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COMMODORE'S REPORT December, 2015

would like to thank Greg Bolin and Janet Atkin for chairing a wonderful Halloween party. We enjoyed the entertainment provided by none other than Elvis. We had a great DJ to accompany him. They worked well together to provide us with a first class act. On top of that the costumes everyone wore were very imaginative. The best costume prize was taken by none other than me and Shirley the pregnant nun. Give all the credit to Shirley for the costume

made this a great event.

might be worth another visit.

idea. Thank you Greg and Janet and to everyone who

We also had a great time with our visit to

Woodland Park Zoo hosted by our Fleet Captain

Dorothy Dubia. Dorothy and Larry were great tour

little rain but no wind to speak of so we really were

lot for the better since we last visited 20 or 30 years

ago. It was well worth seeing not only the animals but also the new surroundings. If you have not been

to the zoo in a long time it is worth the visit. During

December they will be displaying the zoo lights so it

It will be a very busy time during the month

leaders and ambassadors for the zoo. There was a

lucky. The zoo and their displays have changed a



John Rogers

of December. We start off with the Special People's now called the Seafair Holiday Cruise on Sunday December 6th. If you would like to volunteer to skipper your boat and take some guests out for the cruise please contact Chuck Gould. If you would like to volunteer in some other capacity please contact Chairman Bill Field. This is a very worthwhile event.

The next special event on the calendar is the Tarettes' Captains' Christmas dinner on December 10. The dinner will feature Willie's prime rib roast dinner. The Christmas entertain-

ment will be provided by an outstanding jazz gospel group, "The Shades of Praise." The Tarettes had them several years ago and they were terrific. Get your reservations early into Deborah in the office.

Following the Christmas Dinner will be the traditional Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade on Friday and Saturday night December 11 and 12. The parade starts off the green buoy off of Gasworks Park. Chuck Gould is chairman of this event. He may or may not still need a few turn boats. However for a wonderful time put a few lights on your boat and come out for a great winter evening cruise.

The clubhouse is in use throughout December but the next major event besides meetings is the New Year's Eve Party chaired by P/C Rich and

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Christine McCroskey. We will be kicking off the 2016 centennial year with a roaring 20's theme. This theme ties in with our club's beginnings. I know they are planning a great event so join the fun.

The renovation of the Winslow Outstation restrooms began in earnest at the end of October. As of this writing the restrooms have been demolished and work is beginning to put them back together. I hope to visit Winslow in a few days to check on progress but I know Eric, Barb and Tom Schultz have this project well in hand.

We converted to the new website the second week in November. You may not notice that much of a visual change at this point. The primary work to date was to bring the background content management system up to date with the latest versions. This has now been completed. Upgrading the management system will allow us to make future improvements that have been discussed. Your web team is meeting to review and prioritize the next steps. We would still like to identify some members who may want to take over and manage a certain function within the site. So if you have some interest in this please let me or Gerald Fey know. Also I would like to thank Gerald for his efforts in the development, testing and management of the site.

On a business note your Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Planning and Finance Committee has voted to increase the moorage rate by 2% across the board. This increase will apply to open, covered and Winslow winter moorage and is effective with the January 1st billing. Our last increase was January of 2012.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

-John Rogers, Commodore

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

N ow that Thanksgiving is in the rear view mirror, we can look forward to all the December events. There are too many activities to list here, so check the calendar to see how many work for you. Don't forget about ringing in 2016 at the New Year's Eve Party as this will kick off our yearlong centennial celebration.

HOUSE

There has been planning going on to add a pergola to the lower entrance of our clubhouse so we will have a covered entry. Ideally, this would be completed in conjunction with a monument dedicated to our centennial. Drawings have been completed, but when





provided to a fabricator for a bid, the estimate exceeded our budgeted amount. There are ongoing discussions under way and the potential solutions include getting additional bids, altering the design for ease of manufacturing or only completing cement groundwork at this time, and finishing the project next year. Additional details will be forthcoming when known.

Docks

With winter approaching, we can all appreciate that our Docks Electrical Project is complete and we do not have to worry about the electrical system going down due to system overload in a period of peak usage. This was previously a very real concern, with the added fear that due to its age, our electrical system may have been unrepairable. Also, you may have noted that buckets of Ice Melt have been placed at various spots on the docks. This is for member use if we have a cold spell and the docks get icy.

MOORAGE

At the last board meeting, the Board formally accepted the recommendation from the Planning and Finance Committee that our moorage rates be increased by 2%. An increase to the moorage has

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been under discussion for at least the past year, and our last increase was over 4 years ago. While there was some reluctance to raise the rates, the deciding factor was that we are better off with small increases rather than waiting too long, then needing to implement a big step up. I think we can all agree, the moorage rates at QCYC are a great value. The 2% raise will be effective January 1, 2016.

OUTSTATION

Most of us are aware that there has been a plan to upgrade the

restrooms at our Bainbridge outstation. The good news is we are beyond the planning stages and the restroom renovation is well under way. If things remain on schedule, the new restrooms will be complete before the end of the year. The bad news is the original plan included the renovation of the showers as well, but the budget fell short of enabling that to happen in conjunction with the restrooms. The current plan is that the renovation of the showers will be budgeted for next year, so with a little patience, all will be good.

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SUMMARY

Hopefully everyone is staying warm and dry during these dark winter days. If it were't for all the Queen City Yacht Club activities this month, it would be easy to hunker down in front of the fire. Michele and I are looking forward to the December festivities and sharing some holiday cheer with fellow members.

—Dave Bedner, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

am proud to report that our Grounds Committee Chair, MaryLouise Alving, has recently completed a major landscaping project at the Mainstation. As Queen City Yacht Club prepares to celebrate our centennial birthday, the new landscaping will definitely enhance our club's beauty.

Membership Chairman Chris Benson received approval from the Board of Trustees to offer a 50% reduction of the initiation fee. With the holiday season upon us and Boat Show 2016 around the corner in January, this should attract a lot of interest from potential new members.

Security at the club is a top priority. The recent vandalism occurred in the parking lot near Dock 1. There is safety concern about how dark the park is at night. Thanks to Andy Gerde, who provided a commercial light fixture that has been installed at the end of Dock 1 that now provides light to the park now at night.

We are looking forward to a great holiday season at Queen City Yacht Club. Please direct any suggestions you may have regarding grounds, membership or security to the committee

chairs or myself.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season,

—John Hieber, Rear Commodore

OUTSTATION REPORT

f you've visited the Outstation recently, you have seen the huge project underway — both bathrooms are being remodeled!



The entire clubhouse looks like a construction zone.

Captain Tom Schultz is undertaking this project, and we knew there could be a surprise or two. A leaking toilet (underneath the bricks) in the men's room led the framing between the bathrooms to turn to mush, and the galvanized plumbing in both looked suspect — the first surprises. Tom has the skill set and experience to take it all in stride, though, and the goal is to have the project essentially completed by year-end.

Eric says it will be so nice, we may not want to let the Grimm boys use it.

Safe boating,

-Barb Wood

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello, Fellow Zoo Adventurers, Thank you for joining us for



a soggy (but I hope fun) day at the zoo!

I hope you will participate in the next fleet captain's adventure in January.. We're going to learn about hydroplanes at the hydroplane museum. Did you know that QCYC has some "history" with hydroplanes? Keep an eye on *The Bilge Pump*, email, and web site for more details! In the meantime,

See you at the club My best,

—Dorothy Dubia, Fleet Captain

MEMBERSHIP

t the Nov. 9th board meeting a motion was passed to offer a half price special for our membership initiation.

Our membership currently is at 387 active members, 101 senior members, 7 life members, 10 social members, and 12 intermediate members for a total membership of 517. We need 400 regular members for a full membership.

DOCKS DOIN'S

e accomplished several tasks on Docks Fun Day in November.

Among them, several members teamed up to clean out the valleys between the peaked roofs on the floating sheds. These areas fill up with all the dirt and debris that lands on the roof, and eventually the valleys no longer drain away accumulated rain water.

We currently have 22 members that are eligible for a life membership status only when we have achieved the 400 count. Then they will be brought in to life membership. This bylaw is in the Annual under Article 111 Section 2 Article 3. The qualifications are that active members must have joined after Sept. 30th, 1986, and have completed 25 years of dues paying membership and are at least 65 years old, and finally active membership must be full at 400

Worse yet, water builds up until it finds a way through the lowest seam on the aluminum roofingcreating a dirty bath experience for boat in "covered" moorage.

Ioin the fun in December! Docks Fun Day will be December 12, at 8:30 AM. The monthly Docks Committee meeting will be the preceding Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 PM.

> -Chuck Gould. Docks Committee Chair

members. Our goal this year is to have a full membership, increase the number of intermediate members and have the 22 eligible members for life membership confirmed in their new status.

At the October 14th general meeting we had one initiation: Capts. Dennis and Nikki Rampe, who were sponsored by Capt. Mark LaFountaine.

Welcome aboard to our new members and thanks to their sponsors.

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We will be attending the Seattle Boat Show again this year. Our QCYC booth location will be the same space that we have had for the last couple of years, Space E811. This year's dates for the Boat Show are from Jan. 29th to Feb. 6th. Please mark this on your calendar. Sign up, come out and help support our membership drive for our club. QCYC will pay for your Boat Show ticket for the day that you volunteer. We will also have an open house at our Main Station following the Boat Show.

How many times have you looked at a member and can't remember his/her name? This year I would like to see all of us wear our name tags for every event. If you lost your name tag, have Deborah order you a new one. The magnetic name tags are available. In the last 2 years we have had over 90 new members and 200 new members in the last 7 yrs. That is close to half our membership! I will be honest -I have had a lot of new members and regular members that attend a function and or meetings whose names I can't remember. OK, how many times did you say hi to Bob when his name was really Chuck. Just saying that it would be a good to have a name tag so we don't embarrass ourselves constantly.

Thanks to Michael Aberjera and Wendy Delaunay for their great efforts as photographers for the club. Hopefully all of you have had your pictures taken for this year's centennial annual.

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

Thanks,

-Chris Benson, Membership Chairman



n Sunday, December 6, we will be participating in the Seafair 76 Holiday Cruise. We can use people for a variety of jobs. Boats are always welcome and the more dock elves the better! This is one way we can give back to the community. Those of you who have participated in previous years know how rewarding it is. Some of these "special people" don't have much happy time, and they look forward to this event for 364 days a year. I have heard on several occasions that they like to come to Queen City because they are so well treated here and enjoy themselves so much.

One Sunday afternoon is not too much to brighten the lives of developmentally disabled folks. You'll be glad you did. And isn't events such as this that make the holiday season so special?

We will have an organizational meeting at 1 PM on the third deck. We will be giving out information, matching crews with boats and providing snack packs for each boat. Even if you haven't signed up, come anyway! Questions? Contact Bill Field a <u>farafield32@msn.com</u> or 206-778-6892.







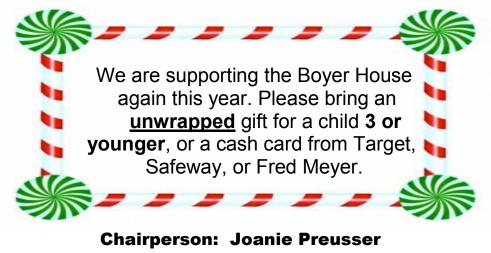
Dinner 7 pm

Special Holiday Entertainment Prime Rib Buffet by Willie & Crew ~ \$25 per Person



Reservations Through the QCYC Office 206-709-2000

Reservation deadline: Friday, December 4th



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VIRGIL FEY

AUGUST 16, 1929 – OCTOBER 3, 2015

Virgil C. Fey, age 86, of Sequim Washington, flew west on October 3, 2015. An accomplished aviator, husband, father and friend, he was born on August 16, 1929, in Seattle. Virgil's passion with aviation began on Friday, August 13th, 1946, when his parents moved back to Anchorage. It was his first time in an airplane and he loved it. There were thirteen passengers on the airplane and when they got off in Anchorage, Virgil's dad found a #13 pool ball. From that day forward, Virgil always considered Friday the 13th his lucky day! Two weeks later, at Merrill Field, Virgil was learning to fly in a J3 Cub. Boating started for Virgil when he bought a 3 hp outboard in 1941 with money earned from a paper route. He graduated from Anchorage High School in 1948.

He met and married his wife, Bertha Mae, in Anchorage at age 20. The Feys moved in 1971 to Newport Shores in Bellevue, where they raised their two children, Julie and Gerald. They resided in Bellevue for many years before retiring to Carefree, Arizona, and then moving to Sequim in 1999. Throughout the years, Virgil and Bertha Mae had many adventures by land, sea and air. He loved to travel the Alaska Highway and would take friends and family along whenever he had the chance.

As noted above, Virgil's aviation career started as a teenager when his family moved to Anchorage. It wasn't long before he was flying as a bush pilot all over Alaska. He described his bush pilot experiences with brown and black bears, duck hunters, moose on the runway, ice and headwinds as "fun." Throughout his career he flew many different types of aircraft from J3 Cubs to Jets. He flew just about every kind of landing gear that was made, from wheels, skis, floats and amphibians.

In 1957, Virgil was hired by Pacific Northern Airlines (PNA), where he flew a DC3, the Lockheed Electra and the Lockheed Constellation or the "Connie." He flew for PNA until they merged with Western Airlines. During his aviation career with Western Airlines, he was privileged to fly the 707, 727 and 737. He flew for Western Airlines until his retirement in 1985.

During retirement, Virgil enjoyed flying with friends in his V-Tail Bonanza and his classic cars. His three favorite airplanes were the Boeing 707, the Lockheed L749 Constellation and the Cessna 180/185 Seaplane.

Serious pleasure boating began after moving here in 1971, and Virgil joined Queen City Yacht Club in 1973. He and Bertha Mae became active in the club social events and Virgil has an impressive record of service to the club.

He was active in predicted log racing, including participating in 1979 and 1980 in four National and Pacific Coast championships as helmsman with Al Smith. He served ably as Fleet Captain before going through the chairs, being elected Rear Commodore in 1980, culminating is his Commodore year of 1983. Virgil's years of experience in business, flying and managing properties in Anchorage served him well in piloting Queen City Yacht Club in 1983. Virgil was P/C Al Smith's Vice Commodore and Al remembers Virgil fondly as a good officer, log racing partner and friend.

In 1979, Virgil and Al became close when they went back east to Detroit to compete in the National Invitational (NAI). The 1st boat they drew wouldn't run so they drew a 2nd boat, which was a 33' aluminum hull with only one helm, on the flybridge. During time trials with four men on the bridge and a narrow beam they rolled in rough water stirring up fuel tank sediment and clogged the fuel filters. So back to draw another boat – this one worked well and they finished the contest. On the way back from the contest, Virgil and Al had to put up with a lot of "smack" talk from the Seattle YC racers – who were convinced they had won. At the awards dinner however, Seattle YC had to eat their words when the Queen City team was announced as the winner!

Virgil was instrumental with Al in moving IPBA from American Power Boat Association to North American Cruiser Association (NACA), the national logracing association. When P/C Fey was Vice, our club chef/caretaker quit and Virgil was responsible to hire a replacement – his hire was Ted Pineda and wife! After Ted's wife died, Ted was our caretaker until 1999 and our only honorary member for years following his retirement. Virgil served as Rear Commodore for Commodore Dean Lentgis and Dean remembers Virgil, with fondness and with great respect, as easy-going but like many senior pilots was strong willed and was decisive – necessary attributes for a QCYC Commodore. P/C Wally McPherson and Mickey remember great fun days cruising and socializing with Virgil and Bertha Mae.

Interestingly, our current Commodore, John Rogers, first met Virgil through log racing in the late 70's when John was Edmonds Fleet Captain. Then, Virgil was John Rogers' counterpart going through the chairs when John was Commodore of the Edmonds Yacht Club in 1983 and then sponsored John into QCYC the same year.

In addition to serving on the bridge, Virgil had an extensive record as a club contributor, serving on the Board, Annual Committee, and several times on the Nominating Committee, Legislative Committee, Computer Development Committee, Interclub, Lighted Boat Parade and the Special People's Christmas Cruise, often as chairman. One year when he was chair of the Lighted Boat Parade the record was broken when there were 130 boats participating!

Virgil continued to participate in the "Old Timers Night" held every June, organized by son Gerald the last few years, and enjoyed this year's cruise and dinner.

P/C Fey owned three boats while a member of Queen City: a 34' Fairliner, a 36' Uniflite and finally a beautiful 48' Tollycraft, Queen City's 1983 flagship. All of the Fey boats were named *Fey's Four*.

Virgil will be dearly missed by his daughter, Julie Fey; son Gerald (Melissa) Fey; six grandchildren: Michael, Lisa, Tori, Jordan, Lilly and Allison; and one great-grandchild, Zander

> ATTENTION MOORING MEMBERS!

When your boat insurance renews it is your

responsibility to provide the club with an

updated Certificate of Insurance to remain

in compliance with moorage rules.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The last rain storm we had did a lot of damage to the club's 3rd floor gas fireplace. A fireplace tech was called in to repair the damage. The fireplace is in good working condition now. There are instructions inside on how to light it.



Captain Craig Ranta has installed and checked out the new wireless microphone system in the 3rd floor meeting room. This new system will be a great update to what we had in conducting meetings and special events. THANKS, CRAIG!

If you have a problem please contact the House for assistance

The House wishes everyone happy holidays.

—Jim Damery, House Chairman

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Tarettes' Corner

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WIC (WOMEN'S INTERCLUB COUNCIL)

Every yacht club in The Grand 14 has a ladies group. Each month, one of the vacht club's ladies groups will host a luncheon inviting others to socialize, have fun, and promote women in boating. These groups are referred to as The WIC or the Women's Interclub Council. The schedule of the upcoming lunches are as follows: Port Orchard Yacht Club will host on December 10th, Gig Harbor Yacht Club will host on December 15th. and Seattle Yacht Club will host a luncheon on February 17th. Each luncheon reflects a selected theme for its program. The cost per luncheon is \$15 to \$17 per person. Reservations are required and made through me, Joanie Preusser. jmp-cfp@ comcast.net

CAPTAIN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Captain's Christmas Dinner is a well attended tradition of QCYC, presented by The Tarettes. This year, on Thursday, December 10th, will be another wonderful event! Willie will prepare his very popular prime rib buffet, followed by the "Shades of Praise" choir welcoming in the holiday season. Reservations are required at the QCYC office. The cost is \$25 per person. Please make out your checks to Tarettes and give to Deborah in the office. We always need help with clean up after The Captain's Dinner. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated!

— Joanie Preusser, Chairperson jmp-cfp@comcast.net or 206-431-9737.

BIG SISTER PROGRAM

When I first joined The Tarettes, I was given a Big Sister! It has been a wonderful and reassuring experience ever since. My Big Sister, Shirley Rogers, let me know what was going on and helped me get involved, making me feel that much closer to my QCYC friends. I feel strongly about this cherished tradition, The Tarettes' Big Sister program, and want to foster its continuance! Are you interested? Contact me, Joannie Preusser, at 206-431-9737 or jmp-cfp@comcast.net



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME TO NEW TARETTES:

- ★ Janet Atkins, M/V Summer Place;
- ★ Penelope (Penny) Crawley-Manns, M/V Caledonia;
- ★ Nicole Krows, M/V Krows Nest;
- Norma Brengelmann, S/V Mi Amante;
- ★ Julia Koh, M/V *Time Out*;
- Niki Maguire-Rampe, M/V Scooter
- ★ Rebecca Valentine, M/V *Racation*.

All ladies of QCYC are welcome to join us for Tarettes' activities. Membership has complimentary dues for the first year. Applications are available from Tarettes' officers and the QCYC office.

> —Margaret Krows, Membership Chair

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QCYC CLUB HOURS

Main Gate: Open 0600 – 1900 Docks: 24 hour lockdown and card access Clubhouse: Doors open 0800 – 1800 Member Access 0500 – 2400

You're Invited!

QCYC Kids' Holiday Party

Saturday, December 12th 11:00am-2:00pm

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 Visit With Santa
 Snacks Provided

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Centennial New Year's Eve

Queen City Yacht Club Where: **Thursday Dec. 31, 2015** When: **Cocktail Hour** 7:00 pm 8:00 pm Dinner 9:00 pm – 12pm Dancing **Roaring 20's or Formal, Semi-formal** Attire: **Cost: \$100 per Couple**

Please join us for an evening of dining and dancing as we celebrate the arrival of 2016, our Centennial Year!

Enjoy Willie's Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner

Dance the night away to music by "Let's Dance" DJ Brant Butte, featuring classics from the 20's – 40's era.

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Celebrate at midnight with a Champagne Toast

RSVP: Deborah at QCYC 206-709-2000 for reservations & payment by December 28th. Guests welcome

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LOOKING AHEAD

★ Dec 5	Seattle YC Commodore's Ball
★ Dec 6	Special People's Cruise
★ Dec 9	General Membership Meeting
★ Dec 10	Captain's Christmas Dinner
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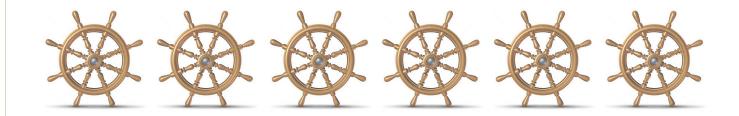
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