

COMMODORE'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

Greetings,

This month's article should be easy to write with so much going on at our club. First, I want to thank P/C Don & Judy Wilson along with all the volunteers who put on this year's Commodore's Ball. There was so much effort put into this event by so many it is difficult to take it all in. It was for Lois and me the single most beautiful experience we have experienced since

our wedding. Thank you all for this most memorable gift. We will never forget it.

At the September meeting, past commodores Scott Grimm, Bill McGillin, Carl Weiss and Rich McCroskey conducted a very impressive decommissioning and installation ceremony for the officers and board members. This ceremony continues to give meaning and dignity to the occasion as well as define the responsibilities of the offices. Thank you, and our appreciation to all who helped. The crowning touches to this evening were when outgoing first lady Judy Wilson received a lovely bouquet of flowers and the traditional Queen City pendant. In a change of tradition, new first lady Lois Stettner



Commodore Bob Stettner

also received the traditional Queen City pendant to allow her to wear it from the beginning of her year as first lady.

I want to say thank you to the Tarettes for the September 21 Queen City Steak Fry which we all enjoyed. It was followed later by "Entertainment Night," chaired by Lupe and Mark Weiss. What a great evening of good food and fun entertainment.

Welcome again to all of our new members that have joined our club since last January. Lois and I met many of you at the Sept. Labor Day

cruise: what a blast! Captains Dave and Michele Bedner treated us to that weekend. Did you know that there were over 50 boats at the Labor Day event this year?

At the first Board of Trustees' meeting on Oct 8, new board chairman Bruce Ramon and secretary Terry Schock were elected. Also the board voted to approve the new QCYC 2012/13 budget, recommended by the Planning & Finance (P&F) Committee, as well as confirming this year's P&F chairman Mark Weiss.

The first general meeting of the new commodore's year was held on Oct 10. We had (49) members attending along with two new member inductions.

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NOVEMBER 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

November 9-11	Fleet Captain Cruise
November 14	General Membership Meeting
November 16	Tarette Friday Night Social
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 23	Tree Lighting
November 28	General Membership Meeting
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Welcome aboard Captains Brian and Michele Burnett. Skip and Patty Sethman presented a short video program about their recent transit of a 120 foot plus yacht through the Panama Canal, which took fifteen hours to transit: a very interesting program.

The Queen City log racers had their first of the season race in honor of the flag officers on Oct. 20. This was followed on Sunday by a burger bash and awards presentation. Lois and I enjoyed attending the presentation of the awards on Sunday. Also, on the same Saturday Oct. 20, Queen City members celebrated the close of boating season with a Booze/Blues & BBQ party on the 2nd deck of the clubhouse, which was a huge success. Thanks to all our members for coming out. Finally, by the time you read this our Fleet Captains Barry and Colleen Rutten will have had their first cruise of the season at the Winslow Outstation on Oct 27. We wish Barry and Colleen a huge successful Fleet Captain's year!

Our Queen City ship is starting to pick up speed as we move forward into this year's calendar of activities. November will start our holiday season, and you can count on our club getting into the swing of the season. So, please take a moment and go over the coming activities and events, so that you can plan ahead to join in.

Lois and I are looking forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting on Nov. 14 and throughout the coming year.

Regards,

Bob Stettner, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

• h, what a night! The "Harbor Lights" Commodore's Ball was a great success! Commodore Bob and First Lady Lois were treated like royalty. The club looked spectacular thanks to P/C Don & Judy Wilson, Vivian & Gary Johnson and crew. Special thanks to Gig Harbor Yacht Club P/C Dean Dennis for use of the "cruise ship." The QCYC Commodore's Ball is the first of the season. Many of the Grand 14 attendees commented on how high QCYC has set the bar for the coming year.

Among the many club improvements in 2011-2012, the most impacting and gratifying was welcoming of over 30 new families to our membership and the passage of Spousal Membership, resulting in over 200 new members. We need every one of you to make a time, energy, talent commitment to help make this club fantastic, fun and functional for future generations.

As your new vice commodore, I am excited and ready to take on the accountabilities of House, Docks, Moorage, Main and Outstation facilities.

I am really looking forward to working with these very important and productive committees.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

Many thanks to Captain Jerry Zuvich and crew for the new pump-out we now have in the "U." A card reader will be installed to operate the pump.



Captain Jim Damery has had his knee replaced and the Tuesday House Committee is a little short of worker volunteers. With P/C Jeff Ewell out of service and the snow birds flying south we could use some help. Meet at 0900 hrs. Tuesdays on the 2nd deck. No experience necessary!

DOCKS AND MOORAGE

Fire break compliance as required by the SFD has been completed thanks to Moorage Chair Richard Frisch, most of which could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and goodwill of all concerned members. Thank you! This compliance exponentially increased fire safety.

The final SFD compliance project pertains to roof/overhead fire ventilation. By the time you read this, we will have entered into a contract to install smoke vents. This will be a two year



project and complete City Fire Code requirements by 2014. Final timeline from start to finish will be 8 years.

We have now applied for permits to extend Dock 1. This will add (1) one 62' slip, (4) four 58' slips and (3) three 42' slips.

OUTSTATIONS UPDATE:

Secretary Eric and Barb Wood are reviewing usage changes at Winslow related to securing Wi-Fi availability and upgrading the net systems.

Saltspring Outstation notification rule review:

Remember, reservations are required; so kindly call ahead. If you are unable to keep the reservation, please call and cancel to avoid a "NO SHOW" charge on your club quarterly billing statement. The club will be billed for your "no show" and will pass the expense on to you. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

In process—*The Bilge Pump* will soon be featuring a Volunteer Connections Corner, featuring listing of help needed and volunteer opportunities—this will also be posted outside the office. Thank you for helping!

—Bob Myers, Vice Commodore



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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

big thank you to Captain Becky Garvie and her group of volunteers for their work in getting the grounds and pots spruced up just before our Commodore's Ball. Grounds upkeep is a constant task and takes lots of work by many hands. Before you know it we'll all be getting ready for freezing weather.

Also many thanks to Past Commodore Daryl Anhalt and his band of volunteers for their work replacing the dilapidated lockers in the middle of our lot. They demolished 10 lockers and built 12 in their place. Sounds like magic to me, but Daryl and his crew managed to get 2 more lockers, the same size as the old ones, in just a bit more space. The work should be completed by the time you read this.

The rain is here, it must be time for "The boat show, the boat show, the big Seattle boat show." Captain Chris Benson is hard at work making the final arrangements for our booth at the boat show starting January 25th. This is our big chance of the year to showcase our club. Please volunteer to man our booth. Besides talking boats with everyone for a few hours, the volunteers get into the show for free for the whole day. How can you beat that? More details will follow in the near future.

There has been another car prowl in our parking lot. The car was parked in the north section of our lot and was unlocked at the time. During the night an expensive personal item was stolen but luckily the thief did no damage to the car. A report was taken by the police. How can we prevent this type of crime? We can all help by making sure you don't present an attractive target. Please lock your car and keep all valuables out of sight. We are investigating the installation of additional security cameras and a video recorder to monitor activity in the parking lot. The closed circuit TV cameras won't prevent crime but we will be able to provide law enforcement more evidence to help them arrest and prosecute the offenders.

Please welcome aboard our newest members Brian and Michelle Burnett, sponsored by Captain Howard Klock

I have been tasked by the commodore to be the club assistant to the Queen City Junior Yacht Club Board of Trustees. I will work hand-in-hand with their board as the liaison between our organizations. The Junior Boating & Sailing camp starts in mid-June and is a valuable program to teach safe boating and sailing to our next generation of boaters and potential Queen City Yacht Club members. The program, headed by Captain Tim Rutledge, has some exciting plans to improve the program and the infrastructure. I'm proud to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

As your Rear Commodore I am responsible for grounds, membership, security and reception. I take my responsibilities seriously and encourage all members to contact me with concerns, questions, suggestions and support. The McGrew crew is here for you.

> —Dick McGrew, Rear Commodore

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The galley is 12 years old and is starting to show wear. In the past month the following appliances had to be repaired: the garbage disposal bearing went out, both freezers had to be repaired, the walk in cooler repaired, the water heater for the dishwasher rotted and last, the upper arm in the washer sheared off. The water heater, garbage disposal and upper dishwater arm were all removed and replaced by the House Committee.

It was noted last week that the water faucet in the men's room sprang a leak and had to be replaced by a new one. If any captains see a problem, let the House be aware of the problem so it can be fixed before it becomes major. We have an action item board by the walk-in cooler that we look at each Tuesday as we meet at 9:00 am.

> —Jim Damery, House Chairman



REGATTA POWER REPORT

he Seattle Yacht Club's Stimson Race on Sept 22nd with its Latta Trophy for First Overall was won by P/C Dick and Sylvia Timmerman on Vagabond with an exceptional score of 0.4050%. 23 racers competed on a flat water day with the course running through Agate Pass to Illahee and back, starting and ending at Port Madison. The sad part is that this is Dick's last season racing on *Vagabond*, as he and Sylvia have sold it to a fellow classic wood boat lover in Edmonds, who hopefully will race her.

Second Overall went to George Gregg of Poulsbo YC on *Noble* with a 0.4990% error. Third went to a novice from Tacoma YC, Dick Bennison, on *Well Done* with 0.6100%. TYC has seen a strong resurgence, as have many other clubs in recent years, and the hardware is starting to come. The Stimson Trophy for the best team was won by Poulsbo Yacht Club.

Bob Lindal on *Suzy Q* was 5th overall and first in class 5 with 0.6660%. Dave Padgett on *Slip Away* was 6th overall and first in class 3 with 0.7271%. Bill Anderson on *The Tillie* was 15th overall and 3rd in Class 4 with 1.2865%.

PORT ORCHARD YC FALL ROUND UP RACE OCT 13, 2012

- ★ P/C Dick and Sylvia Timmerman won their final race on *Vagabond* with a 0.3472%. Second went to POYC's Fred Cole on *Mousetrap* with a 0.3611% score. Bob and Sue Lindal on *Suzy Q* were third with 0.6135%.
- ★ P/C's Dean Lentgis and Larrie Chmela on Kalos Filos were 4th overall and first in Class 4 with

0.6388%. Dave Padgett and Fleet Captain Barry Rutten on *Slip Away* were 9th overall at 1.1022%. Ken Klett and Marv Elbon on *Klettitat* were 11th overall and second in Class 5 with 1.1876%.

- ★ Poulsbo YC won the Team Trophy.
- ★ 17 racers from 6 clubs competed in the challenging race in average flood currents out through Rich Passage, around Blake Is and back. The winds were 15 kn SW but the rain held off and the sun actually came out during the race. POYC's steak fry got everyone together in an overflowing clubhouse for the Awards Presentation.
- ★ Bryant Trophy for Best in IPBA North
- ★ Bob Lindal 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. Third went to SYC's Steve Hazlerig, Fourth to MBYC's Clint Chapin and Fifth to PYC's Jim Korzetz.
- ★ Bob, Dick and Steve will compete for the Barusch/Castagna Trophies in the West Coast Championship next June in Los Angeles. Bob and Dick will also compete in the national championship; the North American Invitational (NAI) Race; next September here in Seattle.
- ★ IPBA South Sound Skipper of the Year was won by POYC's Fred Cole, BYC's Mike Henry was second and POYC's Don Larson was third.

UPCOMING RACES

QCYC's Skipper of the Year was once again decided at the club's Flag Officers' race held on the weekend of Oct 19 to 21. The award ceremony was part of the burger bash on Sunday 10/21 at 5 PM. All club members were invited to race and even if they haven't run a race before. We were glad to help you time your boat and run the race using our layout.

- ★ The IPBA Award Banquet will be held Saturday Nov 3 at Gig Harbor YC. You can register at the IPBA website: http:// www.ipbalogracing.org/comingevents/default.htm.
- ★ First of the Season Race, January 19, 2012
- ★ The QCYC FOS race will be held on the weekend of January 18-20.

PREDICTED LOG RACING CLASSES

We will again offer classes in January with dates to be determined: let us know which dates work 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 Lay out, Tactics, Nobeltec & Coastal Explorer
- ★ Day 2 Calculations, Currents

All club members and friends are invited. Please join us. To inquire or SIGN UP—call or email Bob Lindal at 206-892-1234 or bobl@ lindal.com or P/C Jeff Ewell at 206-464-4019.

> —Bob Lindal, Regatta Power Chair

OUTSTATION REPORT

s many of you may know, Eric and I took two-plus months off to go cruising this summer we left end-July and returned end-September. We had a great time up North—one of us did gel coat work, brightwork, caulking, polishing, etc. while the other did normal fun things. Thanks to many of the members who visited the Outstation. The clubhouse was still standing and the grounds were watered when we returned. Thank you, all, for your help over the summer.

We visited Ganges on our way south and saw the sign-in log filled with the names of numerous QCYC fellow members – it looks like many enjoyed a summer cruise north! We hadn't stayed at Saltspring Marina during the summer, and I loved finding the organic garden just across the street and taking advantage of the fresh produce grown there. The cherry tomatoes were like candy! Even Eric likes his vegetables when they are this fresh.

We're looking forward to the the Halloween cruise planned the last weekend of October as well as those planning to celebrate Thanksgiving on Bainbridge Island. Fall is always a beautiful time to cruise.

Please remember that the inside of the "U" is for winter moorage boats only until May 15th—there's always room on the outside of the docks for visiting members. And another reminder the "No Parking" lane is for both the Fire and Police Departments' use—they are authorized to park vehicles in it at any time. An illinformed phone call to the Police Department (which the caller believed was made anonymously) was not constructive.

Happy cruising! —Barb Wood

DOCKS COMMITTEE

November marks a significant event in the Docks Committee year. Only one month into the fiscal year and already a big chunk of the effective year is past. December brings the holiday pause, and it isn't all that much time before Opening Day events take precedence over dock maintenance work. The actual time available for volunteer work on the docks is so limited and so precious. Momentum is such a difficult thing to establish. This all makes big and effective work parties of great importance to the club and the people who make it happen that way, need your strong support. We maybe need to build toward a time when we can hold more work parties during the year, without so heavily leaning on a small core



group of individuals to make it happen.

The promised under docks inspection hasn't happened as of yet. It's a very big investment of time and unforeseen circumstances have brought the delay. We shall be either performing the Dock 1 inspection at a somewhat later date or doing a stripped down precursory inspection soon and a thorough job of it next fall. More to come on this in days to come.

We still need support for our new dock captain, Captain Dick Dow. Remember to write him with maintenance/repair issues regarding the docks at dockcaptain@queencity.org. We need volunteers to walk the docks on a regular, but not too demanding schedule and we need someone else willing to walk the docks at night checking all of the lighting about once a week, recording the location addresses of any lights needing

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Captain Pat Dore will be spearheading the replacement of the failed draft stops on Docks 1 and 2. He's already achieved all repairs to Dock 3 and a part of Dock 2. This year looks like it will require quite a lot of planking replacement work. We count on Chuck Gould for this, but it's maybe getting to be time to consider augmenting his leadership and forming another team. Chuck's done a fabulous job of heading up this crucial job for a number of years now, too. Remember that rotted planking is relatively easy to replace. It's no small thing if we wait too long and let the fungus jump into structural components. Dock planking replacements may be the single most effective use of club man-hours in reducing long term care costs for our valuable docks.

Come see what we are up to at one of our committee meeting: 6:00 pm Tuesday, November 27



(fourth Tuesdays). The December meeting is hereby rescheduled from Christmas Day to Tuesday, January 8 at 6:00 pm. It is an important meeting that should help launch our largest work window of the year, from January to April. Our scheduled work parties are the second Saturday of each month with a breakfast meeting scheduled for 8:30 am. The next work parties are: November 10, December 8, and January 12.

> *—Arthur Mauldin,* Docks Committee Chair

MOORAGE

ello again to all our captains. I hope everyone has been using their boats during this nice Indian Summer we've been having.

Things are settled down a bit after the whirlwind assignment session we just went through on the 54 foot covered category. It was wild and FUN! I look at my email every day and now there's nothing but junk mostly. What a disappointment!

Most of these assignments were simply a shuffle of vessels. One guy leaves, then another wants the slip he was in, and so on until we get to the end and a new vessel from the wait list takes the available slip......if he or she fits that is.

Remember that if a vessel doesn't fit in a slip properly, they may not get the assignment, or will need to get moved. We don't often have to re-arrange boats, and we don't like to uproot someone who's been in a slip for some amount of time; but sometimes it's just a necessary thing we have to do to make sure all boats fit properly.

VESSEL MEASUREMENTS:

Attention all members, we have three new fleet measurers, they are:

★ Gary Fisker, Pete Collins, and Orrin Phillips. Thanks, guys, for volunteering to perform this essential job!



Members, you may need to have your vessel measured (you do if you are signing up for moorage here at the club).

It's noteworthy to mention, if you wish to be on a move list and your boat was measured prior to July 2004, you'll need to contact a measurer and get an updated measurement. Bring your boat to the "U" so we can get an official measurement. Please be sure to bring your proof of insurance and Washington State Vessel Registration showing you as the owner on the day of your measurement. Failure to do so will greatly slow down the moorage application process.

My special personal thanks and best wishes to Gary Halverson, and Dave Nelson for past services as fleet measurers. These gentlemen have done an outstanding job, one that is not always that easy to do by the way. I know our new measurers will do a fine job as well.

We could use a volunteer for help with record keeping on the Moorage Committee. Good communication skills and knowledge of Microsoft Excel is necessary. Contact me if you are interested.

That's about it for now. We're at full capacity on our slips, just the way our Treasurer likes to see it; and remember, if you receive a moorage offering in an email, please respond quickly (whether you want it or not). It's important to keep things moving along so the club doesn't lose revenue needlessly. Also, be sure your contact information, including both phone and email address, is up to date on the club website, and contact <u>Moorage@queencity.org</u>



hat's Coming Up with the Tarettes?

If you were one of thirteen Tarettes who attended the Tacoma Yacht Club's WIC luncheon on October 3, you know how much fun we had! In addition to us, guests from Edmonds, Port Orchard, Meydenbauer, Gig Harbor, Olympia, Poulsbo, and of course, Tacoma raised the attendance to 110! The 3-course lunch was fabulous and the program was about specialized cheeses, with tastings, of course. Luncheon seats are always preassigned, so that at least one representative from each club might be at a table. It's great fun, as you never know who you'll be sitting with! Our luncheon at Tyee Yacht Club on October 11 was equally fun! The WIC cost is uniform: \$14 and reservations are made through our VP, Vivian Johnson. We also provide carpooling from our club. If you are not a Tarette, ask us to invite you as a guest to any luncheon!

IN NOVEMBER:

The Tarettes are invited to attend a WIC luncheon at Everett YC on Thursday, November 8, and another at Port Orchard Yacht Club on the following Thursday, November 15. The same rules apply: \$14 and a reservation and carpooling provided. You are welcome to join us!

Our Tarette Friday Night Social is coming and it's going to be la bella figura! Our chair people, Tim and Nadaene Rutledge, are planning an Italian themed dinner. I can't tell you the exact menu, but if it's Itali-ano, I'm in! Don't miss this one: a full meal deal with dessert for only \$10! On Friday night, November 16, at the clubhouse. But there's more! After dinner, Vivian Johnson and her pals will be offering Bubbles and Bunco. What?! What is Bunco and what are the Bubbles? I don't have a clue, but there are chocolate prizes involved. So, mark your calendar and come find out! I suspect we will all have a Bravo of a good time!

Our November calendar ends with a Tarette OPEN Board Meeting on November 28 at 5:30 in the third floor apartment at the clubhouse. Again, after our meeting we will all have time for social and dinner, then the QCYC General Meeting.

IN DECEMBER:

WHAT, already?! Yes. It's not too soon to plan for our Thursday, December 6, Tarette WIC luncheon here at QCYC. Chairperson Vivian Johnson is planning a wonderful luncheon entitled, "Nutcrackers on Parade." Vivian has an explosion of fun, fun plans for it, but, alas, I've been sworn to secrecy. Stay tuned to find out more later.

After the luncheon, the Tarettes will hold the 2nd of their quarterly general meetings. Everyone is invited.

My Best,

Sistee Lentgis, Tarette President kathleenl@comcast.net

if you have any questions about moorage here at the club. Happy winter boating!

Sincerely,

—Richard Frisch, <u>your</u> happy Moorage Chairman

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Back in the spring of 2010 when I took the oath of membership, Captain Mark LaFountaine, my sponsor, read of my desire to be Fleet Captain "someday." So I was surprised when incoming commodore Stettner asked me to be fleet captain this year. I thought it would take many years before I was given the "keys" to the fleet. Now that the initial shock has passed and the fear has somewhat subsided, I'm honored and excited to be your Fleet Captain this year.

We're looking forward to putting on a fun filled and nautically oriented series of events and club cruises for you. Our boat, *Salty*, is one of the smaller boats in the club at just 30 feet, so if we can get there, so can you!

I'm ably assisted by my first mate and fleet lieutenant, Colleen,

whose creativity, whimsy and organizational skills will serve all of us well.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first event of the year, the Halloween Spooktacular Cruise-In at Winslow. A recap of that event will be in a future issue.

I'm working on several different "behind the scenes" tours of various nautical facilities and operations. These usually require a head count so when I announce or send out indications of interest, please respond.

Some examples are Vessel Traffic Service, Harbor Patrol, Coast Guard, Puget Sound Pilots, Seattle fireboats, etc. I'm open to suggestions and if you have any contacts within the marine community that could make for an interesting tour or event, please let me know.

Mike Cochran, fleet captain last year, has passed on to me the "screw up flags," and I will be on the lookout; so pay attention at the helm this year.

If you are a new or newer member, please consider participating in one or more (or all) of the fleet captain events. These activities are a great way to get to know your fellow club members. We know it's a little intimidating, so many new faces and

BOWL & ROLL BOOK CLUB

The dates for our dinner book discussion are December 5, February 6, April 17 (revised from April 3), and June 5.

The December 5th book is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay. It was published in 1996 so should be readily available at the library. In brief, the book's main character is Peekay, a boy born in South Africa in the time of apartheid prior to WWII. His childhood is marked by humiliation and abandonment, yet he vows to survive and conceives heroic dreams He embarks on an epic journey through a land of tribal superstition and modern prejudice where he will learn the power of words, the power to transform lives and the power of one.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please advise Margaret Krows (425-488-3202 mmkrows@aol.com) prior to December 5th if you plan to attend so she can prepare the appropriate amount of soup.

names, all these people who all seem to know the ropes and each other so well. We followed the advice we were given. Jump in, don't be shy, volunteer and participate. Everyone is welcoming and understands. Let them know you are new and they will take care of you.

We will make every effort to let you know about upcoming events as early as possible so you can make arrangements to attend. We know many things compete for your time so we'll do our best to help you plan in advance. We will use the QCYC web page, cruising section of the forums, e-mails and flyers to get the word out about our events.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your fleet captain. I'm looking forward to a fun year on and near the water with you!

—Barry Rutten, Fleet Captain

SPECIAL PEOPLE'S HOLIDAY CRUISE

That time is almost here, barely a month away! SPHC, sponsored by Seafair, is always held on the first Sunday in December. This year that is December 2.

This is a chance to do something for folks who are less fortunate than ourselves. Last year we had 29 boats, 100 volunteers and 109 special people and chaperones. We need boats, skippers and people who can do anything from serving food to helping our guests on with life jackets. It is something we can do to make others happy. Talk to those who have served in the past. I think you'll find that they really feel good about what they have done.

If somebody calls or e-mails you, say yes. If you would like to volunteer to do <u>anything</u>, call me at 206-778-6892 or e-mail me at <u>farafield32@msn.com</u>.

—Bill Field, SPHC Chair

TEEL, E. D. (AL) 1924 – 2012

Captain Al Teel crossed the bar for the last time on June 27 at the age of 88. Crossing the bar has significance for Al as will be seen below. His forebears crossed the Cumberland Gap shortly after the Revolutionary War and his branch of the family had homesteaded where Al was born in DuQuoin, Illinois, on May 14, 1924. He attended a one room school house (1 – 8th grade) and then the local high school. DuQuoin's only claim to fame was being the host town for the world-wide famous *Hambletonian* harness race. The *Hambletonian* was held there until a few years after WW II, when the New York elite managed to wrestle the race back east.

Immediately following graduation, Al came out to the Seattle area to work with his brother Dale in the Bremerton shipyard as an electrician's helper. Al joined the Navy six months later in 1941 at 17years old so he could become an aviator and was sent to Kalispell MT for initial training. Throughout his entire life, flying was his passion! Al's stories about Naval Air boot camp and training ending in Pensacola (the Navy pilot's equivalent of Annapolis) are fascinating. An interesting side-bar story is that Al's training class followed Tyrone Power's class by one month. Al was assigned to Naval Air Transport (NAT), flying equipment, personnel, etc. all over the world. After several transfers, Al was assigned to Whidbey NAS.

It was during the Whidbey time period when Al had his first boating experience with his brother and two other pals on a 21' cabin cruiser crossing Rosario Strait and into Juan de Fuca towards San Juan Channel on a fishing expedition. At the south end of Lopez, all heck (not Al's word) broke loose and they were in 8–10 footers and too afraid to turn around (sound familiar?). After a small dinghy lashed to the top of the cabin had washed off and about an hour in the Strait, they finally made it to the protection of Cattle Point, where some commercial fish boats were waiting out the storm – one took pity on them and offered a tie alongside and some hot coffee! A 60' fish boat had tried earlier but came back in and advised the others to stay put!

Following the war Al spent one term at Illinois College and then came back to this area to replenish his wallet. The next five years he flew commercially for a non-sched operator on the West Coast, Canada and Alaska, while simultaneously participating in some small business ventures. It was here that he met and was married to Perlle in 1948. They enjoyed a wonderful marriage until Perlle passed away in 2005. He turned down a partnership opportunity in the non-sched when it was taken over by a pilot that didn't follow safety procedures that resulted in a tail wheel hitting a mountain ridge! He quit and went into business with his brother Pink in heavy construction building bulkhead, roads etc. in the Bremerton area. Most of his income, though, was from his Naval Reserve pay.

He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War, assigned to MATS, and spent two years flying mostly from the states into Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Africa. The Korean part was mainly air evacuation to the States.

Following that, Al went to work as a pilot for United Air Lines and had a great 30 year career with them. He spent two years as a flight instructor at Denver when the company was transitioning to DC-8 jets. After going back to line flying, he spent three years in the Pacific operations (Viet Nam) for UAL on their military contract. Interestingly, Al flew several years as flight engineer and co-pilot for several captains he had trained at Denver!

Al's NAT unit was employed during the naval blockade of Cuba during the 1962 missile crisis. He remained a reservist for some 30 years and the only thing he didn't like was when Sand Point NAS was broken up for a park – Al is quoted as saying, "the People's Republic of Seattle!"

Al retired from UAL in 1984 after flying DC-8s for years and finally the Seattle-Hong Kong nonstop in DC-10s. The spectacularly difficult approach and landing in Hong Kong has been made famous by emails but to recount Al's description, "The approach to landing in Hong Kong was usually quite interesting as you approached the runway at a 40 degree angle while descending down the glideslope to about 400 feet altitude and making a steep turn while descending to the runway and flying between apartment and office buildings located on Kowloon."

He had been an active Naval Reservist since WW II so he made 1984 a doubly good year as he took Navy retirement also.

Over the years, Al & Perlle lived in many homes, both houses and condominiums, from homes on the Kirkland waterfront, a condominium at Roche Harbor to their last Seattle home in *The Shannon* on Capitol Hill. Al spent over 25 years on condominium boards, committees and other special assignments.

Al's hobbies were mainly boating and motor homing. RV'ing was mostly in the western states. He and Perlle would boat in the summer and in early fall head south down the coast to warmer climes in the motorhome. After retirement Al & Perlle would try to spend two or three months each year on the water (as far north as Juneau and Glacier Bay) and an equal time in the motor home.

Captain Teel joined Queen City in 1969 and was one of the "old-timers." I looked to Al with much admiration and respect. Al & Perlle started their boating when they purchased a 36' GB in 1966, the Bonny-*Biddy*, that they owned for 11 years. Al's present boat, the beautiful Eleganzia, is an American Marine 45' Alaskan built by the GB people. Typical of Al's adventurous life, he purchased the boat out of the San Francisco area in January and in mid-February of 1977 decided to bring it up the coast as soon as possible to avoid California heavy sales and use taxes. He, two United friends and an FAA buddy left the St. Francis YC, sailed under the Golden Gate bridge and headed NW into 30 kt winds. About 10 hours later, the wind veered to SW and picked up in velocity to gale force. About 55 miles NW of Newport OR the seas, in Al's words, "became downright nasty!" Having called the CG for weather—no change in sight and rogues breaking over the stern – Al decided to make a timed 180 and head into it. Now heading into it, he decided to try to cross the bar at about 30 minutes after low slack although he CG advised no one had crossed for 2 days. He didn't have to ask for help because the CG offered to escort them across the bar, much to Al's relief! That night after being secured in the harbor the winds

reached 65 knots and blew a truck over against the river railing! **Chaplain's Note: Does this sound familiar to some other recent QCYC member sailings from California to Seattle during winter time?**

Al was active in the club, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, was on the Moorage Committee in the 80s, and also Locker Assignments Chair three times in the 80s. Al served faithfully the last 12 years as Chair of the Eight Bells Committee. He skippered the *Eleganzia* for most of our 8-Bell scattering ceremonies, kept the bronze plaques on the 8-Bell Buoy upto-date and was always there for the families. Al was such a good steward of the 8-Bell Buoy that in his last wishes he decided to donate the *Eleganzia* upon his death. His directive is to use the proceeds from the sale of the *Eleganzia* for refurbishing the 8-Bell buoy and plaques and for the club Youth Sailing program!

Al wrote:

"For the last several years I have been chairman of our eight bells program at Queen City Yacht Club in Seattle. This is a program whereby members who make this choice may have their ashes disposed of at sea by the club in a rather un-ostentatious ceremony. That is my desire."

Perlle & Al had no children but lots of nieces and nephews to keep them company in their golden years. Just before Perlle died, he wrote: "Perlle and I are both blessed with happiness and good health and we hope all of you are as well."

WILLIAMS, DAVID 1932 – 2012

Captain David Bruce Williams slipped his moorings for the last time on Sep 22, 2012, at age 80. He passed away quietly after a four year battle with Alzheimer's. His Schipperke dogs were by his side along with Mary-Ann and his care givers. Dave was born at Swedish Hospital in Seattle March 15th, 1932.

Dave grew up on the banks of the Duwamish River in the town of Tukwila and went to Showalter grade school along with lifetime best friends, Bob Duggan, Ronald Doyle, Larry Freese, and Jerry Hamilton. During this time, his paternal grandparents seemed to be the prime influence in his life, as his dad was superintendent of Boeing Plant 2 during World War II. Dave's dad was in charge of getting the war planes off to war both in Europe and the Pacific fronts.

Dave had a grand time growing up with his grandfather, David Williams, who, earlier had worked for Bill Boeing as the prime blacksmith of the newly formed company called Boeing Airplane Company. Grandpa Williams had set up his own blacksmith shop in his South Park home. There he taught young David Bruce how to make kitchen knives, parts for Grandpa's guns and whatever Grandma Williams needed in the house. At age 8 Dave got his first hunting license and with the aid of this Grandpa and Dad got his first deer. Grandpa spent many hours with Dave, teaching him about fishing and making fishing lures for the many rivers they fished. They would spend summers fishing off the Washington coast in a 16 foot runabout. By the time Dave was 14 years old Grandpa had taught him how to drive the 1934 Chevrolet . Dave and his Grandpa were on the road going somewhere all the time.

These times slowed down as David entered Foster High School. He tried football as a first sport but that just did not work out. He enjoyed golf especially at the Foster Golf Course. When he didn't golf he was diving in the Green River for golf balls along with his best friend Bob Duggan.

David and all his friends from Foster High School entered the University of Washington in Seattle in the fall of 1950. There in 1st quarter English class he met his future wife, Mary-Ann Vogee. They became best friends and soul mates. Dave had entered the School of Communications just as television was born. He had the opportunity at UW to be in the first days of the TV industry to plan programs, produce programs and also be on the first newscast for television. The only television set on the University Campus was at Blaine Hall, the women's dormitory where Mary-Ann was living. Those few months were exciting for everyone, as no one knew what to expect. Dave did well in the School of Communications and the Air Force ROTC. He became the captain of the ROTC drill team and took the team to many of the spring time parades. His favorite trip was to the Rose Bowl parade when the University of Washington was the number one football team.

Dave married Mary-Ann in 1954 in the worst snowstorm Seattle had experience in many years. That spring he graduated from the University and accepted his Air Force tour of duty. Mary-Ann had committed to a five year BSc in Nursing with Public Health Certification so she had to stay on at Harborview Hospital for the 1954 year.

Luckily, the Air Force was looking all over the US for new talent that could develop television for the Far East Air Force Command stationed in Tokyo, Japan. They chose Dave, a second lieutenant. His job was to establish an Air Force broadcasting station in Japan to be used by all the Pacific Rim US stations. He was also the liaison between the Air Force and all Japanese media including radio, TV, movies, etc. General Kuter was his boss at Tokyo.

When Mary-Ann graduated she was able to join Dave in Tokyo. Those four years were wonderful times even if the salary was minimal. Dave spent a lot of time with the Japanese TV stations such as JORK & J TV. One interesting task he was assigned to was to escort Rock Hudson and Martha Hyer from the movie *Battle Hymn* to Seoul, Korea, to be the guests of Madam and President Rhee of Korea. They travelled all over Korea with President Rhee, as he was very grateful for the movie and for saving thousands of Korean orphans from the war in Seoul. When Dave's tour of duty was almost over, his superiors wanted him to stay and promised him an upgrade to Major immediately but he wanted to return to his family and hopefully to a job at Boeing Back in Seattle he found that the jobs at Boeing were scarce and of minimal wage so he thought he could be a car salesman. It took him one month to decide that it was not his line of work. So back to Boeing at the bottom of the ladder in tools under Bob Morrice (QCYC). Bob and Betty Morris became close lifelong friends. It did not take long for Dave to get into contract administration, but about that time he lost his mother to lung problems and then his dad to cancer. His grandparents had all passed away when he was in Japan. As an only child, he turned to his old high school buddies and leaned on Mary-Ann for strength.

Dave's dad had left him four lots and two cabins at Summit Lake near Olympia and this property became a project of love, for the cabins were not in very good shape and he was in love with boating on the lake. Soon he decided to purchase a 22 foot sail boat named *Yolo. Yolo* was the biggest yacht on the lake and lots of good times were had sailing.

Dave and Mary-Ann met Marilyn and Roy Gustafson at the Elk Yacht Club in Seattle. Roy had a Cruise a Home yacht that was much bigger and better than *Yolo*. Soon Dave was out shopping for a bigger sail boat. The *D Flawless* was a beautiful 32 ft. that was the pride of Dave's eye. With the help of Roy and Marilyn, who owned several houses on Lake Washington, Roy sold Dave and Mary-Ann an older home with a dock on the Lake—the *D Flawless* was home. The Elk Yacht Club needed leaders and soon Dave went through the chairs to become Commodore of the Elk Yacht Club. Roy and Marilyn thought Dave should join another yacht club—Queen City Yacht Club—and join in all the fun with all the old Boeing friends.

Dave agreed and joined QCYC in 1982 and he and Mary Ann (1991) were very active and just three years later Dave was named Labor Day Cruise Chair. The *D Flawless* was too slow a boat for the Queen City friends so David decided to buy a real yacht, so the *Queen of Diamonds* was purchased in 1990, which David was very happy about. It fit the dock at Lake Washington.

Roy and Marilyn Gustafson owned a condo at Waikiki Beach in Hawaii. They invited Dave and Mary-Ann to Hawaii two different years and then Roy started to look for a condo in the same building as their condo at Waikiki Shores, which was rightfront-center of Waikiki Beach. It didn't take long for Roy to find one and encourage Dave and Mary-Ann to buy the nice condo. They didn't know how much work it would be and how expensive it would be to keep it up but for five winters Dave and Mary-Ann went to Hawaii to care for their now two condos. Roy passed away with Parkinson's and the fun was over. Dave's new boss at Boeing was Bill Carlyon (QCYC). Bill and wife Phyllis became lifelong friends, spending time in travelling with Boeing/QCYC friends on our boats, the *C-Lyon* and the *Queen of Diamonds*. Bob and Betty Morrice, along with Jim and Sally Stephens (QCYC), made up the fleet of yachts that travelled the waters of Puget Sound and the Canadian Straits. Mary-Ann writes "Those were the fun days for all of us. No regrets. This same motley crew would spend many hours at the Queen City Yacht Club Outstation at Eagle Harbor. Many a day we had fun with all the people of the Yacht Club. Bill Carlyon became very ill and soon passed away. Soon Sally Stephens and Betty Morrice passed away. The party was over."

David and Mary-Ann were very tired of living in a condo on the downtown waterfront because of street dirt, street noise and street congestion, so extra time was spent staying on the *Queen of Diamonds* at Eagle Harbor. A new fun thing to do was garage sales hunting but; they had run out of places to go on Bainbridge Island, so they ventured out into Kitsap County. They went to Chico to a garage sale and Dave was bored but he saw a "for sale" sign on one of the waterfront homes. He said he would check out the price and come right back. When he arrived back to the car he said the house he looked at needed to be torn down but the salesman had a new house on the market in Bremerton that he thought Dave would enjoy. It was in Bremerton, Washington—Bremerton! Mary-Ann was not interested and kicked her heels all the way.

Dave announced that he had promised the salesman that he would follow him to the Bremerton home just to have a look. Mary-Ann was not going to get out of the car to look so Dave went with the salesman to look around! About a half hour later, Dave came to the car and announced to Mary-Ann that he had purchased the house. There was a beautiful dock in front of the house and that was the only thing that mattered. Mary-Ann was upset, saying to Dave ----You don't know if the house has even a toilet.!!!!!

The move to Bremerton was not smooth. Issues with the property lines and platting became a huge and troubling issue that Dave could not understand or resolve. The worry of lawyers, the worry of the huge amounts of money to save their land was just too much for Dave. Mary Ann writes that it was the worry of that episode that seemed to launch Dave on the long ugly road of Alzheimer's Disease.

One good thing Dave did was to take out an insurance policy for long term care that was very expensive about 16 years ago. The monthly premiums were very expensive like \$ 7-\$900 a month. Mary-Ann was truly upset with these monthly payments thinking that they would not ever retrieve any benefits. She became grateful, however, and for the past three years of Dave's journey with Alzhiemer's he did receive 24 hour, 7 days a week of prime caregiving. He enjoyed all the attention and love.

David had a very good life He did enjoy all the hard work that went into his days. He had no regrets.





THE CHET GIBSON MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS CRUISE

Parade of Lighted Boats - Coordinated and Led by

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Approximate Parade Schedule

Friday, December 07, 2012 Saturday, December 08, 2012 Lake Union 6:00 PM (Start) Lake Union (Start) 6:00 PM Webster Point 7:00 PM Webster Point 7:00 PM Leschi Park 7:25 PM Cozy Cove 7:40 PM Meydenbauer Bay 8:20 PM Kirkland 8:10 PM Webster Point 9:00 PM (End) Mathews Beach 8:40 PM Sand Point 9:00 PM Webster Point-End 9:30 PM

Communications: Monitor VHF Channel 9. Communications boat will provide parade information concerning safety and navigation. If you wish to contact communications just request Queen City Parade Communications.

Entry Requirements: There are none. ALL BOATERS ARE WELCOME. Just decorate your boat, put on a happy face and join the parade. Each and every boat lends its own unique flavor to the spirit of Christmas.

Comment: The event was begun in 1941 by Captain Chet Gibson and is being carried on under the sponsor ship of Queen City Yacht Club. It is an opportunity for the area boaters to share their pastime with the community and is an event the shoreline viewers eagerly anticipate.

Note: The Montlake Bridge opens on request after 6:30 PM, so the sailboats should line up together for a common opening.

Parade Start: On both nights, boats will form up at the North end of Lake Union behind the lead boat, (TBD), near buoy C"13" by Gasworks Park. At 6:00 PM the flashing light will appear on the lead boat and the parade will begin. We will proceed counter clockwise around Lake Union, through Portage Bay, the Mountlake Cut and out into Lake Washington.

Decorations: Both sides of the boat should be decorated; lights should dominate the display. The audience is the people in the surrounding communities who enjoy the spectacular sight of the floating Christmas lights from shore.

For more information contact Randy Jamerson (Event Chairman) 206-579-0206

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December 13th, 2012

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See author's web site at <u>www.armchair-cruising.com</u> Betty's personal email is jbphoto@fidalgo.net.

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- ★ November 3 Gig Harbor Awards Banquet (IPBA)
- ★ November 9–11 Fleet Captain Cruise
- ★ November 16 Tarette Friday Night Social
- ★ November 17 *Tyee Commodore's Ball*
- ★ November 22 Thanksgiving
- ★ November 23 Tree Lighting



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