# SUMMER FLEET CAPTAINS' CRUISE TAKING SHAPE

Posted by Fleet Captains Michael Abrejera and Stephanie Farrar

While we are all practicing virus isolation strategies right now, that will not last forever and the planning of our Fleet Captain's Summer Cruise is well underway. At this time, we have commitments from most of our marinas and we're working out some fun group events for each stop.

Our journey will begin in Winslow following the 4th of July weekend, which will be convenient for those of you who wish to spend the holiday weekend at our beautiful outstation. We'll be traveling from there to the lovely Capsante Marina in Anacortes on Monday, July 6th and then on to everyone's favorite spot, Roche Harbor, for two nights. From there, we're hoping to cross the border into Canada and stay one night in Port Browning and another at the marina in Montague. This will be the jumping off point for those of you who may wish to head North to Desolation Sound, but you will miss-out on our only planned raft-up night back in Garrison Bay and a repeat of our progressive swim step happy hour that was such a big hit on our last cruise.

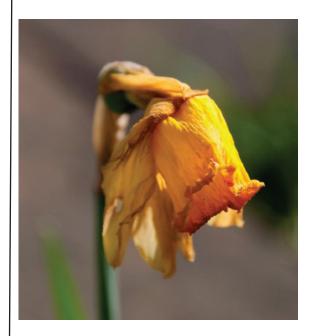


Fleet Captains Michael Abrejera & Steph Farrar on course for summer cruise

We understand that it is impossible to determine at this time when we might be safe to again begin gathering together with our QCYC friends, but know that we are here working from the safety of our home, to ensure that when that does happen, we will be ready to take full advantage of our beautiful summer weather and enjoy what we like doing most... boating! In the meanwhile, please stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing you all on the water again soon!

# BAD BUG BUMPS QCYC EVENTS

- March 15 QCYC Open House has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 26.
- March 20-22 Novice & Old Timer's Race/Spring Challenge has been resheduled to May 15-17.
- April 8 Working on virtual online meeting
- April 17-19 Daffodil Festival has been canceled.



Bad bug wilts TYC Daffodil Festival

- April 11 Kids' Easter Party is canceled.
- April 11 Docks Fund Day is cancelled
- 4/25 Power Wash Palooza will replace Pride of QCYC
- 5/2 QCYC spring planting party
- The QCYC cafe will be closed this week and through the end of April
- •The Ship's Store will remain closed through the end of April.

All changes to the schedule will be noted on the QCYC website.

#### **Commodore's Report**

# VIRTUAL ONLINE ENVIRONMENT PLANNED FOR APRIL 8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### Posted by Commodore Sandy Werner

This month's article is difficult to write. Typically, I rely on VC Lindholme to talk about his area of responsibility and RC Krows to cover hers. They've done a great job keeping you informed, and you'll continue to find their articles monthly on those things that are still happening at the club. Your Bridge has a responsibility to perform day-today tasks such as maintenance, whether we have club members using the cluhouse or not. But we also need to stay within the requirements of local, state, and federal guidelines.

For myself, I like to focus my Bilge Pump articles on what's happened the month before so I might thank those event chairs for their hard work at the club, and then focus on upcoming events so our membership can enjoy the club and social events. Unfortunately, that's not possible. One of the responsibilities we have is to conduct business meetings. We canceled meetings in March to try to get a handle on how we, as a club, are approaching the challenges of maintaining social distancing but at the same time keeping our members up to date on club business.

As I write this article, we are exploring the best way to conduct a virtual meeting with members



Commodore Sandy saves Barry's bacon for securing a speaker and the Bridge. Our goal is that our next meeting, scheduled for April 8th, will occur in a virtual environment. Once we have chosen and tested the process, we'll notify the membership and invite you all to join the meeting. This is important as we have specific business we need to conduct; the Nomination Committee has been hard at work to recruit and select our incoming officers for our next fiscal year. To do this, we need to hold a membership meeting to announce the nominations. allow nominations from the floor, and to finally vote on the final candidates.

I look forward to the day when we can all get back together. Until then, we need to all stay healthy, keep our distance from others, and stay home. Thank you.

#### Power Wash Palooza

April 25 9:00 - 12:00 main station (Social Distancing Legal)



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New member Ken Strunk



Mark Vanderwall delivers beer sampler to junior member Will Penny at the membership meeting



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#### **Vice Commodore's Report**

## WORKING TO GET ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS CURRENT

### Posted by Vice Commodore Terron Lindholme

Over the past several months I've written and talked about the issue of errant electrical discharge from our boats to the water at our docks. I've also discussed numerous solutions to remedy the electrical issue. I hope by now everyone understands the seriousness of this issue.

To put it bluntly; errant electrical discharge from our boats can electrocute someone should they fall in the water next to the boat discharging enough electricity. It's called "Electric Shock Drowning" and it's a deadly, serious issue that's quickly become the focus of many marinas in Puget Sound, including QCYC.

In an effort to eliminate errant electrical discharge, or at least reduce to nationally accepted safe levels, at the recommendation of the Vessel Electrical Safety Committee (VESC), the QCYC Board of Trustees (BOT) supports immediate and decisive action to eliminate this potential, to include the scheduling, procedural testing and disconnection of errant boats from the QCYC power grid. It is important to know, the standards QCYC adopted, come directly from the National Fire Protection Association's amendments to the National Electric Code. And the State of Washington, adopted into law these same National Electric Code standards in 2018, 2019 and 2020. Therefore, with the BOT's support, all boats in the QCYC marina, as well as any boat going through the QCYC measurement process

will be tested for electrical compliance (I'll explain "electrical compliance" below).

 Any boat in a QCYC marina found to be "unsatisfactory" in the electrical test, will be disconnected from QCYC's power grid until their issue is remedied to QCYC's standards.

• Any boat being measured for qualifying length, found to be "unsatisfactory" in the electrical test, will not be placed on the waiting list until their issue is remedied to QCYC's standards. First, I'll explain"electrical compliance" and then I'll explain the test procedure. It's not as daunting as it may seem.

What is "electrical compliance"?

- You must have an Underwriters Laboratories listed, serviceable shore power cord, free of defects.
- If you use a "reverse Y adapter", the device should only be made by a commercial manufacturer, with a sealed adapter employing isolation circuitry. That's a fancy way of saying, a "Smart Cord".
- Testing by a Club-designated member (there are seven BTW) with a clamp-on ammeter or Club designated circuit breaker load center, to determine if any errant electrical discharge is present, with a "satisfactory"

What is the "test procedure"? The test itself is really this simple:

- 1.) Member turns OFF all breakers on their electrical panel. Then turn OFF the pedestal breaker.
- 2.) Inspect the condition of the shore power cord.
- 3.) Disconnect shore power cord from pedestal and insert "Test Power Cord". (This is a special 3' cord that isolates the Hot, Neutral and Ground wires for accurate measurements)
- 4.) Turn on All boat breakers and the pedestal breaker
- 5.) A QCYC-designated member will place a "Fluke Test Meter"

around the "Test Power Cord" and record the measurement. It's really that easy, and will only take a few minutes.

What happens if your milliamps are 30 or above?

First let me tell you, the club is working hard and fast to get special breakers installed in our marina, so the test I just explained really won't be necessary, because a boat above 30mA will trip the breaker, and they will get no electricity. Period. That's our endgame, folks.

However, in the interim, if you receive an "unsatisfactory", your boat will be disconnected from the marina's power grid until you get the issue resolved. Think about the alternative here: If someone falls into the water near your errantly electrical discharging boat, they may die. I cannot apologize for the dramatics of this potential reality. The VESC has put forth a testing process schedule but that now has been delayed due to Covid-19. As soon as social distancing has been lifted, all mooring members, as well as those members who have been measured but not yet assigned moorage, will be scheduled for testing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of the members of the VESC. And without further ado, let me introduce the starting line-up to QCYC's VESC (wow, that's a lot of acronyms):

Co-Chair: SUI Bill Brunkhorst
Co-Chair: P/C Dick McGrew
1st String: John Alving
1st String: Eric Lindbeck
1st String: Tom Wilson

2nd String: V/C Terron Lindholme





## USE DOCK BOAT **HOOKS TO RETRIEVE** FLOATING CARTS!

Posted by Chuck Gould, **Docks Chair** 

Should you accidentally wheel a dock cart off the edge of the dock and into the water, please know that there are long poles on each of the three docks. Any of these poles should be sufficient to reach and retrieve the dock cart.

Emailing the office with a request to "contact the Docks Committee so they can fish out the cart", or waiting for somebody else to spot the semi-submerged cart and do the same, doesn't as effectively resolve the problem as figuring out how to recover the cart as soon as it goes swimming...

On my second trip over to the club today in response to "there's a cart floating near my slip", the cart was finally located between Dock One and Dock Zero. It was close enough to shore that the pike pole snagged it easily. Dragged it up to the beach, set it back up its wheels, and returned it to its place inside the door on Dock One.

The good news? The MOB (or COB) recovery did not need any CPR or other first aid. :-)

But if it were up to me, (and it isn't) I'd say, "The person who accidentally rolled (or knocked) the cart into the water should assume primary responsibility for getting it back out again".

## Moorage rule updates improve efficiency & CLARIFY

Posted by Dick Moxon, Moorage Chair

The Board of Trustees, at its February 10 meeting, approved updates to the moorage rules at the recommendation of the Moorage Committee. The changes were designed to (1) reflect the current process for assigning moorage through the use of email and the internet, and (2) clarify the required boat specifications for each slip size in the Club's marina. The updated rules were not approved in time to be included in the 2020 Annual, but they can be found on the Club website under Annual, Rules & Policies.

Section 3.07 of the rules describes the process for assigning slips. The main change is that, in the current process, all members on the appropriate waiting list are notified at the same time via email, and the slip is then

assigned to the senior member accepting the slip. This process is much quicker than the old process. Section 3.03 of the rules describes the slip categories and dimensions. The table in that section was updated to clarify that the minimum and maximum lengths are all based on the Qualifying Length as determined by the Fleet Measurers. The rules also stipulate that a boat, including fenders, may be no wider than the slip to which it is assigned. There were a few minor changes in the open slip minimums and maximums to make them consistent and to reflect the actual measurements of the slips. The following is the new table in the rules.

Members are encouraged to contact me if they have questions about these changes.

SLIP SIZE COVERED	MIN QUALIFYING LENGTH	MAX QUALIFYING LENGTH	SLIP SIZE OPEN	MIN QUALIFYING LENGTH	MAX QUALIFYING LENGTH	
54'0"	48'0"	57'0"	60'0"	55'0"	65'0"	
48'0"	44'0"	50'0"	50'0"	48'0"	57'0"	
44'0"	41'0"	46'0"	45'0"	43'0"	50'0"	
39'0"	NONE	41'0"	44'0"	42'0"	49'0"	
42'0" SHED	42'0"	No Overhang Beyond Piling	42'0"	40'0"	47'0"	
			41'0"	39'0"	46'0"	
			40'0"	38'0"	45'0"	
			36'0"	NONE	41'0"	
			30'0"	NONE	36'0"	
			21'0"	NONE	27'0"	









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### **Rear Commodore's Report**

## **M**AINTENANCE

## **CONTINUES & SPRING**

## PLANTING PLANNED ON MAY 2

Posted by Rear Commodore Margaret Krows

The disruption of our normal routine and traditions this spring is definitely unsettling. We all have been challenged to come up with creative ideas to use our isolation time constructively. I trust that each of you have found engaging activities that can be done at home; hobbies, neglected reading lists, new crafts, and especially those "someday projects." I personally hope to tackle the decades of photos that are sitting in boxes and to organize family history documents. Hold me accountable and ask me how much I have gotten done!

In February the aging willow tree north of Dock 1 underwent a rigorous trimming and health treatment. The tree has become dangerous with dropping branches in recent years and now looks much better. It is nearing the end of its life and will most likely need to be removed within the next five years.

Captains Gordon Foote and John Alving coordinated replacing the tall burned out flood lights in the parking lot recently. The improved lighting is much appreciated. Thank-you.

Maintenance at the club still needs to



Rear Commodore Margaret Krows joins new members at mainstation orientation.

go on. Pride of Queen City has been canceled; however, the original date, April 25, is now scheduled for a power washing project that is necessary to prepare for repainting the lines in the parking lot. Note the flyer in this edition and sign up on the club calendar if you are available to help out.

Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello, has scheduled May 2 as the date to plant flowers in our gardens and pots. Since most of us had saved the date anyway for Opening Day, let's turn out to give her a helping hand. The outdoor projects should be able to be accomplished within the guidelines of social distancing. More information will be posted closer to the date. Incidentally, Susan is planning a surprise for the entry garden in the near future. Watch for it.

In this season of forced slowdown, my wish for all is to relish the gifts we have been given, reflect on what is most important in life, and enjoy time with family.

Make lemonade from lemons, my friends.



QCYC willow tree gets a trim









#### **Tarettes Corner**

## Friends Fun Fellowship



# BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES & REMEMBERING PAST KIDS EASTER PARTY

Posted by Karen Klett, Tarettes President kklett@hotmail.com

Difficult as these times may be, do to the Covid-19 pandemic, we can take them as an opportunity to 'ride out the storm' & learn from our experience. That's what boaters do, right? So, hope you have all 'battened down the hatches' for now & are looking forward to calm waters soon. Tarettes have canceled planned events & will let you know when everything is rescheduled – hopefully soon, but possibly some not until the fall.

Here's some fun Tarette **Easter Bunny** history to brighten your day, thanks to Debbie Foote.

Unfortunately, our annual Kids Easter Party has been cancelled this year.



Tarettes used to give away baby ducks to the "lucky" little kid that found the golden egg!



They used to send photos to the Times and this is one of them. It was taken in our back yard in the Wedgwood area. My mother, Ruth Picot, little girl bunny, my sister Lorie, and the little boy is Jeff Wilson, son of Howard and Donita Wilson.



Picture of lady Bunny (same costume) Mrs. Helenthal (Virgina) and baby Christie Foote 1977.



My grandmother made these costumes and I believe she also made a few extras.

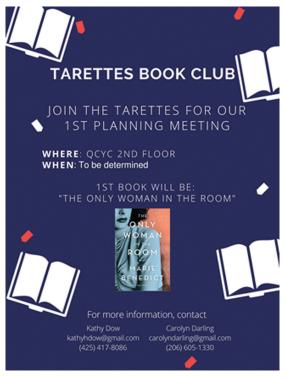
My sister Melinda as bunny with Christie about 1983. Melinda & Julie Fey (Gerald's sister) were both bunnies one year.

That bunny costume really got around!

Events to be Scheduled!!!

"Beads & Breakfast!"

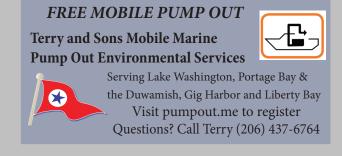
Jewelry Making











## STEADY FLOW OF MEMBERS VISITING BAINBRIDGE OUTSTATION

Posted by Barb & Eric Wood, Outstation Co-Chairs



Outstation roof replacement underway - photo by Bob Schrader



Large dumpsters/etc. ordered for Mark Vanderwall's Memorial Day event at Bainbridge - we know how much mess he makes -- Or maybe it's for the roof project? Photo/caption posted by Eric Wood



Garbage truck trashes mainstation light pole!

Well, this is becoming a year to remember! We've been "social distancing" as recommended, and that curmudgeon Old-What's-His-Name (Eric) couldn't be happier -staying on "BarbEric" is not punishment for him...

Apparently many Members feel the same way - there has been a constant flow of boats visiting the Bainbridge Outstation, some for up to two weeks. The docks have been almost full a couple of times!

Needless to say, the annual April workPARTY at Bainbridge will have to be postponed. There are a few Members who have told us they plan to come over mid-April, and there will of course be some small tasks they can do to help keep the place spiffy. Perhaps during the summer, visitors can ask what little project needs attention while here.

As I write this article, the exhaust vent system is being thoroughly cleaned professionally and the roofing project is scheduled to be started soon. We're doing our best to get this Outstation ready for Summer - stay optimistic!

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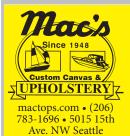


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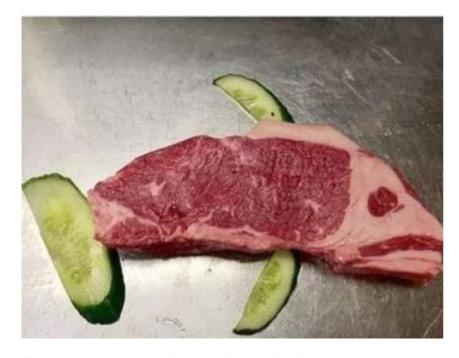
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## The doctor said I need to eat more fish and get a flu shot





New alternative Kung Flu shot

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