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QCYC PREDICTED LOG RACE WINNERS & SUPPORTERS

Posted by Bob Lindal, Regatta Power Chair

We had a great season. Dave Padgett won the Skipper of the Year a highlight and he won the Flag Officer's Race/Rally. Ken Klett and Marv Elbon received the Vice Commodore plaque. Steve Farber with Rear Commodore, Doug Genord, won 3rd overall plaque. Commodore Michelle Bedner received the secretary plaque. Vice Commodore Michael Day won 4th place overall. Rear Commodore Doug Genord received the treasurer's plaque for 5th overall.



Dave Padgett Wins Predicted Log Race Skipper of the Year

JOIN THE CHET GIBSON MEMORIAL CRUISE, POTLUCK & DANCE PARTY DECEMBER 10

Join up in Portage Bay for the Chet Gibson Memorial Light Boat Event, Saturday, December 10 @ 6 p.m., for a cruise twice around Lake Union (monitor VHF 9). Following the Chet Gibson Cruise, join members at 8 p.m. for the Electric Christmas Ball, potluck and dance party, on the 3rd deck, featuring the music of our House Rockin' Three Sheets Blues Band!



QCYC member, the late Chet Gibson & the highlight

THANKS TO MEMBER ELVES FOR MAINSTATION HOLIDAY DÉCOR

Thanks to your many volunteer elves for holiday decorations at the Mainstation! Second deck trees have a new design this year. Don't miss seeing our new Children's Snowman tree and Nutcracker/Kitchen tree. Queen City is very fortunate to have such talented and creative members!



Thanks to Member Elves

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SAVE THE DATES FOR FESTIVE HOLIDAY EVENTS

Posted by Michele Bedner, Commodore

Let the Holidays begin! A big thank you to all volunteers who helped decorate Queen City Yacht Club mainstation! Our Club looks amazing and is ready for all the merriment that will occur at QCYC December events. Speaking of merriment, check out the QCYC December calendar. Queen City has a number of events that are sure to fill you with holiday cheer! Save the dates:

Seafair Holiday Cruise, Sunday, December 4th. This heartwarming event has individual skippers volunteering their boats to take adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, chaperons and QCYC member dock elves for a short cruise. Reach out to Chair Val Ohlstrom at vohlstrom@comcast.net to volunteer (Val has been working for weeks to ensure a great experience for all)

Tarettes Captains Dinner, December 6th. Enjoy a prime rib & salmon buffet & music by Desolation Sounds at \$40 per person. Thanks to Mary Jo Svendsen as chair for this festive traditional dinner.

Children's Holiday Party, December 10, 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Members' children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews are invited for Santa's arrival by boat, crafts, refreshments & a magician! Thanks to chairs, Chris & Julia Ramos -- Sign-up at queencity.org .



Commodore Michele & PC Dave Bedner at the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club

80th Chet Gibson Memorial Light Boat Cruise, Potluck (BYOB) & Dance Party, December 10, 6 p.m. - Thanks to event chair, Chuck Gould, for organizing this traditional event! No advance sign-up required. **Bring on your festival look, for a social hour & Regular Meeting, December 14 -** Time to get out your beautiful or ugly holiday sweaters and hats. Rumor has it that awards may be given for 'The Most Festive Frock', 'The Most Totally Tacky' and 'Most Gaudy and Glittery'. No holiday attire, no problem!

Ice cream and cookies served following Regular Meeting. And that is no rumor!

QCYC Annual New Year's Eve Party -- 'All that Glitters' -- Saturday, December 31 6:30 - 12 a.m. .

Enjoy Willie's festive buffet featuring Prime Rib and Lobster. Dance to the music of Soul Siren. Champagne Toast at 9 pm and midnight. Cocktail attire or fun costume attire. \$65 per person. Sign-up at queencity.org. Thanks to event chairs, Susan & Ray Rebello.

Wishing all Members and their families a safe and joyous holiday season!



Fleet Captains Whirlyball land cruisers

You're Invited!

QCYC Kids' Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10th
11:00am - 1:30pm

- Bring your Kids, Grandkids, Nieces or Nephews
- Make Holiday Crafts 11:00 - 1:30
- Magician Entertainment 11:00-12:00
- Watch Santa Arrive by Boat 12:05
- Visit With Santa 12:05 - 1:00
- Snacks Provided

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While not included, consider breakfast with Willy before the party!

Questions?
Contact Chris/Julia Ramos
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Ring In the New Year with "All That Glitters"

Join your QCYC friends on New Year's Eve to Celebrate longer days and a bright new year!

Queen City Yacht Club
Saturday, December 31st - 6:30 pm to 12 am

\$65 per person - Reservations Required

- Bar opens at 6:30 PM with light appetizers
- Three course dinner featuring prime rib & lobster
- Dance to live music by Soul Siren
- Champagne Toast at 9 and Midnight

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THANKS TO MEMBER ELVES FOR MAINSTATION HOLIDAY DÉCOR

Posted by Michael Day, Vice Commodore

It is the holiday season, that special time of year. We start thinking of it weeks in advance in anticipation. There are so many memories about to be made. It is the time of year when friends and family pile into each other's homes. Outcome the hide-a-beds, the cots, and the air mattresses. Favorite dishes and elaborate meals are prepared. Rumpled sleepy little ones take it all in, going to bed too late or getting up too early. It is a fantastic time, a magical time.

But we all know that it does not happen magically. All of the sensations, memories, and moments happen because someone is creating the opportunity for the moment. It can be as elaborate as an over-the-top display of lights and inflatables or as simple as an unexpected hot piece of toast with jam in the morning.

Someone made it happen. At times we are surrounded by so many efforts, big and small, that there is just a little bit of lift – and it is magical. We are transported.



Vice Commodore Michael Day

You know the Club is a bit like the holidays all year round and it gets a little extra juice in December and Opening Day weekend. Just look at the calendar. It is packed with all types of events. Stop by the clubhouse. It is decorated for the season, and it will be redecorated

for New Year's Eve.

Take a step back just a bit and you can see that this has been happening for generations now. Some of our more senior members (by number of course) ran around this club as kids. Whether you are a first, second, or third generation member this is a wonderful time at the mainstation. With our investments it should be for generations to come.

Again, this year, the decorations have been hung with creativity and an eye for detail. The décor and events sit on top of a solid foundation of sustainable finance, a well-run house, and diligent event planning. Collectively, they stitch together an environment in loose coordination to create the opportunity for memorable moments. These efforts are why Kitt and I love going to the clubhouse.

It's magical at times, but not by magic. Kitt and I appreciate the efforts of the QCYC members that do what they can when they can. Happy holidays!

ANOTHER VESC MILESTONE AT THE MAINSTATION

Posted by Tom Wilson, VESC Co-Chair

The Vessel Electrical Safety Committee (VESC) is celebrating another milestone in electrical safety at Queen City Yacht Club. The four old Ensign pedestals on the U dock in front of the Clubhouse have been replaced with new Eaton Lighthouse pedestals. These pedestals contain ten 30 amp shorepower outlets with 30mA GFEP circuit breakers and four 20 amp service outlets with 5mA GFCI protection.

Besides Ground Fault electrical safety, two bonus objectives were also accomplished. We were able to move the pedestals one foot further away from the edge of the dock to reduce the risk of vessels hitting them when docking. And the new sensor-controlled LED lights on the pedestals not only look great they provide light inside the pedestal so you can see the outlets to insert your plug and they illuminate the dock



New shore power pedestals at the Mainstation

area for safe walking. VESC would like to thank P/C Terron Lindholme, P/C Margaret Krows, Commodore Michele Bedner, V/C Mike Day and R/C Doug Genord for their budgetary and moral support for this project. We also would like to thank Elmecco Electrical contractors for the excellent workmanship on the

installation.

VESC does not plan to sit on our laurels and we look forward to the next phase of upgrading the Portage Bay Reciprocal slips and Work slips with Ground Fault protection. The exact location of new pedestals on Dock 3 depends on the 520 project. However, since it takes at least six months for pedestals to be manufactured, VESC has been authorized to proceed with decisions about the quantity and configuration of the pedestals so we can get our order in the Que for delivery in late spring of 2023.

The VESC Team includes: P/C Dick McGrew, Co-Chair, Tom Wilson, Co-Chair, P/C Terron Lindholme, Rodger McKinley, Miguel Suarez, Duane Engle, Pete Collins, Craig Wilbour and Rico Adams.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS A HOWLING GOOD TIME!

Posted by Janet Atkins, Halloween Party Chair

The Nightmare Before Christmas hit the Halloween Party hard this year. Many Sallys and Jacks appeared in amazing costumes and even the notorious Oogie Boogie showed up. Zero (aka Janet Atkins) and the Harlequin Demon (aka Greg Bolin) co-chaired the event and Greg once again was the force behind the "Witches' Brew" and the beer keg, Yay! Thank you, Kyle so much for managing the bar liquor. Where would be without you? Sober I guess.

Chef Willie created an Addictive BBQ "body" that was the highlight of the evening with his display of edibles replete with "brains" and spice cake for dessert.

Many thanks to The Three Sheet Blues Band for their blues dance music that rocked the house. These events are a great success because of you - our members - who are ready and willing to shake a leg and have fun.

Last and most importantly, a shout out to the many hands that volunteered to put on this event; thank you so much Jan and Chuck Gould, Susan and Mike Burke, Mark Vanderwall, and our lovely cat bartender Sherry Weiss and bartender Sandy Smith, and also Francisco "Freddy Krueger" who set us up to party. Here's to you Tara and Jay Giese for dancing the night away with us. It was a howling good time.



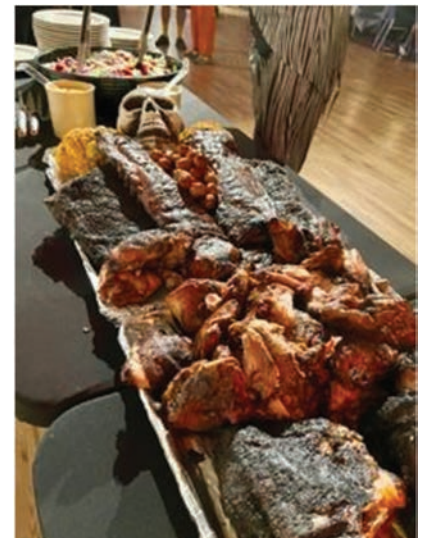
Nightmare before Christmas Crew



Thanks to Halloween Party chairs Janet Atkins & Greg Bolin



Halloween Party was fun for everyone



Willie's skeleton buffet was a Halloween Party hit



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VOLUNTEER AT THE QCYC BOOTH AT THE SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

Posted by Membership Chair, Val Ohlstrom

Save the dates for the 2023 Seattle Boat show, February 3 -11, 2023 at the Lumen Field Event Center. This is our biggest opportunity of the year to get the word out about our great club and recruit new members. This is where Jeff and I learned about the club! QCYC members staff an exhibitor booth for 3-4-hour time periods, to talk to booth visitors about the club, and invite them to the QCYC Open House on March 12. Attendees who signed up at the Boat Show will be invited to join us at the in mainstation to learn more about the club, receive a tour, and experience Willie's heavy appetizers/lunch firsthand! Volunteers will be needed that day too. Watch for the online signups for the boat show and the Open House coming in December. QCYC provides volunteers a free day pass for the show and plenty of candy! Thanks, in advance and Happy Holidays!



Santa at rest

CONSIDER QCYC INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP AS A HOLIDAY GIFT

Posted by Membership Chair, Val Ohlstrom

Intermediate Members benefit the strength, viability, and longevity of our club. Lately I have received several questions about Intermediate Membership in QCYC. If you have a son, daughter, or boating friend who is age 21 to 39 and has an interest in boating and QCYC this may be a great time for her or him to join, and you, Mom & Dad, could pay for it! The adult child of a current Active Member in good standing is not required to be a boat owner to become an Intermediate Member; a person or couple whose parent(s) are not club members must meet the boat ownership requirement.

Further details and the specific initiation fees and annual dues can be found in the QCYC Bylaws at Art. III (Membership), Section 2, A, 2.; Section 4, B; and Section 5, A. You can find the bylaws at the QCYC website or in your Annual. For additional information contact me at membership@queencity.org

PLANNING A TRIP TO THE DESERT? JOIN QCYC MEMBERS FOR BRUNCH

Thanks to Roger & Suzie Courson for organizing a QCYC snowbird member brunch at Casino Arizona on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Email Roger at roger@cortan or call (206) 948-0137 to reserve your place at the table for an awesome brunch. .

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EXPLORE CLUB RESOURCES FOR LEARNING, WORK AND PLAY

Posted by Rear Commodore Doug Genord

As members of the club, we have so much to be thankful for. Each year, the end of November reminds us to reflect, appreciate and give thanks.

Now into our 11th year as members, Gail and I have known for some time the benefits associated with all the club resources. We are so fortunate to have access to the clubhouse, outstations, work slips, workshop, docks and associated equipment, and facilities.

The club functions have been so much fun and entertaining for ourselves, our children and grandchildren. They have enabled us to extend our social network and provide the fortune of associating with many new and longstanding dear friends.

We don't take for granted the value of having access to the deep knowledge of fellow club members, whether it be related to cruising, sailing, mechanical, electrical, social, and family. As members, you lose



Rear Commodore Doug Genord track of how easy and often this information is to now come by.

So much to be thankful for, and yet so much of this would not be realized without the countless number of hours that so many of our members donate to the club and

to fellow members. As I have personally gotten more engaged with the club and how it functions, I find myself often thinking about how remarkable it is that we can operate such an organization with just one staff person, even as extraordinary as she is.

Now that I am part of the Bridge, I am able to see what goes on behind the scenes that keeps this club running. Oh my word, if you only knew. And you Past Commodores and First Mates certainly do. So, I just wanted to extend a very big thank you to all of you who so generously offer your time to the club. You are all so remarkable and each of us members need to be so thankful and appreciative of what you do and enable us to do.

I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was special and wish you and your families the happiest of holidays this season.



Thanks to Dave Ewton & Veronica Hueso for Chairing the Sailor Social Stew & Brew



More than 80 Members Attended the Sailor Social Stew & Brew



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After Friday Lunch Tarettes 'Mexican Dominoes' - Join Up!!

GIRLS NIGHT OUT IS BACK! JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 9

Posted by Kathleen (Sistee) Lentgis

It's booked! Girls Night Out will be at the ever-popular Jazz Alley on February 9, 2023. Gathering at the main clubhouse, we will enjoy a bit of the bubbly before a bevy of our favorite fellas will chauffeur us

all to the front door of downtown's Jazz Alley! The evening begins with cocktails and a luscious dinner from an extensive menu, followed by the well-known soul inspired vocalist and pianist, Kandance Springs.

Tickets for the performance are \$42. Dinner and cocktails are extra. For more information and to register, call Kathleen at 206-947-1516 or email kathleenl@comcast.net

TARETTES BINGO & PIZZA NIGHT RAISED \$1000 FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

Thank you to Debbie and Gordy Foote and the Tarettes for hosting another fun and successful Bingo & Pizza Night. Second deck was packed with members enjoying Willie's Chicago style pizza

followed by lively rounds of Bingo. Thanks to the generosity of QCYC Members, more than \$1000 was raised to help homeless students at Lowell School.



Bingo players packed second deck



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QCYC MEMBER MEMORIALS - A TIME HONORED TRADITION

Posted by Sistee Lengtis, Memorial Committee Chairperson

Over the years, QCYC has offered countless 8-Bell Memorial Services to the families of our deceased club members. Many working parts come together to ensure a smooth and comfortable gathering for all attending. Our club's chaplain, Ken Klett, meets with the family in determining their wishes for the occasion. The family may bring in or cater food from Willie. Refreshments, and any bar offerings are determined in advance. Our housekeeping staff then sets up tables and chairs to accommodate expected guests.

A notice of the memorial date and time is issued to all club members. On the morning of the Memorial, the Tarettes, or any ladies of QCYC, arrive to spread linens on tables, prepare coffees, arrange plates, glasses, and cutlery for Willie's buffet service, and help serve and replenish foods as needed. Toward the end of the gathering, we bus tables. We deliver the plates, glasses, and cutlery to the kitchen staff to wash. Finally, we remove the table linens for a service pickup. It is always satisfying to help facilitate a gentle

comfort on these sensitive occasions. Many smiles and "thank you"s come our way, especially from family members. Overall, it is a very heartfelt experience. We are proud that our 8-bell memorials are a time honored QCYC tradition! Ladies, would you like to be on a call list to volunteer for one or more of our Memorial Services? I invite you to contact me anytime: kathleenl@comcast.net, 206-947-1516 or 206-285-7272. Please do! Thank you for your consideration,

MEMBERS STEP IN FOR MOORAGE UPGRADES & REPAIRS

Posted by Docks Committee

Shout out to Rick Ashleman and Dick Dow for exceptional service with the Docks Committee. With two of the three Docks co-chairs out of town and the third recovering from knee surgery, Rick stepped up to take care of a couple of issues.

Last spring we tested the fire hoses on the docks and discovered several of them had deteriorated below any reasonable standard. Rick, (retired Shoreline FD officer) ordered

the replacement hoses we needed. Last week he tested the newly arrived hoses, and with assistance from Dick Dow put them into their respective storage places. Among other damages, our "shuttle boat" program last Opening Day cracked open one of the sections of the floating dinghy dock. Part of the crack was below the waterline and the material is very difficult to patch. The club ordered a new section. Rick

met the company that delivered and installed the new section and cleaned up the mess they left when they finished the job. So thanks, Rick and Dick. In a volunteer-oriented club like QCYC, it's appropriate to acknowledge people who take it upon themselves to do more than the minimum. Sometimes far more. Members step in for mainstation moorage upgrades and repairs

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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Private Event - R. Lee 12:00am	2 Private Event - Friedrich 12:00am Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm Tarettes - Lunch & Games 12:00pm	3 Private Event - Contreras 12:00am Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
4 Seafair Holiday Cruise 12:00am Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	5 QCYC Board Commodore Holiday (INVITE ONLY) 12:00am	6 Tarettes - Captains Dinner 6:00pm Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	7 Private Event - Sethmann 12:00am	8	9 Friday Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm	10 Children's Holiday Party 12:00am Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 9:00am Lighted Boat Parade & Electric Christmas Ball 8:00pm
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