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QCYC MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!

Posted by Val Ohlstrom, 2021 Membership Chair, membership@queencity.org

What better way to start the New Year than to share your love of the boating, comradery and education you experience being a member of Queen City Yacht Club! Our members are the best ambassadors for our club, so please talk with your boating friends about becoming members!

Full active membership in the club is 400 active memberships; as of November 30, 2020, we had 379 active memberships and an additional 15 members who are eligible to move to Senior Membership when active membership is full.

To support the goal of reaching full active membership, in December 2020 the Board of Trustees voted to approve a one-third reduction in the new member initiation fee. This means that from January 1 to June 8, 2021, new members will pay a \$2,000.00 initiation fee, reduced from \$3,000.00, with the option of paying this amount over two years. Taking advantage of this reduction requires that the new member(s) are inducted into the club no later than at the general membership meeting on June 8, 2021, which is the last induction meeting before the summer boating season.

We are "sweetening the pot" by adding a bonus for current members who sponsor a new member during this time period. If you are the primary sponsor for a new member who is inducted no later than June 8, 2021, your name will be "added to the hat" for a drawing for two \$500.00 prizes at the June 8, 2021 meeting. Look for details on the prizes in January 2021.

Let's work together to continue to support our club with new members. Wishing you and yours a safe and prosperous New Year, with a return to boating! Please contact me with any questions. Contact membership@ queencity.org to learn more about membership in our great club!





WANTED! QCYC Junior Sailing/Boating Honcho

After many years of running the QCYC Junior Sailing/Boating Program, David & Veronica Ewton are heading downwind to allow a new Chair-couple to run the program. Thank you Ewton's VERY much for making the program so successful! This means we're looking for a new Chairperson or Chair-couple to take the helm. If you'd like to hear more about the program and what your leadership entails, please reach out to me at:



Take virtual cruise with First Lady Denise at Seattle Boat Show CONNECT

SEATTLE BOAT SHOW CONNECTED: START ONLINE, END UP ON THE WATER

Posted by Denise (Whitaker) Lindholme

That's right! The Seattle Boat Show is still on, just in a new and different format. All of the great stuff you look forward to

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every year, will still be there; shopping for a boat or boating supplies, seminars, contests, prices and new for 2021; **Boat Show TV!** Yours truly, will be hosting live streamed entertainment with the Northwest Marine Trade Association's Peter Schrappen. We're talking all things boating; exercising on the water, eating and cocktailing, cruising with pets, where to cruise and why, with lots of experts and special guests, including

For a preview, including a video from me, in a rather familiar setting, go to: https:// seattleboatshow.com/

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Commodore's Report SHIP WRECK 2020 IS DONE AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO FUN IN 2021

Posted by Commodore Terron Lindholme

Look astern, see that? That's 2020, and it's listing heavily to port, still ablaze. As it slips below the waves, it will not be soon forgotten...not by any stretch of the imagination. I'll not moan on about that tumultuous year except to say, it was a learning experience.

Look toward the bow, see that? That's QCYC and we've learned how to weather strong storms. As a club, we've definitely learned how to effectively run a Member-Owned Club in the gale of adversity. I'd even say, we've become pretty good at it. But even though we can convene committee, Board or Regular Wednesday meetings over Zoom, that doesn't lessen our desire for the social aspect of this wonderful club. We WILL get together in 2021, and not through a video screen. In-person, Regular Wednesday meetings will roll out as the WA Phases allow. Our restaurant will definitely be the first place we'll be able to sit across the table and talk to a friend whom we've not seen in way-too-long. Our Fleet Captain, Paul Grimm, is dreaming up new ways for us to have fun together, as soon as it's the appropriate time to be inappropriate (mostly just kidding).

We're fortunate to be in a club that's healthy. All too many clubs, businesses and good people went down in that flaming shipwreck called 2020 (Sorry, I said I wouldn't moan on about that, didn't I?). The past advisors and leaders of this club have steered us to a place of strong financial anchorage. If all goes as planned, the club will be completely out of debt in the spring. That's something to celebrate, and we will!

Like you, First Lady Denise (I just love saying that) and I can't wait to get out on the water with all of you. 2021 will bring many new opportunities along with new challenges. We will ride the seas, face the storms and arrive at the destination of Fun together. So, as we watch the last bit of smoke from the sinking of 2020, all I ask of our members is, you take the experiences from that shipwreck and use them to keep yourself and the people around you safe.



Commodore Terron's last turn on the grill as Willie returns to the galley

Ladies and Gentlemen, I present to you the Official Cake of 2020!





Willie & crew back in the galley again! / Photo by Josh Hoffman

WINTER AT THE OUTSTATION MAKES ISOLATING EASY

Posted by Barb & Eric Wood, Outstation Co-Chairs

Wind, heavy rain and icy docks at Bainbridge Island outstation- it must be winter! It's been quiet here, so isolating is easy, anyway.

Some of you old timers may remember Bunny, who lived directly across the street from the Bainbridge Outstation until just a couple of years ago. She was our extra pair of eyes, keeping an eye on the clubhouse and parking area. Bunny passed away last month after a long battle with cancer, and she will be missed in the neighborhood. There's a belief among some that maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to go boating this next Summer. With that thought in mind, the Outstation Committee updated Rule 12.02, mooring at the heavily used Deer Harbor Outstation, to clean up the language and ensure that it's utilized more efficiently. Rafting is mandatory, boats will moor facing south, and tenders won't impede things the same as at Bainbridge Island.

Usually about this time we remind folks that a couple of big events are coming up at Bainbridge, and expect the docks to be full. But not this year...Safe boating everyone.



Sunrise at the outstation / Photo by Colleen Rutten



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Vice Commodore's Report JOIN A WORK PARTY TO MAINTAIN OUR DOCKS, HOUSE AND MORE

Posted by Vice Commodore Margaret Krows

Good news! 2021 has arrived. Happy New Year, everyone.

Winter solstice is behind us so the days are getting longer. I have daffodil bulb shoots in the garden which is the first signal I look for that spring is on the horizon.

Like all of you, I am looking forward to the smell of salt air, nice wine, and something sumptuous on the barbecue on the Krows Nest. A winter cruise is definitely on my wish list. Meanwhile, social restrictions limit activities at the club, but as soon as possible we will resume the activities calendar.

I have mentioned before how grateful I am for the committees that work tirelessly to take care of all necessary maintenance projects to keep QCYC functioning. The Docks Committee is continually managing



House Chair Gordy Foote on duty cleaning house

problems with planking that needs to be replaced, etc. They are a well oiled machine, but when opportunities come for work parties, please consider helping them for a few hours. They will gladly show you what to do. The same goes for the House Committee which takes care of all the SLIDS (Ask me if you don't know what that means.)

Dick Moxon is doing a wonderful job coordinating the rotating moorage issues. There are plans under consideration to update the docks schematics that will reflect all current slip measurements. Captain Bill Brunkhorst is redesigning the MoorComm portion of the web site to make it more understandable and transparent. The Vessel Electrical Safety Committee has proved invaluable for the safety of the waters surrounding our docks, both at the main station and at Eagle harbor.

I will say that, at this time, the state of Queen City Yacht Club is very good. Thanks to you, members, who make it all happen.



Vice Commodore Margaret Krows' festive look

BOYER THANKS THE QCYC CREW FOR ALL YOU DO!

Posted by Ellen Kuo, Chief Development Officer, Boyer Children's Clinic

Dear Debbie (Foote) and the QCYC crew! Thank you so much to you and Queen City Yacht Club for all your amazing gifts! We are so appreciative, and you are going to make so many families' holiday season brighter this year! Our friends at Queen City Yacht Club generously donated warm winter coats and gift cards for our families! The members of QCYC have been amazing partners over the years, and we are so grateful for these incredible gifts! Thank you for making the lives of our children and families brighter during this holiday season! THANK YOU! For more information visit www.boyercc.org



Debbie Foote delivers a boat load of coats for Boyer Children's Clinic

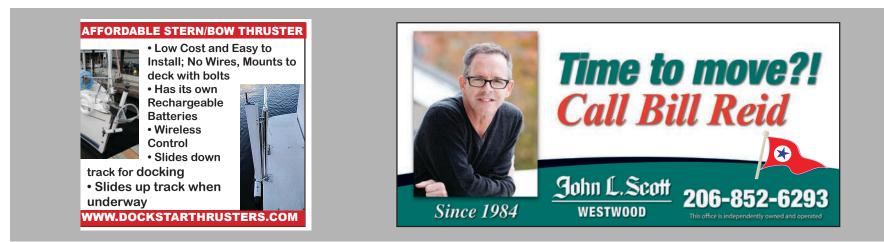
QCYC VIRTUAL OPEN MIC VIDEO IS HOLIDAY FUN

Check out the first ever Queen City Yacht Club Virtual Open Mic for the holidays! Commodore Lindholme emailed all club members a link to a private Youtube video. Private means that it's not accessible to anybody who doesn't have the link, and isn't searchable. This makes it pretty much a "members only" thing. Here's the link: https://youtube.com/watch?v=uNPIH1bOVuk or visit the website.

The video was stitched together from bits and pieces submitted by members. Some of the contributions were higher resolution than others. Probably don't try to watch this on a 60-inch screen. :-)

The video is almost exactly one hour long, including the Seafair Holiday video which follows the actual Open Mic contributions. Thanks

to the following members, and a few of "friends of Queen City" who participated in one or both portions of the video.



COVID DOESN'T DIM HOLIDAY TRADITIONS, LIGHTS OR DECORATIONS





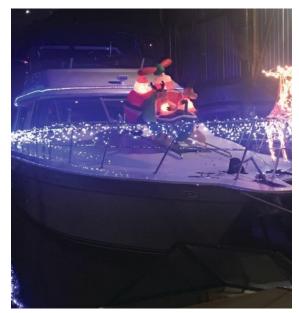
'Alfie' lights up for Christmas

Deck the rails with holiday lights / Photo by Bill Reid

UNOFFICIAL HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE ATTRACTS 78 MEMBER BOATS!

Posted by Chuck Gould

Wow! Queen City Yacht Club members can throw a party. Counting the two turn boats, we had 78 boats participating in our "spontaneous" cruise of lighted boats. OMG. Until a few years ago, we used to run this cruise on Lake Washington, two days each year- and in the last few years we thought that 15 boats was a good turnout. Last couple of years we pulled about 30 boats on the Lake Union version of the cruise. Didn't know what to expect with the



'Dancing Queen' dressed for the holidays / Photo by Tim Connelly

Covid running around out there, but we way more than doubled the last couple of years. We had boats from La Conner and Tacoma, as well as other clubs and many non-affiliated boaters as well. Didn't do a lick of harm to the public image of QCYC, that's for sure. Thanks to the scores (yes, scores!) of members who decorated their boats and turned out for this event.

Other than printing up a few posters and making sure people knew about

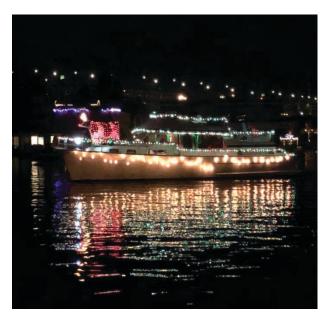


QCYC decorated boat lit the lake for the unofficial parade / Photo by Greg Burgess



The Burgesses 'CHARLEVOIX' shows QCYC pride / Photo by Wendy DeLaunay

it, I had very little to do with this. This was the QCYC membership, through and through. I'll take credit, along with Kelly Stocklin, for being a "turn boat", and along with PC McGrew who was the lead boat. But the three of us would have looked ridiculous out there without all of the boats from our club, other clubs, and boaters who don't belong to a club at all who joined in. This is a moment in the sun for the club, not for any individual members. Well done, one and all.



Castrow's holiday lighted cow led the way / Photo by Debbie Foote



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Members Risk Life & Limb for Holiday Trim

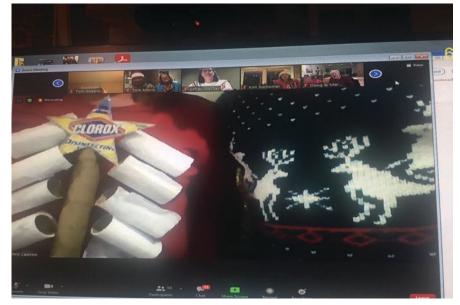


Members lighting the house / Photo by Wendy DeLaunay

Thanks to roof elves Dave Svendsen, Gordy Foote, Scott Grimm and Steve Swingler!



Perfect balance as Denise places tree topper



Chris & Barb Castrow take first place for creative, but ugly off color sweaters



Val & Jeff Ohlstrom take 2nd place for that ugly sweater!



Ray & Susan Rebello managed the ZOOM virtual meeting





Joe & Lisa Sims take 3rd place in the general meeting ugly sweater contest



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Security increased & membership drive kicks into gear Posted by Rear Commodore Michele Bedner

Warm winter wishes to all QCYC members and occasions homeless individuals have been their families!

Security continues to be a top priority at Queen City Yacht Club. Security Chair P/C Scott Grimm recently met with Lt. Wirth from Seattle Fire Department to review SFD's access to QCYC's main gate, clubhouse and our three docks. At our main gate we have a fire box attached to the card reader which is 20 years old and out of date. Lt. Wirth indicated the key for the padlock used on our fire box is now no longer carried by all SFD Engine Houses. The trend over the years has been to replace fire boxes with Knox Boxes. A Knox Box Rapid Entry System allows firefighters and paramedics immediate entry into buildings and property without forced entry damage or delay. Knox Boxes are very secure and the fire department will install the key core upon request. Each of QCYC's three docks already have a Knox Box. Inside QCYC's main gate fire box was found a fob, 2 keys and a card key. The fob and card key worked. One key opened the dock doors and the second key opened our Main Station lobby door but failed to open the Boyer door and patio bar door. Also in the fire box are electrical wires that run to the card reader. Lt. Wirth suggested that these wires could be used to wire an open/shut switch to be used by SFD in an emergency situation. As a result of this meeting with Lt. Wirth, the Security Committee ordered a commercial grade Knox Box and gate switch for the main gate. Watson Security visited QCYC and verified that all outside locks are keyed the same with the exception of the Captain's Conference Room exterior door. The issue with the Boyer door and patio bar door was remedied by the Watson technician lubricating the cores of our locks and reinstalling Show will be limited to only an online them. Once the Knox Box is installed, Watson Security will then install the new gate switch.

As many of you are aware, Queen City has an increased presence of homeless people on or near our property. Recently two homeless men were discovered sleeping on the porch of our Boyer entrance late at night. On several

present on QCYC's deck and patio area. When confronted they indicated they were looking for an outlet to charge their phones. In response, the Security Committee ordered and installed 7 receptacle covers for our outside outlets. These outlet covers have combination locks so membership can access power outside when needed. The 4-digit access code will be announced to membership shortly. With the increased homeless activity, we ask that members take an extra minute to return dock carts to inside the appropriate dock door. Please do not leave dock carts outside in the parking lot area. Also, when you are done with the outside gas fire pit, please make sure the gas fire pit is turned off by pressing the 'lock button'. We want to discourage people who do not belong on QCYC property from gathering. Finally, if you see homeless activity on QCYC property, you do not need to confront them. Call 911.

A big thank you to Greg Burgess and Craig Ranta for installing a new security camera above Dock 1 entrance which captures QCYC North parking lot and storage lockers. An additional security camera or two are being planned for the main gate and patio area.

As most of you already know, the Seattle Boat Show will be virtual only this year. Our Membership Chair, Val Ohlstrom attended a Zoom presentation put on by the Seattle Boat Show for virtual participants. As a result of what Val learned from this presentation, QCYC's participation in the Virtual Seattle Boat website listing this year.

Lastly, you will definitely want to read Val Ohlstrom's article in this month's Bilge Pump. In this article Val goes into detail about the new Membership Drive which includes the Board of Trustee's decision to reduce new member's initiation fee from

\$3000 to \$2000 for a limited time only. In addition, primary sponsor's for new members who are inducted during this time period will have their names placed in a drawing for two \$500 prizes. Don't hold back! Now is the time to reach out to all your boating friends/acquaintances and personally invite them to learn about QCYC and the benefits of joining!

Happy New Year!



Rear Commodore Michele Bedner reports at virtual regular membership meeting

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR **CLUB LEADERSHP**

Member input is welcome as the Nomination Committee begins their process to recommend Club Officers for the 2021-2022 year in January. The Committee has the responsibility to vet and propose nominees as candidates for each office to be filled. The Committee welcomes your suggestions. If you are interested in nominating a fellow member or yourself, please contact P/C Sandy Werner at

sandywerner@comcast.net.





COVID shutdown doesn't dim holiday lights at the mainstation

Follow rules for heaters on board during the off season

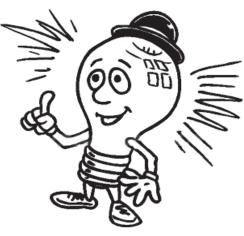
The Vessel Electric Safety Committee has reduced electrical hazards in mainstation moorage. The committee helps members understand electric hazards. Members have been cooperative to upgrade their systems when required. PC & VESC Co-Chair Dick McGrew says 'many hands make for light work' as he described installation of new safer face plates on 150 mooring members spaces for a weather tight connection. Free standing electric

heaters must follow moorage rules of less than 1500 watts with a thermostat and tip over device to shut the heater down. Warming heaters of less that 150 watts and built in heaters are exempt.



Vessel Electrical Safety Committee upgrades dock three terminals





PC Dick Mcgrew & VESC Co-Chair warns of free standing electric heaters at the regular membership meeting

Thanks to lifesaver Captain Peter Horsman

Posted by Commodore Terron Lindholme

Many of you may have heard the story of how our member, Peter Horsman, saved a local man, William Godfrey, from drowning in December. Peter should be commended for his seamanship

and for being an exemplary example of the QCYC induction vow, 'I promise to come to the aid of any fellow mariner in distress'. The mother of the man Peter saved sent me this

letter that I'm sharing with all of you. I have reached out to Mrs. Nickerson to show our appreciation for her sentiments.

12-12-2020 Dear Terron -Peter Horsman sound the life of my child on Monday, December 7th; our entire family is indebited to him forever us dad, myself, his twin brother, his auste & uncles etc. Peter was tenacions in his search & because he Knew currents, locathan of my son's boat, paid attention to radio broadcasts & other beats locations, he found \$ TUSEDOLD MY SON. Please share with your club members my our deepest graditude and accolades for his excellent navigation skills and continuous searching for my son. William was in the sound for more than 30 minutes by the time Poter found kim. The deteriorating conditions, darkening skies lessened any charce Willworld be found. My son owes his life to Potoz. He will be frem changed by the kindness & concern Potoz exhibited. I wonder if you have any scholarship program

at your club that could use a donation? I'm a member of Olympia 8°C + support onz Junior sailing program. Itals there a program at acts that could use some support or a booder safety program that would appreciate a gift? This has all been very sobering for all us. We tell one children to wear life the point they are upset with. ey'd put them on - Deb Nickerson you -

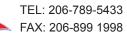


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Office Closed (Holiday) Quarterly Billing Statements Sent	2
3	4	5 Planning & Finance "Virtual" Meeting 6:00pm Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	6	7	8	9 Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection - All Docks 9:00am to 12:00pm Docks Fun Day 2:00 pm
10	11 QCYC Board "Virtual"Meeting 7:00pm	12	13 Regular Member "Virtual" Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	14	15	16
17	18 Office Closed (Holiday)	19	20	21 SSAPS Meeting (Tentative)	22	23
24	25	26	27 Regular Member "Virtual" Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	28 Office Closed (Vacation)	29 IPBA Social (Tentative) 5:00pm to 8:00 pm	30 IPBA First of Season Race
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