



# The Bilge Pump

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COMMODORE DON WILSON

## ✦ COMMODORE'S REPORT ✦ NOVEMBER 2011

I had a rather abbreviated summer this year: August and September were really great. Now, unfortunately, we are into fall and colder weather has started.

This is the time of year that we must start to winterize our boats and

prepare for whatever weather Mother Nature has planned for us. Sometimes we forget how stressed our electrical system becomes with colder weather. Mooring members should plan on conserving electricity on anything possible by turning off refrigerators, hot water tanks, and reducing loads that are powered through inverters. By doing so, we will insure that everyone has power through the winter weather season when demand is at its peak. Perhaps you will also save money by using less power. Another important winter preparation is checking all of your connections both on the boat and shore to avoid electrical shorts that could lead to fires. Art Mauldin would appreciate all dock water hoses being disconnected at this time. We don't want any frozen pipes or valves this winter. We must all be vigilant in checking our boats more often when we reach freezing temperatures. If you are going to be gone during the winter,

please designate someone to be responsible for your boat.

Our vessel inspectors have just finished walking the docks and I was a little disappointed in the results. Again, there were a number of vessels with no registration or insurance on file. This is an important yet very easy rule to comply with. Come on, captains, it is not that difficult to take a couple of minutes and email or drop off the information to Deborah in the office.

I want to thank P/C George and Nancy Austin for all of the hard work they and their helpers put in on the Commodore's Ball. Queen City's is the first of the Grand XIV events and certainly set the bar for the other clubs. Judy and I had such a good time. Great job!

In October, we enjoyed a spooky event at the outstation hosted by our Fleet Captain, Mike Cochran and First Mate Pam. Thanks for the

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### November 2011

- Nov 5 MBYC Commodore's Ball
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 IPBA - Change of the Watch
- Nov 12-13 Edmonds YC JO Ball
- Nov 13 Gordy Foote - 60th Birthday
- Nov 19-20 Tyee YC Commodore's Ball
- Nov 24 THANKSGIVING
- Nov 25 Westlake Center Tree Lighting

very, scary weekend.

If you missed the general meeting on October 12, shame on you! You missed an opportunity to win the last "quarter pot" drawing at Queen City. A majority vote of the members present changed the "quarter pot" to the "dollar pot." Winning the pot is going to be a bit more FUN with this change. Be sure and come to the general meetings and see if you can end up a winner! We had to draw four numbers before finding a winner at the meeting because captains had left to go down to the bar.

At the general meeting on October 12, P/C George Austin announced the members of this year's Nominating Committee. The members are Mark LaFontaine, Dave Svendsen, Dave Bedner and, of course, P/C George. Please contact any of those captains with any input you might have. You may even want to suggest yourself. Your comments will be welcomed. The open positions are Rear Commodore, two Board Members, Secretary, and Treasurer.

I can't believe it but it is already time to start thinking about Christmas. Our Fleet Captain, Mike Cochran, has planned a land cruise to the Christmas tree lighting event at Westlake Center on Friday, November 25th. You can arrive early and spend the day shopping and people watching downtown and then head to Oliver's Lounge & Bar at the Mayflower Hotel. Oliver's is renowned for their award winning martinis (named Best in Seattle). We will meet up at the bar at 3:45 for snacks and drinks before proceeding to Westlake Center for the official Seattle Christmas tree lighting ceremony. This is always a fun way to get in the spirit and really get the season started.

The following week we will really get in the spirit of the holidays when Captain Vivian Johnson leads us in the decorating of the clubhouse. She is hoping for a good turnout, along with your bridge, to really make the club look beautiful. Decorating will take place on Monday, November 28 (10am - 4pm) and Tuesday, November 29 (10am until finished). Captain Johnson will provide lunch and munchies. Please put these dates on your calendar now. The larger the turnout, the less time we spend.

Judy and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Don Wilson  
Commodore

#### VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

**G**reetings:

The only way to start this month's *Bilge Pump* article is to call attention to the fantastic start of our club's social season with the annual Commodore's Ball on Oct 1, 2011. What a special way to honor and recognize our new Commodore Don and Judy Wilson.!

**MOORAGE:** The October "Non-Compliant" boat inspection lists have been posted outside the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck office for your review. When noted, please provide Deborah Cobain, our office manager, with your insurance and boat registration information. Please send me an email confirming completion or correction of any other item (s) listed by your name so I can take you off the list next month.

The Moorage Committee and the Electrical Committee met on Oct 10

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#### QCYC EMAIL NOTIFICATION

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to identify suggestions and develop a plan of action on how to decrease power usage on Dock 3 during winter months. The results of the Electrical and Moorage Committee meetings were positive and have been communicated to the Bridge for final review. Commodore Wilson will advise the Board of the Trustees of the Bridge's decision and request approval of the plan. It is anticipated that the Board's approval will be forthcoming before the November 23 General meeting.

Last month I inadvertently forgot to note that Capt. Dave Nelson is also a member of the QCYC measurer team along with Gary Halverson and Jim Brooks. Sorry for my misfire on that, David, and we appreciate your volunteering to serve on this important part of the moorage team for the second year.

**DOCKS:** Chairman Art Mauldin is back from summer vacation and is ready to begin working with Waterfront Construction on resumption of the dock maintenance work. Art noted that this year's priorities will be: (1) resuming of Waterfront Construction work on Dock #2 including firebreak bracing, (2) conducting inspection of Dock #3's substructure, (3) monitoring of construction of our new replacement work-dock float

#1 and (4) meeting with the Docks Committee on a regular monthly basis.

By the time you read this month's newsletter, the dock work party team will have completed the installation of our newly fabricated SS downspout collector boxes on Dock #3. Please swing by Dock #3 and look at the nice installation the dock team did. The best way to see them is from Dock #2. Also notice the nice workmanship that our Fleet Captain Mike Cochran's company did on the SS collector boxes - very impressive.

**CLUB HOUSE:** Chairman Jim Damery and his committee continue to work closely with the Queen City Bridge and clubhouse staff to keep our clubhouse facility in great shape and always ready for the next event.

**REMINDER:** If you clean freshly caught salmon or other fish in the club kitchen, be sure to clean and sanitize the sink area and throw the fish heads and the rest of the parts out in the dumpster. Do not leave the bagged fish heads and discarded parts in the garbage located in the club kitchen. It took quite a while on Monday morning to remove the bad fish smell from the kitchen area. Our thanks go to Willie for removing

the bagged fish parts, and fumigation of the clubhouse kitchen on Monday.

**SEATTLE MAIN STATION BAR:** Our Congratulations go out to Captains Butch Scherrer, new assistant club manager, and Tim Connelly, new assistant bar manager. They will be assisting club manager Andy Gerde and bar manager, Judith Pippin to manage the club and bar operation.

**SHIP'S STORE:** I was very pleased to hear that Teri McGrew will continue to run our Queen City Ship's Store. She and her able crew, Stephanie Marcelynas and Laurean Myers, will again be there to offer their good retail advice and appreciation for your support of the Ship's Store. Here's a short note from Teri on this year's Ship's Store opening:

*Hello Queen City members:*

*Again this year we hope to bring to you quality merchandise at a reasonable price.....with a smile!*

*We'll have a few unannounced sales to keep you interested. Of course, that means you must be present to win!*


*If you don't see your size please ask if the item can be ordered.*

*Visit the store. It's the place to make a new friend, chat with an old friend and fulfill all of your needs for retail therapy. Mastercard and Visa accepted!*

*Thanks.*

*Teri McGrew*

**WINSLOW OUTSTATION:** Captains Eric and Barb Wood report that the Winslow winter moorage assignments are going well, and the Winslow outstation clubhouse is ready and waiting for the fall/winter social season to begin.




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We are certainly off to great start this year, so please take a minute and review the club calendar through the first of the year. You will see it's full of activities for members to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

Regards,

Bob Stettner  
Vice Commodore

**REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT**

**I** can hardly believe the autumn season is upon us, time for grounds clean up, planting bulbs, checking water pipes, electricity loads and preparing boats for winter.

In becoming a bridge member, one begins to see and appreciate new perspectives around the club. In the first 12 days as your new Rear Commodore, I have needed to come to the club about 18 times where I have observed the same group of members busy, hard at work, focused, coordinating then fixing and maintaining these facilities. To this end, we need to gratefully acknowledge this group of active members many of whom comprise our "snowbirds" group. Thank you!! Please consider saying yes to volunteering a few hours of your time when the call goes out for help.

**MEMBERSHIP:** As of 10/10/11 our Active Membership was 349. Our Senior Life Membership grew by 4 to 119. Active Social Membership is now at 3. At our October 12th General Meeting 3 new Active members will have been installed. We have 1 Active Membership pending in November. We also have

**2 Honorary Members.**

During my long tenure (12 days) on the bridge, I have encountered some very excellent questions from members, so each month I'll state a question then research the answer for your review.

**Q:** What is a "Social Membership?"

**A:** Per QCYC Bylaw Article II, Section 2 (A) (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 members shall pay one half of the current regular annual dues and shall have all the privileges of Active Membership except voting, holding office, proposing and seconding proposals for membership, temporarily mooring or permanent moorage at 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."

**Grounds:** A tip of the spade to chair Capt. Becky Garvie and Mary "I'm Not a Member" Louise Alving for a wonderful job of planting containers of kale, mums & pansies and for sprucing up the grounds for the Commodore's Ball. Thanks to Commodore Don and Judy Wilson for donating 30+ plants from their roof garden renovation. The parking strip looks amazing. I'm greatly appreciative to all of you!

**Security:** In our ongoing effort to keep docks safe, sound and secure,

under the direction of security systems chair Capt. Rod Hilden, we will be installing a Dock 3 view-cam for reciprocal mooring surveillance observable in the club office.

Thank you to the many members who have supported Laurean and me in this new position. (She thinks we are going out on a new date every night!)

Bob Myers  
Rear Commodore

**OUTSTATION REPORT**

It always seems that I have just finished writing and submitting this report when it's time to write it again! Where does the time go?

Joie and Denny Roehl win the prize (there was a prize?) for the most consecutive days spent at the

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Outstation this summer. Joie was an energizer bunny this summer. When she wasn't working on their boat, cleaning and refinishing the teak, she was tackling the gardens. She managed to weed and trim both gardens and gave me some ideas on how to improve the grounds. She had some good ideas and we will see about accomplishing some of those this spring. Thank you, Joie, for all of your hard work. It is hard to imagine that not that long ago, you were dealing with serious injuries due to a fall off a ladder.

The Fishing Derby held in September was a big success and we had a good turnout. J'Anna Post and her husband Larry won last year's event and hosted the derby. A total of 32 salmon were caught despite rough seas and rain. We all deserved a prize and that's what J'Anna and Larry made sure happened. Even those that didn't fish but bought a \$5 ticket were able to come up and select wonderful prizes. There were haul-outs, gift certificates to clothing and marine stores and free overnight stays at many of the local marinas. This year's winner was Matt Grimm. I believe his fish weighed in at 8.5 lbs. J'Anna was relieved as she caught another nice fish this year that weighed 8.25 lbs. Now Matt and the Grimm family get to host next year's event and we're told it will not be on the same weekend as a Husky game. Whenever it is, I'm sure it will be another fun event and another name will be added to the trophy.

Every summer some clothing items end up being left at the Outstation. There are a couple of men's jackets hanging near the door on hooks. Please call if you are missing a black light weight jacket or grey pullover. Also, is anybody out there "sheetless in Seattle?" A full set of

sheets has been left after someone washed them this summer. I'm sure if you bribe Eric with chocolate, he will bring any of the above items to one of the upcoming meetings and return them to you. I'm still trying to find the guy that belongs to the sexy underwear left last summer!

I was remiss in not mentioning that winter moorage started September 15<sup>th</sup> in the last Outstation Report. (I think I could not even type the word "winter," or that's my excuse, anyway.) For a new member that means the inside of the "U" is for the boats that have a slip assignment for the winter. You can find plenty of space on the east and west side on the outside of the "U."

Apparently goblins and ghosts are coming to Outstation the end of October. Mike Cochran, our new Fleet Captain, has some good food and fun and games planned. We hope to see you out here!

Barb Wood

### REGATTA POWER REPORT

The Seattle Yacht Club's Stimson Race on Sept 17th and its Latta Trophy for First Overall was won by SYC's Scott Strandjord (and new NACA Bridge Officer) on *Redemption* with a 0.9337% score. 28 racers competed on a flat water day with the course running clockwise around Bainbridge Island starting and ending at Port Madison.

Second Overall went to P/C Dick Timmerman on *Vagabond* with a 1.2509% error. Third went to SYC's Bill Grady on *Zorro* with 1.3219%. The Stimson Trophy for the Best Team was won by Seattle Yacht Club. P/C Terry Baker on Choppers

was 26<sup>th</sup> with 3.0656%.

Port Orchard YC Fall Round Up Race  
Oct 8, 2009

Six QCYC Racers again won both the first overall and the Team Trophy. Bob and Sue Lindal on *Suzy Q* won with 0.8151%. Second went to POYC's Fred Cole on *Mousetrap* with a 0.8677% score. P/C Dick Timmerman on *Vagabond* was third at 0.9072%.

Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* were 4<sup>th</sup> overall and first in Class 5 with 1.0976%. Bruce Cullen on *Caroline* was 8<sup>th</sup> overall and first in Class 4 with 1.5416%. Bill Anderson on *The Tillie* was 9<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class 5 with 1.5868%. Dave and Joanne Padgett on *Slipaway* were 16<sup>th</sup> overall at 2.6264%.

QCYC won the Team Trophy again with Bob, Dick, Ken, Marv and Bill combining for the top performance.

19 racers from 7 clubs competed in the challenging race in average flood currents out through Rich

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passage, around Blakely Rock and back. The winds were moderate and the sun came out during the race. All in all another nice day on the water and a good time was had by everyone. POYC's steak fry got everyone together in an overflowing clubhouse for the awards presentation.

Bryant Trophy for Best in IPBA North

Bruce Cullen won the "Skipper of the Year" Bryant Trophy for the best finish in the International Power Boat Assoc North Section annual scoring. Second went to P/C Dick Timmerman. Once again the competition was extremely close with Bruce and Dick separated by the slightest margin. Third went to Bob Lindal, Fourth to Bill Anderson and Fifth to the team of Ken Klett and Marv Elbon.

Bruce, Dick and Bob will compete for the Barusch/Castagna Trophies in the West Coast Championship next June in San Diego. Bruce will also compete in the national championship, the North American Invitational (NAI) Race, next August in Chicago.

IPBA Sound Skipper of the Year was won by POYC's Fred Cole, POYC's Don Larson was second and BYC's Steve Brett was third.

Upcoming Races

QCYC's Skipper of the Year will once again be decided at the club's Flag Officer's race held on the weekend of Oct 21, 22 & 23. The awards ceremony will be part of the burger bash on Sunday 10/23 at 5 PM. All club members are invited to race and even if you haven't run a race before, we will be glad to help you time your boat and run the race

using our layout.

The IPBA Awards Banquet will be held Saturday Nov 12 at our in-station. As the best log racing club in the IPBA, it is an honor to once again host this prestigious event. You can register at the IPBA website: <http://www.ipbalogracing.org/comingevents/default.htm>.

First of the Season Race, Jan 21, 2012

The QCYC FOS race will be held on the weekend of January 20-22.

Predicted Log Racing Classes

We will again offer classes in January with dates to be determined: let us know which

dates works for you. The classes will start with the basics and proceed through the steps in laying out the race, calculations, currents, running the course and the use of the computer with demonstrations of Excel calculation programs and Coastal Explorer, Nobeltec (and other) charting programs. Weekend boat timing demonstration(s) will also be offered at a convenient time. You are also encouraged to sign up as an observer for the First of the Season Race to see how a race is run.

Day 1 - Layout, Tactics, Nobeltec & Coastal Explorer

Day 2 - Calculations, Currents

All club members and friends are invited. Please join us. To inquire

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or SIGN UP - call or email Bob Lindal at 206-892-1234 or P/C Jeff Ewell at 206-407-1717.

Bob Lindal  
Regatta Power Chair

**NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to the three new members that were initiated Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.

Captain Howard Ferguson and First Mate Carolyn. The Fergusons boat in a 36 foot Hinckey named *Grand Nancy*. Captain Ferguson and his wife are both chefs trained in France and are owners of Belle Epicurean, a restaurant in Seattle. They reside in Seattle.

Scott Peterson and First Mate Jane Ellen. Captain Peterson is a music instructor at Yakima Valley Community College. The Petersons live in Yakima and keep their boat, a 30 foot Carver called *Choral C*, in Kirkland.

Captain Simon Blackwell and First Mate Juliana Perez. Captain Simon is the Vice President of Wizards of the Coast/Hasbro. He lives in Renton. They boat in a 41foot Down Fast Yachts sail boat named *Sea Goose*.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Welcome Aboard!

Don Wilson  
Commodore

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

I hope all of you had a great summer cruising. It was fun seeing a lot of our club members in Canada and the San Juan Islands. A couple of years ago we had a Tacoma Yacht Club Commodore speaking about the Daffodil Festival and in the closing of his announcements he mentioned one of the best investments that you can buy for your boat and family is a Yacht Club Membership. How true. A membership at Queen City Yacht Club is a great value for your boating experiences. QCYC is an organization and a community that offers education and knowledge of boating, boating friendships and social functions that can fill your calendar easily. Our outstations and reciprocal moorages are over 170 locally and worldwide. QCYC is different and unique in that it has developed moorage for its members.

Another great saying with which

P/C Jennerich always ended his membership report was, "The only reason that someone did not join an organization was that no one asked them to join." We need to ask more people to come to QCYC.

Our membership count is currently at 348 active members. Our goal is to attain 400 members for a full membership status. We also have 125 Life Memberships. Full membership status is very important and is vital for our club operations. When we lose members it directly affects our revenue and future spending and plans for the club and its activities.

I encourage all members to take our brochures and invite your boating friends and acquaintances to any of our general meetings, weekend socials, lunches on Friday and breakfasts on Saturday. We also can invite them to attend one of our cruises. Talk with Fleet Captain Mike Cochran regarding upcoming events. We have a great web site that shows our club and its activities. If you have an interested and possible applicant you can have them go to our website, [Queencity.org](http://Queencity.org), and email us under Membership and we will send them the QCYC brochure, the Membership Application Form, Current Moorage Rates and a greeting letter. We will

**Howard Ferguson**

**Scott Peterson**

**Simon Blackwell**

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also extend an invitation to see our club.

We will be attending the Seattle Boat Show from January 27<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a sign up at the December 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. We had over 60 volunteers last year. We will provide a boat show ticket for each person manning the Queen City booth, so contact myself or Rear Commodore Bob Myers for more details mark your calendars for this great event.

If you have an interest in helping with the Membership Committee, contact myself or Rear Commodore Bob Myers. We appreciate all your ideas and considerations for Membership.

Keep Recruiting,

Chris Benson  
Membership Chairman

**BOARD REPORT**

As my term as Chairman comes to a close, here are some observations from my last three years on the Board:

This Board has worked very hard to take action on many of the things "Somebody should do something about."

**"Somebody should do something about electricity."**

- We contracted for a professional electrical study to identify exactly what needs to be done to rectify insufficient power.
- Developed an ad-hoc electrical committee, committed to see this through over the years the project will require.

**"Somebody should do something about Ganges."**

• We studied the situation and ended our lease, moving to a pre-paid moorage arrangement at Saltspring Marina, dramatically cutting expenses.

• When the just-permitted remodel of this marina is complete, we should have a truly first class outstation in Ganges.

**"Somebody should do something about moorage rule violators."**

• Clearing slips of unused boats in order to shorten the moorage wait list will help to attract new members.

• Every month, the Moorage Committee, through the Vice Commodore, is to report to the Board on moorage violations and recommended actions. If no action is taken, it will be on record in the minutes that the board "actively took no action."

• In September, the vast majority of those who received notices had taken obvious steps to participate and use or dispose of their boats. In fact, many were out of their slips and no, not at the bottom - I checked!

• While this is a difficult area, the end goal is to either encourage more active boating by the members or coax them to make room for active members waiting for moorage.

- I would like to recognize and thank the many volunteers who make this club run, especially my fellow members of the Board of Trustees and current Chairman, Mark LaFontaine. I would also like to single out, recognize and thank Gary Stone for the tireless efforts put forward to spearhead the Planning and Finance, 520 and Electrical committees.

- I tried to carry forward the message

delivered time and again by Mark Weiss in his tenure: this club is run by the Bridge. The Board is there for policy, discipline and oversight of the financial operations but the Bridge determines direction.

-Last year, I defined an overriding motto and wish for my year as Chairman: "No Drama!" Considering that, with spouses and significant others, the club is made up of some 800 very unique personalities, I am happy to report that the majority remembered we are connected in a fraternal organization and the drama was indeed kept to a minimum.

Tom Johnson  
Board Chair, retired

**RBAW ANNUAL MEETING**

November 19, program: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM (registration begins at 9am)  
QCYC, third floor

We will have four speakers in addition to regular business.

- Doug Levy, RBAW lobbyist, looking back on 2011 and forward to 2012 on the legislative front

- Charlie Swift, on piracy, now and then (RrrrrrrrrBaw)

- Kaleen Cottingham and others from RCO on the specifics of how the Recreation Resource Account (RRA) is being spent

- Carl Klein from WDFW on the latest issues on Aquatic Invasive Species

There will also be award presentations to several government officials who helped save the RRA, a regular business meeting, and some Q&A time. At least one legislator has committed to attend.



Cost: \$20, lunch included

RSVP to Louise ... registration form in the blue folder that Louise handed out at the last RBAW monthly meeting.

Please try to attend.

### COMMODORE'S BALL

After a week of decorating and months of planning the ball went off like clockwork. Commodore Don and Judy arrived in a gorgeous old sedan and stepped into the limelight. The other Grand 14 Commodores were waiting for their arrival on the stairs in the lobby, pictures were taken and mingling on the second floor began with cocktails and hors d' oeuvres. Rear Commodore Bob Myers and Vice Commodore Bob Stettner escorted the visiting commodores to their seats in the beautifully decorated 3<sup>rd</sup> floor dining room. P/C Jennerich escorted Don and Judy to their place of honor with the crowd clapping.

The theme of the evening was "Under the Sea," and mermaids were everywhere. Judy has her boat decorated with the mermaids she has collected and was thrilled with the night. Willie and Peg did a great of job with the prime rib dinner and Didi Law's band kept everyone on their feet the whole evening.

Nancy had tons of help with the decorating and this is a good place to admit that guys are only there for heavy lifting and should not give an opinion on what is happening while the ladies do their magic. Nancy sent a Thank-You to all she could remember who put so much time

into decorating for this event. We hope we didn't miss anyone.

Plan on attending next year. It's a great evening at a great club.

P/C George Austin

### DOCKS COMMITTEE

Back from his away time, your Docks Chairman feels a little less overwhelmed by his return after seeing the grand success of the October 8 work party. Several people are responsible for the planning and advance work that made it possible to complete the downspout project and several smaller tasks. Twenty persons participated that day and your club gained a lot from their efforts. Many thanks to all, and especially to John Alving, Mike Cochran and Ron Stevenson, who made this success possible.

Dock inspection should be underway or complete by the time you read this article. It will be more comprehensive on Dock 3 than at times before, and I expect it will generate some task items for the committee. Please refer to the bulletin board in the main part of Cummings Hall to find cards listing tasks that need to be done. We're working now to use a photograph to show the current tasks on that board in email to our committee members. Please start using the clipboards on the docks to report problems here again. We're trying to get them read at each committee meeting now. I am well aware that we need to be more careful in responding to those reports.

We expect to see Waterfront Construction here during November and into the new year. Anticipate vessel displacements as always. There are caps and stringers and the normal things on the list, but there is also the task of reconstructing at least one section of the dock at the most easterly fire break on Dock 2. There might be more. This dock inspection is going to give those slab structures a much more careful look.

We're now authorized to replace Work Float #1. The bidding is not yet complete, and we remain open to material and design alternatives in hopes of gaining a very useful long life structure at the lowest price. Well designed, pre-fab structures have some real advantages over attempts to reinvent the wheel. Stability is designed in and the weak points have all been defined and reinforced. We're counting on this structure to be an important part of our permanent moorage system and it's got to survive and safely moor large vessels exposed to some nasty weather for a lot of years. Getting it right the very first time around saves so much headache and green stuff later on.

With winter weather on the way, it's important to give you several reminders if you moor your vessel here at the club. Our dock water is on year around. In the winter season (that began at least two weeks ago!) hoses must not be left connected to hose bibs when not in use. Please don't leave them all for me to disconnect. Decoupling dozens of hoses when it's cold is a really nasty job. Your power usage affects the quality of power for all other members here at the club. Circumstances are such that we

could see power outages from which recovery is a very difficult and labor intensive project. Let's all be aware and conservative.

Please make certain your moorings are secure and adequate for the worst of weather conditions. Give your boat allowance to move up and down with lake level and wave motion. These are NOT floating docks. Lines that reach more vertically than they do horizontally are a threat to boats, piers, and persons. Longer, more horizontal lines are naturally full of spring that can hold a boat in close to a pier without fixing it so tight in position that a wave or water level change can break something. Tight and short lines reach the end of their stretch with almost no movement at all and the forces get so great that something is likely to break. Quality rubber snubbers can be a useful way to achieve these goals in difficult circumstances. Boats can even be heeled over enough to be at risk. Please have your boats checked at regular intervals for your own good and for all of ours.

Next committee meetings scheduled: 6:00 PM Tuesdays: November 22, and December 27. Any changes will be announced by broadcast email.

Next scheduled docks work parties: 8:30 AM Saturdays: November 12, December 10, and January 14. Lunch is on the house. Breakfast is our time to discuss the day and to discuss it over food as the Dutch do food.

Arthur Mauldin  
Docks Chairman

## SPECIAL PEOPLE'S HOLIDAY CRUISE

It's only about a month until that heartwarming event takes place once again. Of course I'm talking about the Special People's Holiday Cruise, which will be held on Sunday, December 4, under the sponsorship of Seafair.

Buses will be rolling in bearing special people and their chaperones. Dock elves will assist them to don life jackets and match them up with a boat and skipper. After a short cruise they will return to the clubhouse where Santa will, as usual, be dispensing gifts in the lobby and photos of each guest will be taken and given to them.

Chuck Gould has once again graciously agreed to organize the skippers and boats and Tim and Nadeane Rutledge will be the chief dock elves. Let them know what assistance you would like to give. Please make plans to help any way you can. This is always a really fun and satisfying event.

Last year we hosted 130 special people and chaperones and had 29 boats and over 100 volunteers. What a turnout! Bet we can do better this year!

Bill Field  
SPHC Chair



## Tarettes' Corner

The Tarettes are hosting a sure to be delicious Friday night social on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The bar will be open at 6 PM and dinner at 7. Debbie Foote is in charge and making one of her signature dishes, with a little help from Gordon.

We wish to invite all ladies and gentleman that dare to play dominos with us after Friday lunches. It is open to all and we have some good laughs and share some camaraderie. If you have never played, we will be happy to show you how. There is also a group that plays and teaches mahjong.

A heartfelt thank you to all the captains that helped to serve and tend bar at the October 20<sup>th</sup> WIC luncheon. We could not have done

it without you.

The Steak Fry was a big success, thanks to all who attended. Carolyn Rolstad chaired the event flawlessly.

Nine of us just completed a day of charitable giving at Treehouse, one of our chosen philanthropic charities. Treehouse provides clothing, tutoring and mentoring to foster children of the Seattle Area. We had a great time and made a big dent in helping to organize the store.

Wishing you a Turkey Day to remember.

Renee Kimes  
Tarette President

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov 5 MBYC Commodore's Ball
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 12 IPBA - Change of the Watch
- Nov 12-13 Edmonds YC JO Ball
- Nov 13 Gordy Foote - 60th Birthday
- Nov 19-20 Tyee YC Commodore's Ball
- Nov 24 THANKSGIVING
- Nov 25 Westlake Center Tree Lighting



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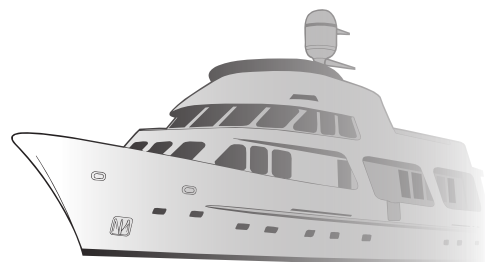
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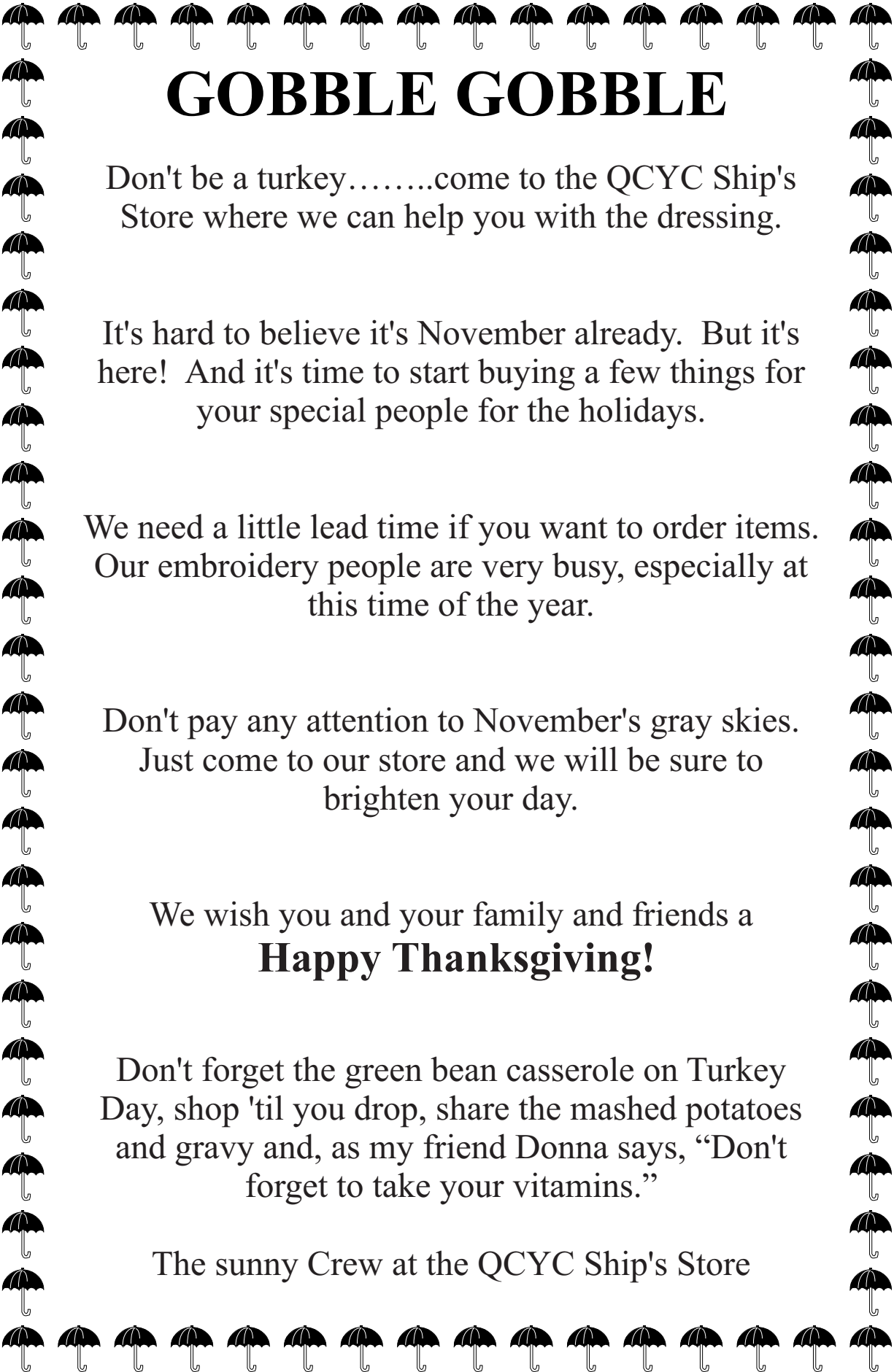
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\$9. per person

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Don't pay any attention to November's gray skies. Just come to our store and we will be sure to brighten your day.

We wish you and your family and friends a  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

Don't forget the green bean casserole on Turkey Day, shop 'til you drop, share the mashed potatoes and gravy and, as my friend Donna says, “Don't forget to take your vitamins.”

The sunny Crew at the QCYC Ship's Store





# "DECK THE HALLS!"

Decorate the QCYC Clubhouse

Monday, November 28th

10:00AM to 4:00PM

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00AM til finished

Munchies and lunch included

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The Club needs you !

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*Hosted by the Tarettes*



**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Social Hour 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM**

**Entertainment by:** *The Dickens Carolers*

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**Wear:** Chic Casual: Slacks, Cocktail Dresses  
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**Cost:** \$30 per adult, \$10 teens

**How:** Send Check to QCYC or call Deborah at 206-709-2000

Last year was a sell out! Get your reservation in early!

Please join us for authentic New York deli fare  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class 3rd Deck Start: 1900 Finance & Planning Meeting, Capt. Conf. Rm Start: 1900	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130	<b>5</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900 MBYC Commodore's Ball
<b>6</b> MBYC Commodore's Ball Daylight Savings Ends	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> SSPS Fall Boating Safety Class 3rd Deck Start: 1900	<b>9</b> Dinner - Start: 1800 Tarette Board Meeting Start 1830 General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Friday Lunch-Start: 1130 Private Event Rutledge Start: 1200	<b>12</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900 Edmonds YC JO Ball Docks Work Party - 0830 IPBA Meeting & Change of Watch Banquet - 1300
<b>13</b> Edmonds YC JO Ball  Gordy Foote - 60th Birthday Party - Middle Deck	<b>14</b> Board Meeting - 1900	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SSPS Dinner/Meeting Start: 1900	<b>18</b> Friday Lunch Start: 1130 Tarette Friday Night Social - 1800	<b>19</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900 Tyee YC Commodore's Ball Annual RBAW Meeting - 3rd Deck - 0900
<b>20</b> Tyee YC Commodore's Ball	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Dinner - Start: 1800 General Membership Meeting - Start: 1930	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed Friday Lunch - 1130 Westlake Center Tree Lighting - 1545	<b>26</b> Saturday Breakfast-0900
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