

QCYC Women’s Group Raises Funds to Support Our Club & Community



QCYC Tarettes Women’s Group Welcomed Women of the Grand 14 at the WIC Luncheon

By Kimberlee Campbell,
President
Sistee Lentgis & Wendy DeLaunay
Past Presidents

As one of many activities of the QCYC Tarettes Women’s Club, our ladies hosted more than 85 women from QCYC and clubs of the Grand 14 for Women’s Interclub Council (WIC) luncheon on the 3rd deck in February. Commodore Genord welcomed these groups to QCYC, followed by a great program, nice selection of raffle baskets and a delicious lunch served by Willie. This past year the QCYC women’s group has raised more than \$5000 in support of local non-profits for kids and clocked more than 50 hours volunteering – all on behalf of Queen City Yacht Club. For the past 80+ years, QCYC women have supported our club in many ways as past Tarettes Women’s Group president, Sistee Lentgis explains on [PAGE 7](#).



Commodore Welcomes Grand 14 Women’s Clubs for Women’s Interclub Council Luncheon

Jump ‘Back to the Eighties’ as a QCYC **OPENING DAY** Volunteer

By Adam & Lori Rosellini
2025 Opening Day Chairs
To volunteer, email
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We are excited about 2025 Opening and the BACK TO THE 80’S theme for Opening Day Weekend, Wednesday, April 30 to Sunday, May 4. We are planning a fun filled weekend, but we need helpers to make it all work. Watch for updates in the Blige Blast and more information next month as we prepare to celebrate the opening of boating season in the Northwest.



Opening Day Chairs Lori & Adam Rosellini Welcome SYS Royalty at the Regular Membership Meeting



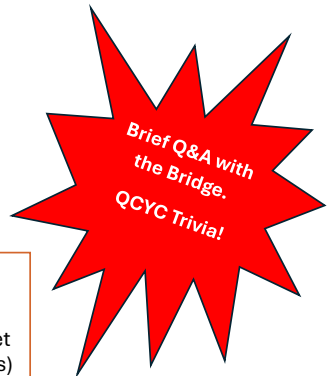
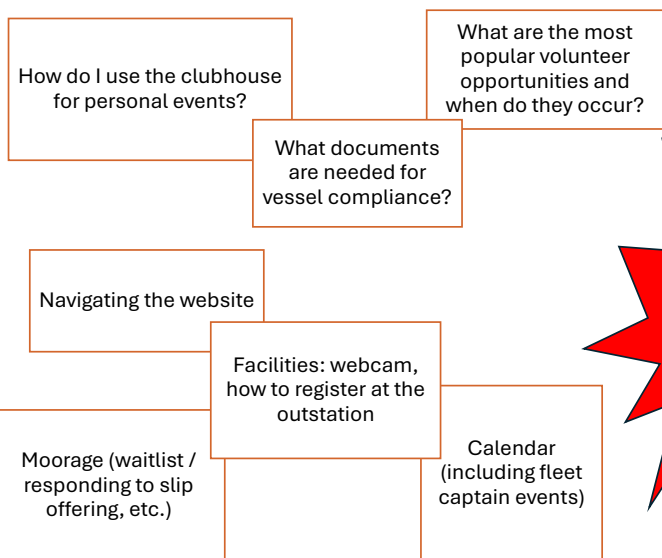
New Member Social & Trivia Night! March 7, 2025, 6:30 pm

Back by popular demand!

We are once again hosting a New Member event for all members who have joined in the past 12 months. This is a great time for new members to learn more about the club and encourage connections with other fellow members. If you attended in November, please join us again for additional information!

Light appetizers will be provided, but we ask that you **BYOB**.

Overview of some of the most popular new member topics:



To ensure there is enough food for all, please RSVP by March 4th
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Extraordinary Decorators Created Bourbon Street on the 3rd Deck

More Mardi Gras photos on [PAGE 4](#)

Sign Up to Give Blood on March 14



Commodore's **REPORT**

Members Mitigate 520 Club Impacts & Commodore's Health Update

By **Doug Genord**
Commodore

There are many folks who need to be recognized this month. A couple I want to emphasize are our 520 Committee Chairs, Mark Weiss and Tom Johnson, who have recently negotiated a significant cost avoidance and a financial settlement with Washington State and the Portage Bay Bridge contractor, Skanska,

for the unplanned impact the project has had recently and will have on our club over the next couple of months. The financial payment comes with an agreement to offer the contractor the ability to park 2 vehicles in our lot during off-peak times.

In addition, I want to thank Vice Commodore Doug Wadden and his cohort for all their efforts to sufficiently roast the club's Commodore, yours truly.

Gail and I were not able to make the

recent club cruise to Langley for the Murder Mystery due to a prior commitment. My thanks go out to our Fleet Captains who organized it. We are looking forward to the upcoming Blessing of the Fleet this month.

March is full of several other events including the recent Mardi Gras Party, a New Member Social, a Blood Drive, and a Novice and Old Timers Race Rally.

On a more personal note, I know it's hard to believe, but I understand there are rumors going around the club. I know it's even harder to believe that the rumors are not quite true, including the ones concerning Commodore's health. I have been open with folks about some of the challenges I have had since Covid.

I deal with long-term Covid symptoms, including the loss in my ability to smell certain things. Early on I was challenged with name recall and getting easily distracted, though this has improved dramatically. In trying to diagnose things, I went through a lot of different tests including one that detected a tumor that was on the outside lining of my brain.

520 Bridge Construction Creeps to the Clubhouse



DOUG GENORD
COMMODORE
& Gail at the Commodores Ball

This tumor is not considered cancerous nor is it believed to have had any impact on my neurological abilities. So, if you think my cognitive abilities are lacking, it has nothing to do with the tumor on my brain that has been stable since it was found during the early Covid timeframe. I have also learned that if the tumor does start influencing my health, the procedure to remove it is not considered complex or high risk. The good news is now you can move your attention onto more worthy rumors.

Thanks to those of you who were concerned and, remember, if you are looking for my attention, please call or contact me at commodore@queencity.org.



Volunteer Co-Chairs Barb & Eric Wood (#163) Help Keep Outstation in *Tip-Top Shape* for 23 Years



By **Denise Lindholme**
Spotlight Columnist

Who does not love the QCYC Bainbridge Outstation? Barb and Eric Wood (#163) certainly do as club chairs at the Outstation for the past 23 years. Eric said they ended up as Outstation Chairs by accident and they have been

there ever since, keeping everything in tip-top shape and everyone in line! Barb says their volunteer work at the Outstation includes sweeping floors, mowing the lawn, and tackling a myriad of other chores.

Members visiting the Outstation have their "eyes opened" as they come to understand there are no paid janitors, landscapers, or maintenance workers. Nothing gets done unless member volunteers or Eric or Barb do it. "Although some members might think we are compensated in some way — free moorage or are paid — we're not," Barb said, "as our work is a labor of love for the Outstation and our club."

Barb and Eric have been active at QCYC since they joined in 1999. They made sure to attend meetings and Barb recalls their first volunteer job staffing the parking lot for Opening Day, followed by chairing the Membership Committee, appointment as club Secretary and Outstation Co-Chairs since 2002. "If you're going to join you need



Outstation Co-Chair
Barb Wood Helps Prepare
for Member Potluck



Sporting the SPAM tee, Eric Serves
& eats kale for the first time during
Wellness Week at the Outstation

members only parking lot on Opening Day primed them how to keep non-members off the grounds and docks at the Outstation. When the Woods see a non-member at our dock, Keri, the couple's ninth full-on German Shepard helps persuade non-members not to moor there. "Most unauthorized visitors are good about moving, and some get a little harsh, but having a German Shepherd at your side helps a lot!" Barb said. It works! She said people tend to argue with Eric

to be engaged," Eric said.

Even though they attended meetings from the start of their membership, they believe spending time at Bainbridge Island is the best way to get to know other members. Barb said the Outstation is for sure the reason they joined. "It is so important, and it is so marvelous. And being there so long, you just meet so many people," Eric said.

That first volunteer job staffing the

more than they do Keri.

So why do they keep volunteering and doing all the jobs they do? "Because we are responsible for the Outstation — the club's second major asset from the Mainstation. We owe it to the club," Eric said. He said, "It's fun and fulfilling." And we have been here so long, there is nothing we cannot do."

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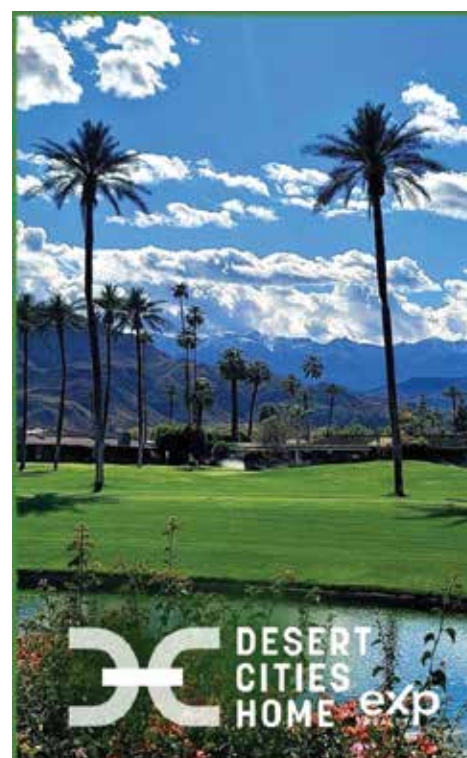
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Vice Commodore's **REPORT**

Experienced Members Share Advice Cruise Preparation & Float Plans

By **Doug Wadden**
Vice Commodore

Now is the time to plan for the summer cruising season, an opportunity to discover new or return to favorite destinations. One great option is the Fleet Captains Cruise, an ideal club event which you can augment to continue your summer boating adventure.

Our club has a wealth of human resources with members who have extensive navigation expertise – some cruising from Olympia to Alaska. Surprisingly, some members have yet to venture beyond the US / Canada border, while others have visited the Gulf Islands but hesitate at the thought of crossing Juan de Fuca or the Strait of Georgia.

Then there are those who have visited Desolation Sound numerous times but have not explored the Broughtons or traveled around Cape Caution to explore upper British Columbia and the Fiordland Conservancy.

Yes, the further north you go offers a multitude of rewards: fewer boats competing for guest moorage or

anchorage, more frequent whale sightings, and an abundance of opportunities for crabbing and fishing. The region is rich with historical First Nation villages, and legendary sites to explore, all of which defines the Pacific Northwest and the Salish Sea.

When you have questions about preparation, supplies, destinations or navigation, don't hesitate to seek advice from fellow club members. There is plenty of knowledge and a variety of opinions available


to help you plan and prepare both your boat and you. For that matter, consider joining a buddy cruise to share the experience with another member and not feel you have to go it alone. This is what yacht clubs are all about, fellowship and boating.

Speaking of fellowship, Margi and I are heading into the last of the Grand Fourteen Junior Officer Balls, ending with Olympia Yacht Club later this month. That will make fourteen of them plus the January Cruise-in at our Outstation on Bainbridge Island and the annual Bremerton cruise-in in August. The Outstation affair features the annual "roast" of each club's Commodore and it is a mix of amateur theater and good-natured comedy. Your Commodore Doug Genord was "well roasted."

Lastly, I have to express relief that the Dock 3 reconstruction is finally underway as of February 17, and I hope is successfully finished by mid-April, in time to prepare for Opening Day. Our members are temporarily relocated during



DOUG WADDEN
VICE COMMODORE
& Mate Margi attend the SYC JO Ball

the construction and are scattered around the Sound from Shilshole to Elliott to Port Orchard to Anacortes and Port Townsend. Margi and I are currently mooring at Elliott Bay Marina and enjoying views of the snow-covered Olympic Mountains and the iconic Seattle skyline. Yes, it's fun being there, but it isn't the same as being at the Club... not nearly the same. 

The flaming bowling ball was created by AI ChatGPT from the Commodores Roast in January at the Queen City Outstation.



Flaming Bowling Ball



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Accordion Set the Tone for French R&B

Many thanks to Lis Bucheit and many other volunteers who helped organize and promote the very successful 'break-even' Mardi Gras Party on March 1 as the 3rd Deck was transformed into a rollicking New Orleans style dance party. Willie & Peggy did an exceptional job of creating a New Orleans buffet of Cajun and creole cuisine. The Mardi Gras Parade was super special, while members & guests enjoyed either a tasting flight of 5 premium beers curated by our own Kyle Bixby (or get a book of drink tickets as part of the \$40 ticket price). The Desolation Sounds "zydeco band" performed sets of French R&B, and thanks to greeter- check in person Jan Gould. We make these events affordable by using our own house chef, Willie, and using volunteer club member musicians recruited through the Music Committee. 



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Langley Mystery in a Small-Town Fleet Cruise

By **Barbara Castrow**
Co-Fleet Captain

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Mystery in Langley Fleet Cruise Crew



QCYC Fleet Cruisers Look for Clues to Solve the Mystery in a Small Town 'Who Dunit'



QCYC Detectives Casing Who Dunit Suspects on the Langley Mystery Weekend

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For any questions, please contact QCYC member, Don Bernard at (714) 914-9828.



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85+ Women from Yacht Clubs of the Grand 14 Attend WIC Luncheon Hosted by QCYC

By **Kimberlee Campbell**
Tarettes Women's Club President

Wowza, QCYC had almost 90 people at the Women's Inter Council Lunch (WIC) on Feb. 20th! Speaker Sandy Bendixon gave a riveting account of the requirements necessary to become an Unlimited Master's Licensed and Vessel Pilot. One of the few female elites to take on this role at the young age of 36! Thanks to all of you who helped make this event a success!

We surprised past President Debbie Foote with an engraved crystal vase in honor of her many years of service and dedication to the Tarettes and QCYC as a whole. She is irreplaceable.

At our February general meeting, we created a task group to explore the impact of a change of name while also honoring



Debbie Foote, Past President

the past traditions of the Tarettes women's group. Women formed the women's group in 1943 and were given voting privileges in 2003. As equal voting members we have come a long way! It's time we created a brand that represents our current philanthropic and social endeavors.

Our next museum tour is March 6th at the Nordic Heritage Museum. We will meet at 10am at the club and carpool over. RSVP to Becky Garvie at canstyle@aol.com.

Next Zoom Book Club meeting is March 11th, 7pm to discuss "The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus" by Emma Knight. The April read is "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki.

If you want to help serve during the Opening Day Breakfast on Sunday May 4th? Contact VP Lisa Buchheit at lisabuchheit@me.com.

Finally, as boating season approaches,



KIMBERLEE CAMPBELL
TARETTES PRESIDENT
produced a video promoting the WIC luncheon

please take advantage of Becky Garvie's offer to conduct a 'Vessel Safety Check' for QCYC members. "Safe Boating is No Accident!" Thank you to all of you who attended the February general meeting, we created a task group to explore the impact of a change of name while also honoring the past traditions of the Tarettes women's group. 🚤

Tarettes Women's Group Supports Member Memorials, Our Club & the Community

By **Sistee Lentgis**
Tarette Past President

As a boating family, we assume positive intent of all our members. Misinformation concerning our Women's Group, or The Tarettes, has led to some questioning its purpose and value to QCYC and its members.

All QCYC women can participate in the Tarettes, there are no dues, and wearing red is optional. We only offer friendship, purpose, and fun! Here are just a few of the many positive and far-reaching efforts and accomplishments the Tarettes are proud to represent,

Tarettes events include the September Fish Fry, December Captain's Dinner, Bingo and Pizza Night, and Opening Day Sunday Breakfast. Nominal fees are charged, and any profits fund our established philanthropies. We would like to bring back the Summer Dock Sale and Tacos, Holiday Crafts Sale, and All-You-Can-Eat Crab Fest!

Tarettes 'philanthropy' has been a primary function and always to benefit the QCYC Main station and Outstation. Annually, we address a specific need or assign a monetary amount to gift QCYC. As far back as 1950 Tarettes have funded a fireplace screen, QCYC safety ladders,

Outstation club house chairs, 3rd floor chair & ottoman among others.

Various Tarettes events provide funds in support of Boyer Children's Clinic, Bainbridge Island Support Federation, Forgotten Children's Fund, and The Treehouse for foster children where we also volunteer.

The Tarettes Memorial Committee supports members' families, transforming the 3rd deck into a calm and comfortable environment for a memorial & reception. Fleet Chaplain, Ken Klett, and I try to enact all requests of the family to achieve this. The Tarettes volunteer handle logistics, from setting up chairs, tables, linens, and cutlery, etc... The club schedules an available four-hour period for the service on the 3rd deck. There is absolutely no cost to the club.

The Tarettes women's group is governed by a mission statement: "Since the Tarettes was establishment in 1943, it has been to bring women together, to promote well-being, service to the club, and our

surrounding community."

- To expand our Mission, The WIC or Women's Interclub Council was created by The Tarettes, as a means to invite women of The Grand Fourteen Yacht Clubs to come together!
- Since its inception, The Tarettes have been an Auxiliary of QCYC and financially independent. This allows us, the women members, to make our own decisions of events and expenditures, especially to our philanthropy.
- We are self-governed by our bylaws, as patterned by QCYC bylaws. QCYC is an exclusive club, requiring sponsorship, fees, dues, etc. Not long ago, single women were invited to join, several female Commodores elected, and, in 2012, spousal membership was accepted! As needed, both QCYC by-laws and The Tarettes' have adjusted.

These are the things that the QCYC women's group, the Tarettes represent: Friendship, well-being, service to the Club, and support to our surrounding communities. We are proud of our endeavors. We welcome you, to get involved! 🚤



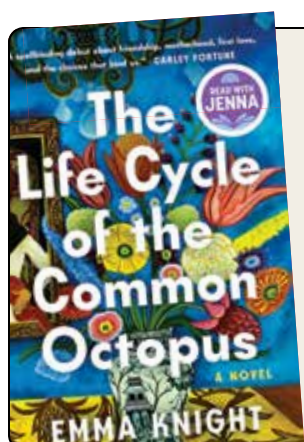
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QCYC Women's Group

Presents a monthly gathering of book lovers open to all QCYC members who like to read & join in via Zoom.

The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus
by Emma Knight

March 11, 2025 - 7 PM

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By Miguel Suarez
VECS Chair - M7 Engineering
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Yacht owners face unique challenges in maintaining electrical safety and efficiency. The combination of moisture, freezing temperatures, and increased reliance on heating systems can put a strain on your yacht's electrical system. Here are some essential tips to ensure a safe and smooth sailing experience throughout the winter season.

- 1. **Battery Care** - Cold temperatures can significantly reduce the performance and lifespan of your yacht's batteries. Ensure that all batteries are fully charged and in good condition. If possible, store them in a warm, dry place when not in use. Regularly check the electrolyte levels and clean any

- corrosion from terminals.
- 2. **Proper Insulation** - Insulating your yacht is crucial to maintaining a comfortable cabin temperature and reducing the load on your heating system. Seal any drafts around windows, doors, and hatches to keep the cold air out. Additionally, consider using insulating materials on exposed pipes and electrical components to prevent freezing and potential damage.
- 3. **Backup Power** - Winter storms can lead to unexpected power outages. A reliable backup generator can provide peace of mind and ensure that essential systems remain operational. Make sure the generator is properly maintained and tested regularly to ensure it functions when needed.
- 4. **Load Management** - During the winter months, it's essential to manage your electrical load carefully. Avoid overloading circuits by distributing evenly the use of high-wattage appliances such as portable heaters.

- Use power strips with surge protectors to add an extra layer of safety. Be mindful of the power requirements of your heating system, lights, and other electrical devices.
- 5. **Safety Devices** - Ensure that all safety devices, such as smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, are in working order. Test them regularly and replace batteries as needed. Having these devices in top condition can be lifesaving in case of an emergency.
- 6. **Outdoor Electricals** - Check all outdoor electrical outlets and cords for signs of damage, especially those exposed to the elements. Replace any damaged components promptly to prevent moisture intrusion and potential electrical hazards. By taking these precautions, you can help ensure that your yacht's electrical system stays safe and efficient throughout the winter months. Proper preparation and vigilance are key to enjoying a worry-free winter on the water. 🚢

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By Colleen Rutten
QCYC Annual Membership Directory Chair

The final proof of the 2025 QCYC Annual Membership Directory has been approved and is in production. Keeping with tradition, the Commodore and First Lady have selected a cover theme. The printing and fulfillment should go a little faster this year as we've reduced the volume, but it will still be a few weeks until completion. Single copies will be mailed directly to every member, and additional copies will be available for purchase from the office – at this writing @ \$20 per directory. Expect a firm price and ordering guidelines on the website soon. Look for a *Bilge Blast* notice. 🚢

Desert Dwellers Welcome QCYC Snowbirds March 13 at Casino Arizona

By Roger Courson
*#69 Life Member, Desert Dweller
& Snowbird Wrangler*

The monthly QCYC desert dwellers luncheon will be March 13 in the Eagles Buffet at the Casino Arizona in Scottsdale. Please RSVP (email) me so I

can notify the manager of our count for the month. All members are welcome to Join this great group of QCYC members while visiting Phoenix during the winter months. Please RSVP to rogerdoops@gmail.com and plan to be there at 11 a.m. so we can check in together. 🚢

Join QCYC ‘Desert Dwellers’ Lunch

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MARCH EVENTS

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February 23 Music Committee Rehearsal 5:30pm	24	25	26 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm	27	28 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Friday Lunch 11am-1pm	March 1  VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Grounds Work Party 9am-Noon
2	3 FIRE SUPPRESSION TEST 11am - 11pm	4 Planning & Finance Meeting 6pm - Zoom Docks Committee Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm	5	6  National Nordic Museum Tour of National Nordic Museum 10:30am	7 Friday Lunch - CANCELED New Member Social 6:30pm	8 Saturday Breakfast CANCELED Docks Fun Day 9am-Noon
9 Music Committee Rehearsal 3:30pm	10 QCYC Board Meeting 7pm	11	12 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm	13 Desert Dwellers Lunch 11am	14 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Friday Lunch 11am-1pm Bernard Private Event	15 <i>Seattle Cruise: Blessing of the Fleet</i> VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK BASH! 5:30pm
16 <i>Seattle Cruise: Blessing of the Fleet</i> Music Committee Rehearsal 3:30pm	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19	20	21 <i>Novice vs Old Timer's Race</i> Friday Lunch 11am-1pm	22 <i>Novice vs Old Timer's Race</i> Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Gounds WorkPARTY 9am-Noon
23 <i>Novice vs Old Timer's Race</i> Burger Bash 5-8pm	24 Music Committee Rehearsal 6:30pm	25	26 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Regular Member Meeting w/ Dinner 7:30pm	27	28 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Friday Lunch 11am-1pm Trivia Night 5:30-6:30pm	29 VESSEL ELECTRICAL INSPECTION Saturday Breakfast 8-10:30am Grimm Private Event
30 Music Committee Rehearsal 3:30pm	31	April 1 Quarterly Statements Emailed Planning & Finance Meeting 6pm - Zoom	2	3	4 Eagle Harbor Race/Rally Bainbridge Outstation	5 Eagle Harbor Race/Rally Bainbridge Outstation Power Washa-Palooza 9am