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SEAFAIR HOLIDAY CRUISE VIDEO CREATES SMILES

Posted by Val Ohlstrom, Seafair (Virtual) Holiday Cruise Chair



Thanks to the Seafair Holiday Cruise Crew (find more Seafair Cruise photos on page four)

The 'Grinch' called COVID made this year's Seafair Holiday Cruise a virtual event, with Seafair asking participating yacht clubs to produce a video of their virtual boat rides. The QCYC crew did a great job and fun was had by all, with a cute poem and great video!

BOAT RIDE!

Twas an afternoon before Christmas, calm waters and blue sky

Tied up in the "U" the festive Charlevoix with Skipper and First Mate sitting high.

Then what to their wondering eyes should appear?

But a drummer, an accordionist, a guitarist, and their gear.

Singers and crew dressed in festive holiday best.

Ready to film a holiday cruise for our virtual guests.

First Lady Denise tells a wonderful tale
"While Commodore Terron skillfully films as we sail.

The band raises their voices to 'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer'

While the crew onboard entertains and wishes more QCYC members could be here.

Then we pick up the Seafair Clowns, bringing their fun and antics, we know.

And low and behold before we are done Santa joins us from below.

In these challenging times when we cannot gather, and celebrate with our usual guests.

We are happy to provide this rousing Boat Ride. Knowing we will lighten hearts with our jest!"

Thanks to everyone involved, and in particular Chuck Gould and members of the QCYC Music Committee: Dick Dow on guitar, Greg Bolin on drums, Janet Atkins on vocals; Commodore Terron and first lady Denise, Greg and Karen Burgess, Paul Grimm (Music Committee vocalist) and the Seafair Clowns, Karlynn Elliott, Mark Vanderwall and Santa. It is disappointing that more members couldn't participate, but be assured that our contribution will brighten the holiday for not only our normal guests, but also people who go

to other yacht clubs and individual boats. Looking forward to gathering in person next year. In an effort to make sure members have the opportunity to enjoy our video, follow this link from the online edition <https://youtu.be/BNUnclKs-w> or go to YouTube and enter 'Boat Ride! Queen City Yacht Club Seafair Holiday Cruise' to view our outstanding video!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the video, and for all who have contributed to the Seafair Holiday Cruise over the years. You are the best!

"We isolate now so when we gather no one is missing"

- Shirley Rogers

UNOFFICIAL DECORATED BOATS MAY GATHER AT GASWORKS PARK ON DECEMBER 12

It looks like there will be no "official" Chet Gibson parade on December 12. The City continues to withhold special use permits. Although watch for a spontaneous event, spontaneously beginning in Portage Bay at 6 PM on December 12.

We will not "officially" gather in Portage Bay (rather than off Gasworks) at 6 PM on Saturday night. We will not "officially" do two totally isolated and socially distanced laps around Lake Union- (but not down the Ship Canal without turnboats and the SPD escort)- and then return to QCYC.

So if anybody should ask, the Chet Gibson parade is "officially" canceled- but there's

nothing that says members can't decorate their boats and go for a cruise. And if there happen to be other decorated boats immediately ahead and immediately behind.... since there's no "official" parade, that will have to be considered a coincidence.



Decorated boats welcome for unofficial cruise

FLEET CAPTAIN SPONSORS 'VIRTUAL' HOLIDAY OPEN MIC

Posted by Chuck Gould

Heck with this virus stuff. Fleet Captain Grimm is sponsoring a "virtual" Holiday Open Mic. Everybody is welcome to participate! Just email a horizontal (landscape format) cell phone video to gould0738@aol.com before December 7. We'll string them together into a video, and make it available on Friday, December 11. Consider it a virtual Friday social.

Guidelines: 5 minutes max (musicians, shoot for one song and make sure it isn't the extended version of In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida). No political rants or divisive content, please. Think PG13, or maybe R17. Content should be "family friendly".

Too shy to share your talents? Why not make a very short video wishing your fellow members a happy holiday?

NO CHARGE FOR BEVERAGES (from your own refrigerator) when video airs!

Commodore's Report

THANKS TO VOLUNTEER GALLEY CREWS, BUT VIVA LA WILLIE

Posted by Commodore Terron Lindholme

I find it interesting at QCYC, that our fun during the pandemic has seemed to revolve around food. While Willie has been recovering with his new bionic hip, we've had some great times with our mainstation galley experiences. We've also had fun thinking outside the dinghy with a couple of occurrences with our house band, the Desolation Sounds and the creativity of Fleet Captain, Paul Grimm. But the food... With Paul Bennett and Josh Hoffman and their crew putting on a Saturday dinner, to the "Table of Wisdom" (Bob Yates, Pete Clarke, Dan Lohse, Duane Schoepach & Jim Brooks) who served up THREE consecutive Friday lunches for us. Then Josh came back for another lunch with those delicious Cubanos. And for five breakfasts, Chris & Barbara Castrow, Denise Lindholme and her husband (Ya, that's been me for 29 years), along with galley help from Tim DeCook, Chris Benson, Nick Castrow and Paul Grimm. Unquestionably, I've neglected someone... oh ya, the bartenders for Friday lunch and the Saturday dinner (Whew, that was close).

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and gave our members some good food, good music and good fun, in these most unusual of times. It's all of you who make

QCYC such a great place to belong. My Commodore year just gets weirder, but I think the members are responding well to this adversity. And then the mandates of November 15th hit, and completely shut down in-door dining until at least December 14th. Darn, we had such a good thing going too!

If Willie's convalescence goes as planned, he and Peg will be back on December 4th for Friday lunch (Take out only). After having been in the galley for five weeks of breakfasts, my excitement for their return makes me almost giddy; almost like when I got my first radar for the boat. Amongst the temporary breakfast crew, the level of appreciation for what Willie does, is off the charts.

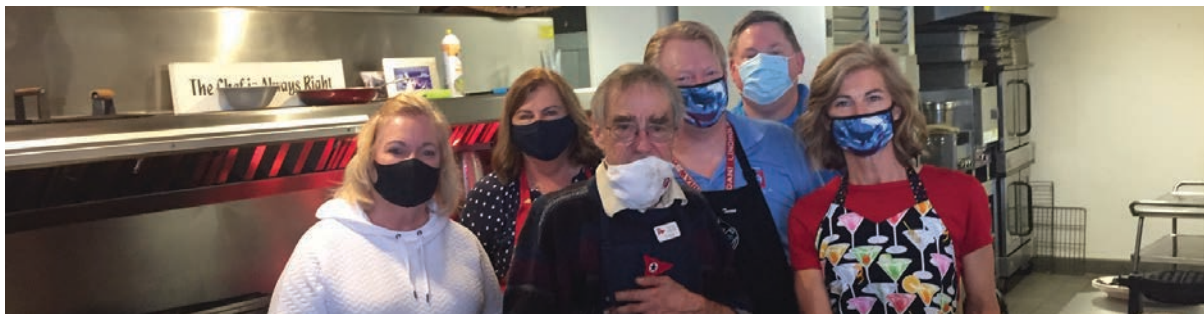
The four of us looked like crazed bees fluttering around in the galley, flinging omelets, jamming toast (see what I did there?) and defiling hash browns. It took a team to do what Willie does effortlessly and often alone. He somehow calmly stands there, takes your order and payment (Denise's job), cooks French Toast, hash browns and veggies (Terron's job), cooks omelets and ala carte eggs (Chris' job) and lastly makes toast and finishes the plate before serving (Barbara's job), all while asking you how you've been

since he saw you at Friday lunch, 20 hours ago. We'd stop by the car wash on the way home from making breakfast just to wash the egg out of my clothes and hair. I gained an appreciation for afternoon naps as well. Why have I been fighting those for so many years?

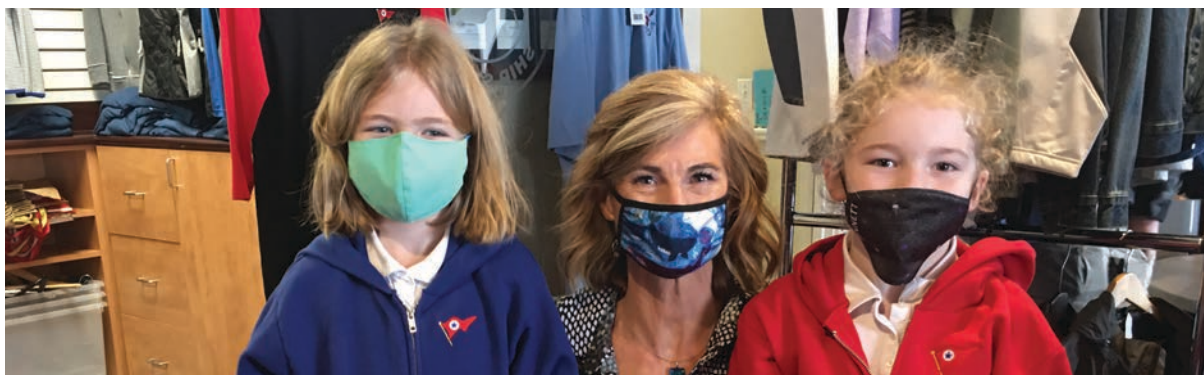


Commodore Terron Lindholme

There's a lot to be said about when we can sit down again in our own restaurant and enjoy the fraternity of membership. The current mandate says December 14th, but as of the writing of this, WA numbers are tracking in the wrong direction for mid-December to seem realistic. We'll see. Until then, we'll have to dine-and-dash for our meals at QCYC. VIVA LA WILLIE




Member kitchen crew Gail Genord, Barbara & Chris Castrow, Terron & Denise Lindholme and Tim DeCook prepare the last Saturday breakfast before COVID restrictions




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LOCKED DOWN BY COVID, BUT HAVE A HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY

Posted by Vice Commodore Margaret Krows

The concluding weeks of 2020 are less festive than past years; however, I choose to look on the cancelled activities and reduced social contact as an opportunity to rest, take advantage of extra time to catch up on the "to do" list, and reflect on life's priorities. My heart goes out to families who are enduring financial hardship during the pandemic restrictions. I plan to heartily support the "Giving Tree" sponsored by Tarettes to benefit the Boyer Children's Center. It is a simple thing to purchase grocery gift cards and warm coats for children size 2T-4T and bring them to the club.

Whatever format Willie's December meals take, I look forward to having him back in the galley again when the Governor's restrictions (hopefully) are lifted. The members who

stepped in to carry on did a great job, but no one can replace the original. Many thanks to everyone who helped with meal prep, serving, and clean up in his absence. The esprit de corps was delightful.

Thanks to Captain Dick Geving, the emergency telephones midway down Docks 1 and 2 are now operational. All six emergency land line phones positioned on the docks are working and ready for your use, if needed.

As we are entering a period of reduced boat use, I want to remind members who have moorage to visit their vessels and do a quick cleanup. The policy regarding maintaining boats, docks and piers states that boats and the surrounding areas must be kept neat and clean at all times. Let's make sure our boats aren't on a "could use some attention" list.

Thanks to Captain Chuck Gould for leading the modified Chet Gibson Memorial Lighted Boat Parade December 12. It should be a fun cruise.

P/C Dave and I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to the New Year and all the hope it brings.



Vice Commodore Margaret Krows works the kitchen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Randall & Janice Buck
- Tom Morio
- Michael & Heather Whitcomb
- Janice & Ford Griswold

QCYC "virtual"
Holiday Open Mic
Video

**Sing, dance, play the ukulele,
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 Demonstrate a recipe, Perform
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**Or just wish your fellow members
 A "happy holiday"**

**Send a horizontal cell phone
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**THE GIVING TREE FOR
 BOYER HOUSE**

Since we cannot give toys this year, please choose an ornament from the tree on the second floor of the clubhouse, the ornament will have a gift suggestion, and take your gift to the Office.

The staff at Boyer House are very appreciative for any help we can give. They will pass our gifts on to needy families in their care.

This year has hit those families extremely hard so please give to our neighbors in need!

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Photos by Janet Atkins & Denise Lindholme



Chair Val Ohlstrom put together another great event



Thanks to skippers Greg & Karen Burgess on 'CHARLEVOIX'



Of course beverages were involved



Commordore Terron & Denise Lindholme produced our Seafair holiday video



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FRIGHTENING FIRST FLEET CAPTAIN'S EVENT ROCKS DOCKS

Photos by Denise Lindholme



Halloween on the docks brought out the best of us



Commodore sings along with Desolation Sounds dockside for the first fleet event



Mermaid Chris Castrow takes first place & too much fun at Fleet Halloween event



Masked up & dressed up for the first fleet event



Costumes galore at Halloween 'Drink & Treat' fleet event at the mainstation



The 'Boo Crew' serves up treats at Fleet Captain's Halloween dock walk

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LOCKER SECURITY, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & DON'T LET COVID 'GRINCH' STEAL YOUR HOLIDAYS

Posted by Rear Commodore Michele Bedner

In response to the seventeen QCYC storage lockers that were broken into last October, Security Chair P/C Scott Grimm and Dick Geving have identified a hardier and more robust hasp that is much more resistant to being cut. An order for these new hasps has been placed for all QCYC's storage lockers. The Docks Committee will be replacing all the old hasps with our new hasps. Although our Security Committee has a list of suggested locks that are more resistant to being cut by bolt cutters, each Member with a QCYC Storage Locker will be responsible for buying their own lock at their own risk.

Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello and her committee are continuing to make improvements to the grounds. Thank you, Susan, for all your work! If any member has an interest in assisting the Grounds Committee, please contact Susan at susanrebello99@gmail.com.

Val Ohlstrom is doing a wonderful job as our new Membership Chair. The Bridge inducted four new members at our November Regular Meeting. Welcome Aboard to: Tom Morio, Randall and Janie Buck, Michael and Heather Whitcomb and Janice and Ford Griswold.

COVID restrictions are preventing the Seattle Boat Show from being held in person in January 2021 and is being replaced by a Virtual Boat

Show that will take place Thursday, January 28 through Sunday, January 31, 2021. Access to the on-line content will require the purchase of a ticket. Tickets go on sale starting December 15, 2020. The Seattle Virtual Boat Show will have a number of digital features that will allow attendees to connect with exhibitors in a variety of ways, including an appointment-setting tool that allows them to schedule in-person, Zoom, FaceTime, or phone meetings and boat and product tours as well as live text chat. The digital show will happen in tandem with satellite in-person special events hosted by dealers and exhibitors around the region. Membership Chair Val Ohlstrom is busy looking into having QCYC be a Virtual Exhibitor. John Steckler and Brian Elert who are on the QCYC Advertising Committee have been asked to assist with marketing at the Virtual Exhibition and in other capacities. Covid has been 'the Grinch' this year, but don't let Covid totally steal your Holidays! Take part in the December 9th Zoom Regular Meeting. Commodore Lindholme has invited all members to wear their ugly Christmas sweaters. Don't have an ugly Christmas sweater, no problem. This is a meeting you won't want to miss. All

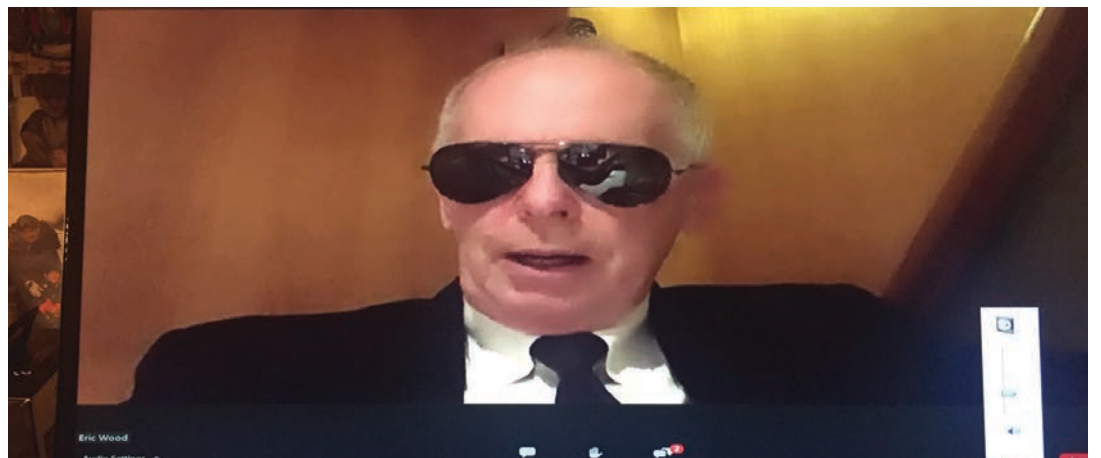
attendees will be permitted to have their video Zoom session active. Although there is no 'official' Chet Gibson parade on Saturday, December 12th, members can still decorate their boats and go for a cruise to share Holiday cheer with our neighbors. Chuck Gould plans to do just that on December 12th at 6 pm starting in Portage Bay. And although the Tarettes are not hosting a Captain's Dinner this year, everyone can still donate to the Boyer Children's Christmas Fund. Boyer Clinic is not accepting toys this year. Please contact Tarettes President Kathy Satoro or Past Tarettes President Debbie Foote to learn how you can contribute. Best Wishes for a healthy and joyous Holiday Season!



Rear Commodore Michele Bedner

QCYC SECRETARY & OUTSTATION CO-CHAIR ERIC WOOD

Channeling President-elect Joe Biden's aviator look, Eric (old what's his name) dutifully reads minutes at the virtual regular membership meeting. While Co-Chair Barbara has been waylaid in Carmel, trying to get things squared away because of her Mom's fall, he says "she has no idea what's going on up here". On the other hand, he says, I DO know what's going on at all the Outstations. And the answer is - NOTHING!



Outstation co-chair & QCYC Secretary Eric Wood channels Joe Biden's aviator glasses at virtual regular membership meeting

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GUEST CHEF MEMBERS STEP IN FOR SATURDAY BREAKFAST & FRIDAY LUNCH TO SUPPORT WILLIE & PEG

Posted by Denise Lindholme

Friday lunches are 'on the go' only, while Saturday breakfast is a 'no go' until December 14 when WA COVID mandates will hopefully be lifted.

Although no gathering at the club is allowed, it hasn't prevented member guest-chefs to step in each week during Willie's medical leave, to prepare Friday lunch and Saturday breakfast (although suspended until December 14) at the main station. Captain Josh Hoffman stepped in on a recent Friday to serve up his homemade Paseo version Cubano pulled-pork sandwich.

With a capable kitchen crew, he carefully crafted each sandwich with BBQ Pork grilled onion and seeded jalapeño peppers – for a little kick – or for those that didn't like spicy, he also had grilled onions without the jalapenos. Members were asked to place orders from the club's FB page, as we meet members at the door to pick up lunches one at a time.

At \$10 each, the Cubanos were a perfect share! And net proceeds go to Willie & Peg from pre-restricted club breakfasts and 'on the go' club lunches.

"Thank you, Josh and lunch team!! Your Cuban sandwich was simply amazing!! I'm a southern snob, but this was like goin' home."

- Captain Kathleen Lentgis



Denise Lindholme, Josh Hoffman and Kyle Bixby serve up Cubanos

QCYC PROMENADE DECK TAVERNA

Posted by Mark Vanderwall

When COVID restrictions end (hopefully) on December 14, QCYC Saturday breakfast will resume on the 'Promenade Deck Taverna'. On the last Saturday before restrictions set in, I was immediately recognized as I entered the Taverna on the second deck of the main station and directed to the finest seat in the house. The historically surly waitstaff on Saturday could not have been more accommodating. I ordered the "Barb's Benedict" for breakfast and it was sensational!! The Canadian bacon had only recently immigrated and was perfect. The poached eggs were done to perfection, the yokes were the ideal consistency not firm, not runny. They were, as Goldilocks might say, just right. The English muffin base was toasted, but not burnt, and the Hollandaise sauce slathered over the top was to die for!

Short staffed no more, the kitchen crew now towered over me. Their Executive Chef Willie Williamson made a surprise visit from Southern Siberia, and I'm afraid the extra pampered exceptional service I received might have been for his benefit!

Willie entered to a standing ovation with some actually standing on their chairs. Rumors circulated that he may resume control of the kitchen in December to the relief of a few of the most disgruntled sketchy characters in the crowd.

OTHER NEW ITEMS ON THE MENU I did not try the Monte Cristo Breakfast Sandwiches, or the Waffles!

"As always your experience may vary; your experience may vary all ways!"



Recovering Chef Willie at the club with PC Dave Krows, Paul Grimm and Mark Vanderwall



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SELECTING THE BEST ANODE FOR YOUR VESSEL

Posted by Vessel Electrical Safety Committee

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Please read the complete article on the QCYC website under the menu listing MOORAGE>Vessel Electrical Reading Library>Boat Anodes





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HVAC Maintenance 8:30am Planning & Finance "Virtual" Meeting 6:00pm	2	3	4 Friday Lunch 11:30 am to 1:30 pm	5
6	7 QCYC Board "Virtual" Meeting 7:00pm	8 Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	9 Regular Member "Virtual" Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	10	11 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	12 Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection - All Docks 9:00am to 12:00pm Docks Fun Day 2:00 pm Chet Gibson Lighted Boat Parade 6:00 pm
13	14	15	16 Willie's Wednesday Dinner Tarettes - Boyer Children's Clinic Drive Ends	17	18 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30 pm	19 Saturday Breakfast 8:30am to 11:00am
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed (Holiday)	25 Christmas Office Closed (Holiday) Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30 pm	26 Saturday Breakfast 8:30am to 11:00am
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		