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Christmas at the mainstation thanks to member volunteers



Boaters' actions helped save Harbor Patrol from drastic budget cuts

### BOATERS SUPPORT HARBOR PATROL FUNDING

### Posted by Bill Gray, RBAW Representative for QCYC

The Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) (of which Queen City is a member) engaged with others to save the Harbor Patrol from drastic budget reductions this past year. Our collective actions resulted in 1329 e-mails being sent to the City Council, Mayor's office, et.al. A September 12th, 2021 opinion column was printed in the Seattle Times entitled "An Underfunded Harbor Patrol Needs Public Support," and numerous KOMO news stories were run.

Our effort was to preserve the Harbor Patrol and keep it from being defunded or merged into other departments. We also want to stabilize the Harbor Patrol budget and strengthen staffing and

response on both the saltwater and freshwater bodies around Seattle. While we were not successful in all, we were able to eliminate the talk of defunding the Harbor Patrol, and studying how to merge it into the Seattle Fire Department. The final budget now includes 125 new police department hires, some that we hope will find their way to the harbor patrol. And importantly, we have established new and important relationships with members of the City Council and staff, and the Mayor Elect.

Thank you RBAW and the NW Marine Trade Association for spearheading this effort!



### **Eensy Weensy Spiders!**

The durn Queen City spiders Spin webs around the lights They know there will be insects To dine upon each night Out came some members And swept their webs away So we can all be spider free At least for one more day



Snow show at the mainstation during holiday break

### SPIDER BROOMS ARE AVAILABLE ON EACH DOCK

Thanks to members Steve Bryan and Emily Mamales for making a "clean sweep" on spider patrol at the December Docks Fun Day. They are posing here with the new "spider brooms" stationed just inside the door to each of the three docks. If you find the spider webs annoying, be aware that the use of spider brooms to remove them is a privilege available to all members. No special training required.

### COVID CAUSE CANCELLATION

#### Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore

Regretfully we cancelled the New Year's Eve celebration planned on Friday, December 31st. Tim and Krissy Connelly worked diligently to orchestrate a delightful evening; however, due to concerns over the COVID-19 Omicron variant and another winter snowstorm forecast, it was prudent to postpone the Black and White Vaccination Ball and try to reschedule at a future date. Apologizes to everyone who was planning to attend, and we appreciate your forbearance. These are trying times. Thank you for understanding.

### THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

# CALENDAR IS FILLING NICELY FOR 2022 & STAY HEALTHY

### Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore

And, just like that, 2021 is over and we begin a new year. Similar to fresh fallen snow, 2022 has no tire tracks or footprints yet, it is a clean slate. Already Queen City Yacht Club has scheduled activities on the calendar that we anticipate and will savor. However, like the unseen pandemic, there are bound to be some glitches along the way that will try to "upend the apple cart." I am confident, though, that every wrinkle will be ironed out and faced with good cheer.

The Past Commodores and current Officers will each host a Cruise-in at the Eagle Harbor outstation for our Grand-14 counterparts the second and third weekends in January which is a tradition started several decades ago by P/C Dean Lentgis. We are proud to share our fabulous facility with them and everyone appreciates the gatherings. They are not only social events, but also platforms for continuing relationships that are useful within the boating community. When one has a concern, it is always best to call a person you know rather than a random telephone number. Our bonds are strong and QCYC continues to lead in this effort.



Commodore Krows orchestrates member group photo shoot

We look forward to the Fleet Captains'
Bowling Day January 22 and also, for Scotch
whisky lovers, the Robbie Burns evening
on Friday the 21st. The First of the Season
Race, coordinated by Captain Bob Lindal, is
Saturday the 29th preceded by Captain Josh
Hoffman's amazing Cubano sandwiches at
the Friday social the night before. There is no
excuse for anyone to be bored this month –
come out and enjoy!

On a serious note, please report to the office or a Bridge Officer if you test positive for Covid-19 or any of the variants and you have recently been at the Club. Your privacy will be respected; however, it is also important that members be informed if they may have been exposed to a positive case at an event they have attended. If you test positive using a home test in Washington State, the state asks that you report that information to this phone number: 833-VAX-HELP.

We are taking every precaution, but it is a reality we live with and we need to keep the lines of communication open. We will continue to check all persons coming into

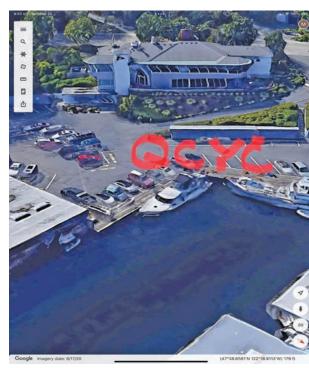




Commodore Margaret Krows

the clubhouse age 12+, other than short term contact, for vaccination status and negative Covid tests. I want to thank Captains Marcia Bailey and Valerie Ohlstrom for taking the lead on volunteering for this task. They have been assisted by Captains Steve Swingler and Kitt Day.

Forging ahead – it will be a very good year.



"Chief Idea Officer" Mark Vanderwall's rendering of the 2022 Annual cover photo





# Members keep our club humming & storage boats no more

Posted by Michele Bedner, Vice Commodore



Vice Commodore Michele Bedner

Warm Winter Wishes to you and yours!! A big thank you to all Queen City Yacht Club volunteers who made this Holiday Season extra special at Queen City! The mainstation was beautifully decorated by a cheerful crew of volunteers that included some of our newer members and their children. The Chet Gibson Linear Cruise and Electric Christmas Ball chaired by Chuck Gould were a big success. The Tarettes' Captain Dinner chaired by Mary Jo Svendsen brought holiday cheer to over 75 guests. A big thank you goes to Desolation Sounds and Three Sheets Blues Band for their gift of music at both the Captains

Dinner and Electric Christmas Ball. New Year's Eve has not occurred as of this writing, but I have no doubt it will be a fabulous evening chaired by Tim and Krissy Connelly.

'Baby It is cold outside! Please walk with care on the docks and in the parking lot. Don't forget about the deicer and snow shovels that have been strategically placed on the docks by the Docks Committee for your use. When the docks are slippery with ice and snow, please spread some deicer around to keep yourself and others safe.

Please disconnect hoses after use from any spigot on the docks to prevent the pipes from freezing. Speaking of the Docks Committee, the next Docks Fun Day is Saturday, January 8th. Please consider participating. Your help would be very appreciated! No experience required. A complimentary breakfast will be served to all volunteers at 8:30 am.

The House Committee chaired by Gordy Foote and Jimmy Damery is always hard at work every Tuesday starting at 9 am. If your Tuesday mornings are free, consider joining them. Gordy is doing a phenomenal job keeping everything at QCYC in fine working order. This past year there have been quite a number of repairs to

be done in our galley to our aging appliances. If the House Committee was unable to fix, Gordy was immediately on the phone either

ordering a new part or scheduling service. Thank you, Gordy, for all that you do!

Since Covid, less emphasis has been placed on identifying boats moored at the QCYC marina that could be possible "Storage Boats". In 2022 this will change. In 2022 there will be the expectation that all members with QCYC moorage will use their boats for cruising. QCYC Rule 3.01.03 defines cruising as:

3.01.03. Cruising. Cruising is the regular recreational use of the mooring boat over the course of a calendar year by the Member for extended overnight trips, away from main station mooring facilities.

As has been all along, there will also be the expectation that all member's boats moored at QCYC marina be maintained in working order and not display structural deficiencies that present a danger to itself or other boats moored at Queen City. As a cruising club, QCYC would like to encourage all members to use their boats.

Happy New Year!



No more storage boats at the mainstation

### Robert Burns, five Scotch tastings & tasty food too

"If you are not Scottish, get some Scotch in you" at Robbie Burns Night - Sign-Up Now OPEN!

Based on ancestry, you may not be Scottish at all. But here's a chance to at least have some Scotch in you. Sign-up quickly for the QCYC Robert Burns Supper, January 21st. \$50 includes five tastings of premium single malts. (Worth the price right there). Live award-winning bagpiping, Burns poetry, traditional style meat pies and sides, and everybody's favorite, haggis!

Second deck event so waitlist begins after the first 50.







# THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND FOLLOWED 'LINEAR' CRUISE

#### Posted by Chuck Gould

Fifty-four boats in this year's Chet Gibson event. Not a bad turnout. Last year we had 80, but this year there were several 'competing' lighted boat events. Thanks to PC Dick McGrew for leading the procession. Thanks to Kelly and Sharon Stocklin for doing turn boat duty along Westlake.

Thanks to the just about "full house" who turned out for the Electric Christmas Ball following the lighted boats' linear cruise. Every table on the third deck was pretty much filled. Lots of good food. People danced all night long. At least a third of the crowd was still on hand when the band wound up after 2 1/2 hours. Hoping to get a video of the epic "stroll tunnel" about two dozen or more happy dancers spontaneously created during the Louie Louie encore. That was "epic." In summary, it looked like a good time was had by all.



Nick & Laurie Castrow's Christmas Cow sighting on Laurie Ann









Commodore Margaret Krows and PC Dave aboard the Footes' 'Pisces'



Stocklins' 'Alfie' all decked out as the Chet Gibson 'turn boat' on Lake Union



QCYC boats lit up the lake for the Chet Gibson 'linear' cruise





## Custom ornaments decorate mermaid tree on the second deck



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Krow's Nest



Vanderwall Margaret Rose



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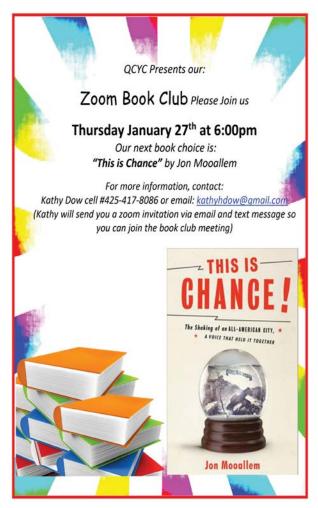
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Three trees on the third deck



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# JOIN THE CLUB PREDICTED LOG RACE FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Posted by Michael Day, Rear Commodore



Rear Commodore Michael Day As I write this on Boxing Day, December 26th, there is snow on the ground and the fireplace is glowing. The final chapter is near complete for 2021. That has me thinking about 2022 and how to kick off the year with something boating centric.

As Commodore Krows notes the first of season predicted log event organized by Bob Lindal is Saturday, January 29th. Bob is

promising great boating weather. Whether you are new to predicted log rallies or want to pick it back up, this really is the perfect event. It has the advantage of being on Lake Washington, which means you don't have to estimate currents and the referenced landmarks are familiar. For those mooring on the east side of the locks, it is also very accessible.

Never done it before? Predicted log rallies are simply an accuracy contest. Participants operate their boats over a pre-determined course measuring the time it takes to traverse from one control point to the next. Accuracy is determined by comparing the measured times with their own estimates. The objective is to have the least error.

It really does not take much to get started. No fancy gear is required. Participants navigate using only their compass, tachometer, and visual aids to navigation (such as docks, buoys, landmarks, and other references). Time can be kept using a free phone app. It is also necessary to have a stop watch, which can also be a phone app.

There are not many other requirements. Boats typically run at two speeds over the course: fast (between 6 and 9 knots) and, in no wake zones, slow (between 5 and 7 knots). If there is a hazard, simply take a time out and resume when the hazard is cleared.

Here is my offer. If you have never participated in a predicted log race, but are interested in giving it a try, let me know. Provide me your boat speed, and I will send complete predictions once the course is circulated. After you have looked at the information and prediction, we can meet for a Willie's breakfast or earlier on race day morning. Then all you need to do is bring a neighbor, member, or friend (or all of the above) and run the course.

Fellow members gave me a helping hand when I first joined the club, and I would be happy to provide a similar introduction. Regardless of the outcome, it is always a good day on the water!

# Grand 14 outstation events & new satellite announcement

Posted by Eric Wood, Outstation Chairman

Old-What's-HER-Name threw a pencil at me and said, "You write something this month and make it worthwhile!" Being the complaisant kind of guy, you know I am, I purred "OK, Honey Bunny," and here goes:

There have been a number of visitors to the Bainbridge Outstation this Fall, despite the weather. The sign-in iPad decided to take a few days off recently when there were 6 or 8 visitors, and we learned that quite a few people don't know that one can sign in on their own device. Go to the Club website, Facilities, Bainbridge Island Outstation, and press your thumbs accordingly. Ahhh, the magic of bits and bytes...

Currently the two annual Grand 14 early-January events at Bainbridge - the Past Commodores' and Current Officers Cruise-ins, are scheduled for the January 7-9 and 14-16 weekends. The docks, clubhouse, parking lot, dumpsters, and all the breathable and lucid during air above and near 289 Shannon Drive will be in use. You've been forewarned!

Interestingly, there have been more, and stronger, Southeasterly winds in Eagle Harbor this year than at any time since we've have a Satellite been here. While I was "Zooming" into a Board Meeting a few weeks ago, 1-2 foot

rollers started coming through, and they lasted several hours. The Public Docks, our docks, and Winslow Wharf's docks were all undulating like snakes in heat. And that's why (2) in the last sentence of Rule 11.06 was written some years ago.

And while we're in the weather category - it snowed quite a bit out here today, too. So, I threw a shovel at HER, and said "Make it worthwhile!" That's when we found out that the Bainbridge Police had cleared the snow down the pier, ramp, and out Dock A to our boat's entry gate! Also, believe it or not, when we got back to Bainbridge in October, the Police brought us warm homemade

chocolate chip cookies! Lord, we love our Police Department...

If you were awake the last Regular Meeting you may have heard me report that the Club will no longer Outstation at Thetis Island

Marina; since the ownership change it has been a confused relationship. Not the best news.

So here's the best news: Our newest Satellite Outstation is Telegraph Harbour Marina, a few hundred yards further north up the same waterway! Owned for about 10 years by Ron & Tara Kaulback, it's a very nice, quiet, family-oriented Marina with great docks and grounds. If you haven't enjoyed that facility in the past, I assure you that you will in the future! I'm exhausted.



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# GIRLS' NIGHT OUT, BOOK CLUB & \$3200+ TO BOYER CLINIC

Posted by Sistee Lentgis, Past Tarettes President for Kathy Dow, Tarettes President

Welcome to 2022! Though 2021 presented us with many challenges, I am sure we can all agree: we have much to be thankful for, including loved ones and our communities. The Tarettes has been a revered women's community since it was established in 1943. Many things have evolved over the years to reflect women's changing needs, but others will always stand true. The Tarettes celebrate each other, strengthen friendships, and support QCYC. We have quite a history! We are proud to sponsor special events, host memorials for QCYC family members, and many philanthropic endeavors. All ladies of QCYC are considered Tarettes and are always welcome to attend general and open board meetings, as well as join in all our fun activities!

Though mostly a quiet year, a few of our activities were: A riotous Bingo and Pizza night with big money payouts, and a highly successful Captain's Christmas dinner with a salmon or prime rib feast, live music, audience caroling, all topped off with

"Walking in my Winter Underwear"! The star of the night was the largest donation to date for The

Children's Boyer House, over \$3200. Congratulations, QCYC family.

Our Sunshine Chair continues to comfort those in need of cheering with cards and calls, recently to Lara Cyr and Lois Brooks. Contact Diane Prestebak, 206-909-4427.

We already have a few things planned for this year!

- An open board meeting in person/or Zoom on January 8th, 2022 at 10 a.m.
- "Girls' Night Out", January 20th, It's all about us, ladies! A fabulous dinner 'Beauty and the Beast at the 5th Avenue Theatre -Only four tickets left! Contact Sistee Lentgis, 206-947-1516 for more information.
- Zoom Book Club meets Thursday, January 27th at 6 p.m., with the book, "This is Chance" by Jon Mooallem. Contact Kathy Dow, 425-417-8086.
- "Women's Day at the Seattle Boat Show", February 7th. Contact Becky Garvie,

206-979-1870.

- WIC luncheon, women of the Grand 14 yacht clubs meet to promote friendships in boating and just have fun! Seattle Yacht Club is hosting on February 16th. Contact Barbara Wilson, 206-276-3874.
- March 4th, Make a glass fused QCYC burgee & wine tasting Contact Theresa Wilson, 425-923-7774.
- 'Couples Sharing the Helm' by Linda Lewis & dinner, March 16th, Contact Kathy Dow, 425-417-8086.

Upcoming! Arboretum tour, overnight at The Tulalip Casino, Tree House volunteering, museum visits and a lunch-outings. Tarettes committee chairs wanted: walking group? Bowling gals? Bridge? You name it! If anyone has a special outing or tour you would like to do please email Debbie Foote --Footeloose@AOL.com. Join Tarettes to make new friends, or reconnect with familiar ones. Let's make fun memories together!

### CAPTAINS CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCING WAS FUN FOR EVERYONE

#### Posted by Nadeane Rutledge and Debbie Foote

So much fun at QCYC's Tarettes annual Captains Christmas Dinner! Excellent prime rib and salmon dinner, thanks to Willie Williamson, Peg Braxton and crew. And lots of laughs thanks to our own house band, Desolation Sounds.

Sing along carols and the special QCYC audience participation performance of The 12 Days of Christmas. Our table got to be the "Nine ladies dancing." The band even played the

famous Stan Boreson song, "Walking in my Winter Underwear;" always a hoot! A lot of love and laughter in the room.

A Big Shout out to the Tarettes for the Captains Dinner and all the generous gift cards worth more than \$3200 for the Boyer Children's Clinic. Thank you all!



Desolation Sounds entertained the night away at the Captains Christmas Dinner



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# BOATER, FATHER & TEACHER SLIPS MOORAGE FOR THE LAST TIME

Posted by Ken Klett, Fleet Chaplain

Captain Milton (Milt) Walter, member #038, crossed the bar for the last time Friday, November 26, 2021, at 94 years old.

Milton's story is lovingly written by his daughter Lora, also a member of QCYC with her husband Bill Cyr:

"He was the first of three children and grew up in Everett. He then attended Gonzaga University majoring in Electrical Engineering after which he spent time in the Navy. After military service, he continued on to Dental School at Marquette University where he completed his Doctorate of Dental Surgery in 1953. He met his wife, Sue Swiderski of Wausau, Wisconsin while in Dental School and they were married following his graduation. They moved to Bellevue, Washington where they raised their family.

Milt started his dental practice in 1953 on Old Main Street in Bellevue, WA and practiced dentistry until 2000. He and Sue also worked together where they achieved great success in their Real Estate ventures which they continued working and enjoying well past his retirement.



Milton 'Milt' Walter 1927-2021`

Boating was his passion and we always joked about it being his "first love." Milt was very active in Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club where he was Commodore in 1976. He was also active in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bellevue, WA where he was very involved in the Knights of Columbus and in the building of a new church location on top of Clyde Hill in the 1950's. His faith was his main purpose in

life. He constantly shared his faith and prayer life with his family, and he always prayed for the next 100 generations to go to Heaven! He was a very generous and selfless person, full of love and compassion and will be terribly missed by all who loved him."

Milt joined QCYC in 1976 and leaves a legacy to our club as his daughter Lora and her husband Bill Cyr are members. Dr. Walter is remembered around the club for he and Sue, plus family members, spending many days enjoying our outstation in Eagle Harbor and socializing with other members on his boat, the "Sweet Sue." The "Sweet Sue" is a gorgeous 61' Tolly to which Milt had made several significant modifications including extending the stern making it into a 69' Tolly, adding curved stairs down to the swim step and replacing the teak handrails with stainless steel rails!

He is remembered by all log racers because he and Sue own the home on the Medina shoreline that has a Statue of Liberty on the roof – a useful landmark for racers!

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### January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	Office Closed (Holiday)	Undecorating the Clubhouse 10:00am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm Planning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	5	6	Past Commodore's Cruise-In (Invite Only) Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	Past Commodore's Cruise-In (Invite Only) Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Vessel Electical Safety Inspection - All Docks 9:00am to 12:00pm Docks Fun Day 9:00am
Past Commodore's Cruise-In (Invite Only) Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	AAC Meeting 6:30pm	Regular Member Meeting In-Person w/ Dinner & "Virtual" Zoom 7:30pm to 9:30pm	13	Grand 14 Officer's Cruise-In Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	Grand 14 Officer's Cruise-In Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
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23 Private Event - Jenkins	Music Committee Rehearsal 6:30pm	25	Regular Member Meeting In-Person w/ Dinner & "Virtual" Zoom 7:30pm to 9:30pm	Tarettes - Book Club 6:00pm	Office Closed Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm IPBA Social 5:00pm to 8:00pm	IPBA First of Season Race Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
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