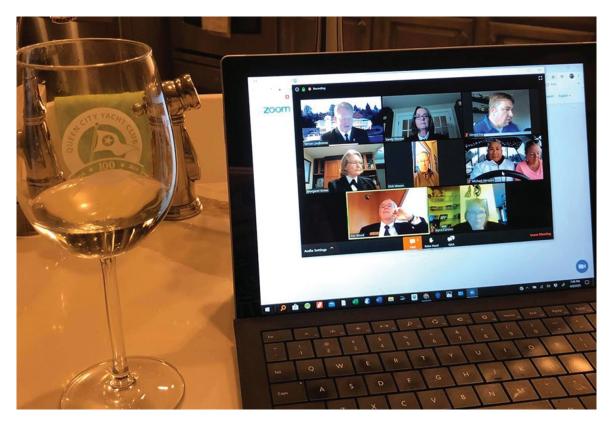
VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS KEEP US ON COURSE

Posted by Commodore Sandy Werner



Kim Nance joins virtual meeting from Arizona

Spring, 2020. Not at all what I expected. While we should be getting the clubhouse ready for Opening Day, we are working in our own yards. While we would be socializing at dinners and parties, we're conducting Zoom parties and meetings.

Speaking of which, we have just conducted our first ever regular meetings via Zoom. We had a total of 111 members logged in to participate. Besides those business-related items, we had an opportunity to "chat" with members who might be asking a question. Also, we allowed opportunity for members to voice questions at the end of the meeting. Based on

comments during the meeting and afterwards, it was a success! By the time you receive this edition of the Bilge Pump, we conducted another Zoom at which the Nominations Committee has announced the slate of nominated elected officers for the coming year. Not knowing when social distancing will let up, I expect to be conducting meets via Zoom through end of May. News reports of late have been talking about steps to return to some sort of normalcy. I look forward to participating in a few events we have scheduled. As of this writing we still have New Member Outstation Orientation (rescheduled from May

Members Nominated for Bridge and Board Positions

During the April 22 Virtual General Membership Meeting, the QCYC Nominating Committee, chaired by P/C Mark Reed, presented nominees for the 2020-2021 Bridge and Board of Trustees. For the 2020-2021 Bridge the committee nominates, Joyce Carlson, Treasurer; Eric Wood, Secretary; Michele Bedner, Rear Commodore; Margaret Krows, Vice Commodore; and Terron Lindholme, Commodore. For the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees the committee nominates Diane Shultz and Rodger McKinley. Members may nominate Bridge/ Board positions from the floor at the May 13 (virtual) General Membership Meeting, with a final vote at the May 27 meeting.

15-17), and our JO Ball honoring V/C Lindholme and R/C Krows scheduled. July brings 4th of July and immediately afterwards the Fleet Captains Cruise. I will, of course, keep you all posted should there be any changes. Looking forward to the time we can resume activities at the club. Everyone stay healthy and safe.



First ever virtual QCYC membership meeting



Help keep the mainstation bloomin' at May 2 Garden Party

What's In A Name? 'Small Craft Advisory' = Hey Dummy! Are You Sure You Need To Be Out On The Water?

Posted by Vice Commodore Terron Lindholme

You likely already knew that a "Small Craft Advisory" is issued by the National Weather Service as a warning when winds have reached dangerous speeds. But did you know they are soliciting your opinion on changing the term "Small Craft Advisory" to "Small Craft Warning"? This is because boaters apparently misunderstand the terms currently used and perhaps find the word "Advisory" to be confusing. If you've been a boater for any time at all, you should know that a "Small Craft Advisory" essentially means, "Hey dummy! Are you SURE you need to be out on the water!??"

The National Weather Service defines its use

of the word "warning", as a weather event that is life-threatening and that you should take action to avoid it. It uses "advisory" to indicate a threat, that's not as severe as a warning; "a nuisance rather than lifethreatening." Apparently, "Advisory" may not be a strong enough word for some people...like me, but more on that later. Did you know that sustained wind speeds that govern the issuance of a Small Craft Advisory vary depending on geographical areas? Florida's advisory thresholds are different from Washington's, with WA's being wind speeds that are generally between 20 and 33 knots. I copied the following excerpt directly from the National Weather Service website, "Western (WA..CA) - Sustained winds of 21 to 33 knots, and/or wave heights exceeding 10 feet (or wave steepness values exceeding local thresholds)". Florida's advisories begin at 20 knots and 7 foot seas. BTW, winds from 34 to 47 knots, constitute a "Gale Warning" and winds from 48 to 63 knots constitute a "Storm Warning". Lastly, sustained winds above 63 knots constitute a "Hurricane Warning". Fun factoid: The highest winds ever recorded in Washington State were produced in 1921 at North Head, WA, with sustained 113 mph winds and 150+ mph gusts.

The National Weather Service does not specifically define a Small Craft with regards to the size of the boat. They say, "Experience of the operator, type and size of the boat and the overall condition of the boat are all factors that should be considered."

In the 14 years we've owned our 32' Carver, "Anchor Babe", we've been out on Puget Sound three times during a "Small Craft

Advisory". All three times were poor decisions by this Captain, and each time, we said, "We'll never do that again." (but we did). Someone once said, "It may be that your purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others." How true...

Anchor Babe's First Mate, Denise, and I agree that the worst weather-related boating experience we've ever been through was that very last time we chose to depart the safety of a marina during a Small Craft Advisory. That was 10 years ago, and it goes

of our boat "submarining", where the entire bow was plunged under the water of the next confused wave. There was no such thing as "quartering" the waves, because there never seemed to be a ridge of waves to quarter. It was just one huge wave slamming the stern, then another huge wave seemingly popped up in front of us to slam the bow. One time, both props came out of the water and revved the engines to a point I've only heard at automotive race tracks!



VC Terron Lindholme practices social distancing

something like this:

After a St. Patrick's Day weekend in Langley, we were preparing to depart the Port of South Whidbey Harbor at Langley and head back to Elliot Bay Marina, where we moored at the time. It was raining and quite windy, but we could see large breaks in the clouds, bringing sunshine. We were there with three other boating friends and their boats. Three of us had boats in the 32′ – 36′ range. The other had a 52′ boat. The 52' boat wisely decided to stay, but the three smaller boats thought we saw a favorable weather window, and departed. Our first 30 minutes underway fooled us into thinking we'd correctly estimated the weather window. By the time we hit the southern end of Whidbey Island, we learned how badly we were fooled by the weather window. We've since learned (the hard way) South Whidbey Island gets a lot of whacky wind sheer during storms, creating something called "confused seas". In short, that's a highly disturbed water surface without a single, welldefined direction of wave travel, and that's especially daunting for a small craft. For the next 1.5 hours, Anchor Babe was tossed about in ways we thought only

happened in the movies. We have video

Our Carver made it through the event unscathed. We learned a lot about how to batten down the interior items to withstand prolonged turmoil (after needing to replace many broken items). And MOST importantly, we learned to respect a "Small Craft Advisory". It really doesn't matter if our boat will handle it, we NEVER want to experience anything so frightening again, especially when we have the power to prevent it. As I wrote earlier, that was 10 years ago, and we've never ventured out again when there's even a hint of a Small Craft Advisory.

Would the proposed phrasing of "Small Craft Warning" kept me from venturing out 10 years ago? Nah, I'm not that smart. It took the experience of that event to get the meaning through my thick skull. But on the other hand, perhaps knowing that "warning" could mean "life-threatening and that you should take action to avoid it" would have kept us out of that situation. Regardless of the terminology used, whenever there's an "advisory" or a "warning", you'll see Anchor Babe safely tied to some dock.

If you have an opinion about the National Weather Service proposal to change the wording, weigh in here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ VZGX6BF. The survey closes May 24, 2020.



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Plant Yourself at the Mainstation for Social Distancing Garden Party May 2 & Power Wash Palooza May 16

Posted by Rear Commodore Margaret Krows

The Easter cactus I have had for several years bloomed on Easter Sunday. It was a lovely sign that better days are coming and I so enjoyed its bright pink floral display. Spring is such a cheerful season that it is easy to see the bright side of life. Our schedule at Queen City is different today than any other in our history, but, somehow, we all will find good things to appreciate and enjoy as we adjust to fewer celebrations.

Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello, plans to have flower planting projects organized Saturday, May 2 in such a manner that those who participate affixed to a member's vehicle

- A numbered restricted period parking permit hanging placard must be clearly visible
- Restricted period parking placards are not transferable between members

In addition to the above restricted parking period rules:

1. Trailers may be parked for no more than 48 hours in a 30 day period and must have visible member identification attached. All vehicles, including small boat trailers, must fit within one parking space.



Rear Commodore Krows at home crocheting doll clothes for grand kids

can easily be within social distancing guidelines. A few volunteers who enjoy gardening are welcome to take up your trowels and add color spots to the club's flower pots and beds. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up online or email Susan so you can be notified if plans change. (susanrebello99@gmail.com)

Those of you who like playing with loud, wet, machines will not want to miss the rescheduled "Power Wash Palooza" May 16th directed by David Berett. Sign up online and bring your own power washer. Details are on the flyer in this newsletter and also on the website.

We are entering the Restricted Parking Period from May 1 through September 15.

- Only one vehicle per membership, including trailers, shall be parked on the Clubhouse property
- A stick-on club burgee decal must be

- 2. Handicap parking spaces are provided for convenience and are not intended for long term use.
- 3. Parking is prohibited in designated fire lanes and marked areas established by the Bridge for certain events.

PARKING RULES 7.01 are found on page 139 of the Queen City Annual and also online.

Thank-you to everyone who promptly moved their vehicles to accommodate the asphalt repair around the utility pole in the north parking lot. All repairs have now been completed in conjunction with the damage caused by the garbage truck in March.

Most of us have had plenty of time to catch up on home projects during the mandated stay at home period so now it is time to get out on the water without guilt! Enjoy.

Margaret Krows

"Opening Day" Garden Party (Social Distancing Friendly) May 2, 2020 9:00 We may not be having a parade, but we can beautify the club with color sports! The delayed date is actually better for the flowers... Come out and enjoy - bring your trowel and garden gloves **Lunch provided** If possible, *sign up online* so we know how many green thumbs will attend. **Ground Chair,** Sussan Rebello, will direct the symphony. Be part of the orchestra.

Power Wash Palooza

May 16 9:00 - 12:00 main station (Social Distancing Legal)



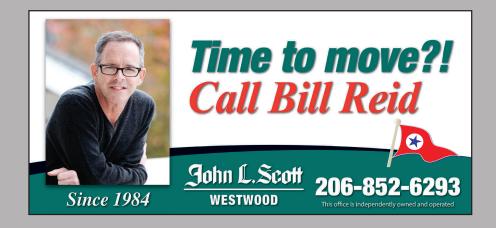


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Posted by Tarettes President Karen Klett & photos from Debbie Foote



Thinking about Snoopy's advice this difficult time seems like a good time to find some humor to brighten our day. What better way than to share some old pictures of Tarettes enjoying each other's company as we plan for fun in the future. It's also a good way to remind ourselves of the wonderful legacy Tarettes has of making remarkable contributions to the life of the Club & to consider ways to continue this legacy. As soon as we can, we will be visiting museums, doing workshops, helping at Treehouse, listening to amazing speakers, & beginning a Tarettes Book Club, & growing our Friends, Fun & Fellowship!





Tarettes Tea honoring Past Presidents ---Past Presidents, Carolyn Rolstad, Marilyn Gustafson, Millie Grayson, Barbara Wilson, Sistee Lentgis, Lois Odland, Pat Rubish, Linda Dishneau, Debbie Foote



Tarette drill team on the fourth of *July at Winslow*



Tarettes were part of Dicks Chicks Rowing first in 4's then in 8's



Tarettes at SYC after rowing in Opening Day, 1984



Old picture of Officers, 1959-1960. Pres. Gail Hupp (holding the gavel), Ruth Picot (center) Sec.

New Events to be Scheduled!!!

Lady Captains... No time for daytime activities?

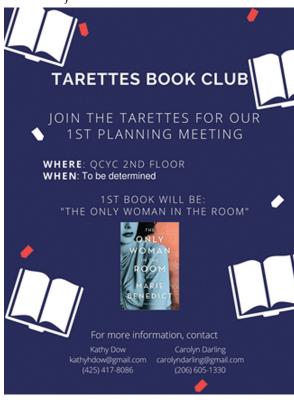
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"Beads & Breakfast!"

Come to the Club for Willie's **Breakfast on** Saturday Enjoy a yummy meal that YOU don't have to prepare THEN join other Tarettes to design & make a lovely beaded bracelet for a gift or for yourself, like these:



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WORKPARTY REPLACED BY DEDICATED MEMBERS WHO CLEAN, GARDEN & PAINT AT OUTSTATION

Posted by Barb Wood (and 'Old What's His Name - Eric)

Who woulda thunk? It turns out boating is very therapeutic for some Club Members – there's been a steady stream of boats coming and going from the Bainbridge Island Outstation during the last month.

People generally stay on their boat with socializing done at a distance. The clubhouse has been used minimally - encouraged by the fact that the chairs and tables remain stacked and covered because of the re-roof project. Sanitizer is available at the kiosk desk, and if that doesn't do it for you, one can check- in via your device on your boat!



Bainbridge outstation roof replacement completed

One sunny day recently, I noticed a couple sitting in their car in the parking lot - turned out it was Member #5! Charlie and Lorraine Ross were out for a car ride and wanted to see the Outstation. Charlie helped build the Bainbridge Island (it was called 'Winslow', then) clubhouse, and it was fun hearing some stories!

The re-roof project took exactly two weeks and is now 100% completed. The new roof, skylights, and gutters look so nice that several neighbors (walking by at a distance, of course) came up to offer compliments - wait till you see it!

We were disappointed that we needed to cancel the Annual Outstation workPARTY, as so much is accomplished every year during that event. (While Old-What's-His-Name – Eric - tries to cajole attendees into bringing him birthday gifts.) Fortunately, we have some GREAT Members who have stepped forward to help get this Outstation ready for the Summer, including:

- Kurt & Marcia Hanson, who have Winter Moorage here. They came back from Arizona early to help acclimate their puppy, Drake, to boating life. When not training Drake, they've been helping mow lawns, keep the restrooms clean and even picking up supplies at Costco.
- Rico & Wanda Adams are also Winter Moorage folks. Wanda and I cleaned all the docks, a time consuming but productive project. And Rico clearly likes to run that leaf blower!
- Gary Baldasari and Kathy Curtis, Winter Moorage Members, have done a lot out here in the past, and spent threeplus hours just today in the gardens, cleaning up and hauling away a year's worth of leaves, weeds, etc.



No raft ups at Bainbridge outstation

- Jeff and Angie Kroeller, Members who moor at Elliott Bay Marina come over often, picked up from where Gary and Kathy left off, and did some serious pruning, trimming and raking in the area near the entrance to the Clubhouse.



Sitting on the job -- Co-Chair Eric Wood

- Bill Bressler will soon be bringing several yards of gravel in his 'dump truck' for the unpaved parking area, which needs some spiffing up after the roofing dumpsters, lifts, trucks, etc. beat it up.

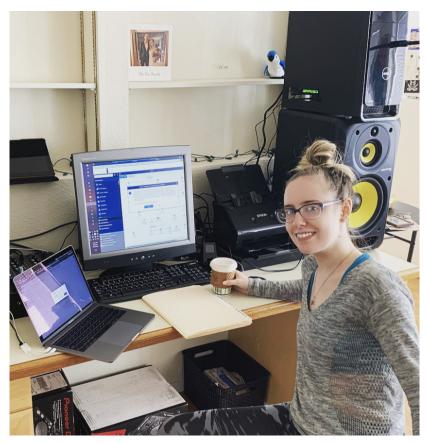
We even got some work out of Old-What's-His-Name (Eric), who painted the arrow-straight (so he says) white line and four 'NO PARKING' signs in the driveway. (That lane was used twice by the Police and Fire Departments for real emergencies just during the roof project - you never know when.)

We're expecting a few more Members to arrive in the near future. Hopefully, with their help most of the major pre-Summer tasks can be completed, while making sure everyone stays at least six feet apart! Stay safe everyone.

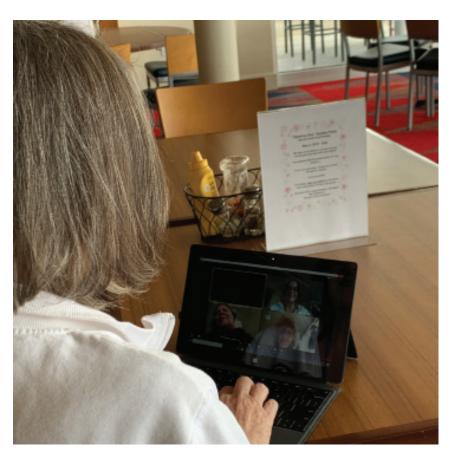




QCYC STAYS HEALTHY AT HOME!



Elise rocks while staying at home



Commodore keeps going online











JOIN US FOR 'LET'S MAKE A DEAL' JO BALL ON JUNE 20

Posted by Denise Lindholme

We're still saving the date and moving forward with the Junior Officer's Ball on June 20. This is an event that Queen City Yacht Club hosts, only every other year, in celebration of your junior officers. This year, we're celebrating Vice Commodore Terron Lindholme and Rear Commodore Margaret Krows.

All QCYC members are invited to join junior officers of the Grand 14 clubs. We're so excited about our theme of Let's Make A Deal, adding the thrill of playing

games and winning prizes, to the usual dinner and dancing events.

We hired a great game show host to play Monty Hall for us, complete with a set full of surprise doors and boxes for contestants to choose from during the game! What will they win? This is where you can really help us out now! We're soliciting prizes! Not that old, tired thing you found, cleaning out the closet, but a cool prize you'd like to

go home with, that really adds to the excitement of playing this game of chance!

Please contact me (**Denise** Lindholme - denisewhitaker2000@ <u>yahoo.com</u> - 206-795-9969) or your junior officers with any prize you can secure. And save the date of June 20th, so you don't miss out on the fun of coming out of your house, in a crazy costume, for the chance to play Let's Make A Deal!

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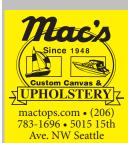
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Circa 1960s - Heritage of food & fun - Debbie Foote photos

Members create lifetime memories at QCYC events

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