, billing showed that over 28% of our members' bills were delinguent and still outstanding as of November 1, 2010. A review of the January 1, 2011, billing which is primarily for moorage, showed that on February 1, 2011, 29.7% or almost 30% of the billing was still outstanding.

As a result of this conflict between the By-Laws and Rules and a sense that there was confusion over the bill payment policy your Board of Trustees on March 14, 2011, voted to changed rules 1.07 and 6.01 to state that bills are <u>delinquent if not paid</u> <u>within 30 days</u> and <u>late fees are</u> <u>applicable</u>.

Your Treasurer is required to post delinquent accounts after thirty days outside the office. Also I have to review the delinquent accounts with the Board at each meeting. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying your account, please contact the Treasurer to discuss options and payment plans. Your Treasurer can then ask the Board for latitude with payment and late fees.

John Rogers Club Treasurer

(This is a reprise of last month's article, which seemed to merit rerunning in the interest of keeping our members informed. Ed.)

Tarettes' Corner

Our new slate of officers will be voted on this month, so be sure to come to the meeting on May 25th, 7:30 PM. And, it's time to start going through your nolonger needed treasures in preparation for our annual DOCK PARTY. This year it will be June 11th, and everyone is invited to rent a table and sell those treasures to someone who simply can't live without them. Diane Prestebak and Suellen

Purvis are heading up this event. There will also be food served after. The fun begins at 11:00 AM. Like last year, we will hold the sale on the front lawn. The neighborhood really enjoyed stopping by to say Hello and finding deals. Come to the May meeting for all the up to date information.

Sharon Benyon President

MOORAGE COMMITTEE

I just reviewed the dock inspection report for April 2011, I'm understanding when it comes to a little winter dirt, but I see we have some serious habitual offenders in not just dirt. One major thing I have observed throughout my tenure here on the Moorage Committee is your paperwork. I mean your Washington State Vessel Registration. It needs to be current and on file in the club office. And updated annually.

We have a ton of members moored out there without their registration or proof of insurance. These are two really important documents, and are required if you wish to maintain your moorage privilege here. June is coming, and it'll be time to renew your vessel license. Take it to the office and Deborah will be happy to make a copy of it and your insurance declarations page. You could lose that privilege of inexpensive moorage at the club if you fail to comply with these simple requirements, seriously!

Lots of other stuff also, like no locking ring on your power cord where it's applicable. No burgee, or one that's more than 2/3rds faded.

Never going to get those engines started, make a plan to sell the boat and buy a cabin or something.

This is a reminder to get people to comply with a few simple rules when in exchange you get premium moorage at about 1/3rd of the market rate. We want you to think of Queen City YC as your headquarters for all your boating activities, but it's not a dumping ground for your old boat. We have lots of members waiting for slips that are active in so many ways. They are enthusiasts in every sense of the word, putting forth efforts to make QCYC a better place for all of us to enjoy.

Don't be one of the ones that have parked their boats here and have virtually abandoned them. Get active in the club, get your boat in shape and cruise on it.

Wishing you all a happy Opening Day!

Richard J. Frisch Moorage Chairman



"Don't knock the weather: nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while." ~ Kin Hubbard



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And with any bloomin' luck all the planning is behind us for a very successful Opening Day Weekend. All that's left is enjoying our QCYC friends and "yachties" from other clubs who have joined us for this special occasion.

The Ship's Store will be OPEN FOR BUSINESS from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Opening Day weekend.

The Opening day theme is "Salish Sea Treasures." As you can see by our Opening Day tee's, we've elected Queen City Yacht Club the STAR(fish) of the Salish Sea! And one of its finest treasures.

Thanks for supporting us by purchasing your Opening Day shirts. Let everyone know your hailing port by wearing your "Star of the Salish Sea" shirt.

We've also spiced up our repertoire...such a big word for our little boutique...with some nautical stripes. They're our tribute to salt air, fair seas and balmy breezes. You'll also see some special accessories in the kiosk downstairs and upstairs in the cases by the Ship's Store. They're all FOR SALE! Think boat host or hostess gifts or perfect boat décor.

Be kind to one another, shop 'til you drop and as my friend Donna says, remember to take your vitamins!

The Crew at the QCYC SHIP'S STORE





MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND-EAGLE HARBOR !! Where Have all the Good TV Game Shows Gone? -or-Wink Martindale, Where Are You????



Schedule:



Friday-May 27 Fleet Arrives Pot Luck Appetizers and Social Hour



Saturday-May 28 Breakfast Activity-"Deal or No Deal" Dock 1 Host Appetizers Salmon Dinner

Sunday-May 29 Breakfast Activity-"Almost Newlywed Game" Dock 2 Host Appetizers Bratwurst Bar



Monday-May 30 Continental Breakfast Memorial Day Services Fleet Departs

Cost: \$40 per Adult, \$10 Kids (14 and under) for the weekend

Contact: Peter Anderson - peter@jonesmarketingcompany.com

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June 11

What Time?? 10:00 - 3:00 Meet us in Front of the Club House and check out all the Neat Stuff for Sale!



When???

If the weather doesn't behave then we'll be on the 3rd Level of



For tables contact Diane Prestebak 206 909-4427 Or Suellen Purvis 206 818-8417

FOR SALE





Fleet Captain Summer Cruise San Juan Islands and Princess Louisa July 29th thru August 21st (or longer)

Friday July 29th ~ LaConner Marina: We have 500' of dock reserved but you must CALL EARLY!!! Please contact Sharon at (360) 466-3118 and reference QCYC No Host Welcome Party ~ 5:00pm *Bring Puu Puu to share*

Saturday July 30th ~ Head to Sucia Island: Raft together in Fossil Bay

Sunday July 31st to Monday August 1st ~ Roche Harbor Marina: No Host Cocktail Party ~ 5:00pm *Meet at the PARTY BARGE and bring a Puu Puu to share* Monday 5pm ~ Dinner at Roche Harbor is hosted by your Fleet Captain at the Party Barge *Wine and Beer provided*

Please Note: Moorage reservations must be made through the Fleet Captain. Please call or E-mail me your information no later than July 1, 2011!!!!

Tuesday August 2nd to Wednesday August 3rd ~ Stuart Island: Raft together in Reed Harbor

 Thursday August 4th to Friday August 5th ~ Deer Harbor Marina Thursday ~ Day to Rest and Relax - no activities planned
 Friday ~ No Host Cocktail Party at 5pm *Bring any leftover Puu Puu's to share* Followed by Dinner hosted by the Fleet Captain
 ~For reservations at Deer Harbor, please contact Mark Broman at (360) 376-3037 reference QCYC ~

Saturday August 6th ~ Fleet Departs for Princess Louisa and Other Ports Princess Louisa is a non-structured cruise ~ Contact Fleet Captain for more information

Please contact Fleet Captain if you will be attending either or both of the hosted dinners and **not** reserving moorage at Roche or Deer Harbors (Staying at outstation or staying at anchor at either location) I'll need this information for a better head count.

Fleet Captain Steve Weiss (206) 285-5775 weissker@comcast.net



Salish Sea Treasures QCYC Opening Day May 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 2011

2011
May 5 th : Dinner hosted by Butch and Nancy Scherrer 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
Bar Open 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
May 6 th : Breakfast and light lunch by Willie 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Bar Open Daily
Dinner BBQ Steak and fixins
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Dancing to Didi Law and Friends 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
May 7 th : Breakfast and light lunch by Willie 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Bar Open Daily
Dinner Spaghetti Dock Party
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Dancing to Didi Law and Friends 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
May 8 th : Bar Open 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Brunch hosted by Brooke and Renee Kimes 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM



FLEET CAPTAIN'S CRUISE PORT OF KINGSTON KINGSTON COVE YACHT CLUB JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2011

Join your Fleet Captain for a fun filled week-end with our friends at Kingston Cove Yacht Club!

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES:

Friday 17th –The City of Kingston has the longest running 4th of July fireworks show in the state. KCYC has an annual auction to help support this event. Yacht Club doors and bar open at 6:00PM with live auction starting at 7:00PM. Lots of auction items—join in the fun and support KCYC as they support us on Opening Day.

Saturday 18th—9:00AM-11:00AM—Fleet Captain Pancake Breakfast on the docks of Kingston Marina—Eye Openers also provided--\$5 per person



Farmers Market—9:00AM-2:00PM—Located on grassy area adjacent to Marina Office. Walk to town or sit back and relax—Marina Office has electric car for use by guests of marina to get to town.

6:00PM--? KCYC Club open for no host cocktails—Also a Burger Burn will be available for \$10.00 per person.



Sunday 19th—Fathers Day—No events planned—Just enjoy the day Fleet departs.

MOORAGE @ PORT OF KINGSTON:

Moorage has been reserved for this event—**BUT it is not guaranteed!** Each Captain **MUST** make his/her own reservations. Contact Jessica Olanie @ Port of Kingston @ 360-297-3545 and reserve your slip by credit card. **The sooner the better**. It is first come first served. Be sure to reference QCYC when you call.

MAY 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I	2	3 Healthy Living Class - Jo Vos - Start: 1800 Finance & Planning Meeting-Cpt. Conf. Rm. Start: 1900	4	5 SYC Opening Day Start: 1630	6 SYC Opening Day all day Friday Lunch Start: 1130	7 SYC Opening Day all day South Sound Opening Da Saturday Breakfast-0900
8 SYC Opening Day	9 Board Meeting Start: 1900	IO Healthy Living Class - Jo Vos Start: 1800 Skull Session Start: 1900	General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930	12	I 3 Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Private Event Gordon Niemi Start: 1600	I 4 PYC Challenge Race GHYC Commodore's Ball Saturday Breakfast-0900
15	16	I7 Healthy Living Class - Jo Vos Start: 1800	18	I9 SSPS Meeting/Dinner Start: 1900	20 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	2I Saturday Breakfast-0900 Private Event- Kelly Stocklin B'Day Party Start: 1800
22	23	24 Healthy Living Class - Jo Vos Start: 1800	25 Tarette's Board Meeting Start: 1630 General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930 Tarette's Gen. Mtng- Elections - Start: 1930	26	27 Friday Lunch Start: 1130	28 Memorial Day at Winslow
29 Memorial Day at Winslow all day	30 Memorial Day at Winslow Memorial Day Holiday- Office Closed	3 I Healthy Living Class - Jo Vos Start: 1800				

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