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WASHINGTON PARKS SUSPENDS GRANT FOR MOBILE PUMPOUT PROGRAM

The Washington State Parks Boating Program will no longer provide grant funds for mobile pump-out skiffs to remove sewage at no charge from boat holding tanks in marinas on Lake Washington, Portage Bay, the Duwamish River, Gig Harbor and Liberty Bay effective February 29, 2020. Funding for the Clean Vessel Act grant program comes from dedicated taxes on boating fuel and fishing equipment for pumpout facilities.



Washington Parks suspends mobile pumpout service

In response to inquiries about suspension of the mobile pumpout grant, Washington Parks Clean Vessel Program manager stated that only 15% of their overall budget supported the mobile pumpout program. Boaters say 15% of the budget is a low cost for clean water, as fixed pumpouts are hard to reach and often don't work properly. The QCYC bridge encourage members to ask Governor Inslee for an appeal of this misinformed decision. QCYC members who care about the environment and value the pumpout service should contact Governor Jay Inslee, who prides himself on environmental stewardship, 360-902-4111 and email him @ www.governor.wa.gov / contact.

BINGO NIGHT ROCKED WITH PIZZA & PRIZES

Posted by **Debbie Foote**

Wow, it was an epic evening that filled the house with members and guests for a fun filled night of pizza and bingo! Our bingo night attracted more than 50 members and guests! Willie out did himself by demonstrating his prowess as a pizza chef. Lucky winners took home more than \$250 in cash prizes for those who were first to BINGO. Stay tuned as we will do it again real soon.



50 members & guests enjoyed pre-bingo pizza on the second deck



Who knew Wilie could make awesome pizza?



Cash prizes for bingo players were huge

JOIN THE DAFFODIL MARINE FESTIVAL FUN & SUMMER CRUISE COMING TOGETHER

Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Marine Festival & Parade is April 17th, 18th & 19th. The theme this year is honoring the past. We are looking for a volunteer boat for the Bridge in the parade. If you are good at trivia we need you on our club's trivia team! QCYC SUMMER CRUISE dates July 6th - 12th - We'll be cruising in the San Juan islands & Canada. * We are making reservations at our stops. The cruising schedule is a work in progress and we'll keep you all posted.



Fleet Captain Michael Abrejera rings in the New Year at the helm

MEMBERS RING IN THE ROARING TWENTIES

Posted by **Michelle Bedner**

A big thank you to those QCYC members who came out to celebrate New Year's Eve 2019, 'A Night with the Stars'! Everyone looked totally amazing!



Best Celebrity Look Alike - Nadeane 'Dolly Parton' & Tim 'Kenny Rogers' Rutledge

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MEMBERS RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE MAINSTATION



Best costume award to Jerry Stephenson & Carolyn Darling



Best shoes award to Sharon Stocklin & Greg Bolin



New Year's Eve Mainstation party chair Michele Bedner & PC Dave




Thanks to Wendy & Tracy Redding for bartending on New Year's Eve at the Mainstation



Pete DeLaunay with PC Dave Krows & photo bomb by Wendy Redding



Raye & Dan Lohse enjoy a Night with the Stars




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Life of the party award to the KING Anthony Kennedy

Vice Commodore's Report

SHOCKING NEWS ABOUT CLUB MOORAGE ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electrical Plan of Action! When you connect your boat to shore power, it is similar to connecting an appliance to an outlet in your home. There is a flow of electricity traveling in a loop between your boat and the shore power pedestal. Your shore power cord is made up of hot and neutral wires, plus a third wire, a ground wire. If anywhere in the boat's wiring, or in an appliance on the boat the neutral and ground are connected, current will be diverted from the loop, creating a "leak" of electricity from the circuit and into the boat's bonding or ground system. If that electrical leakage is enough, it can be deadly to a person if they fall in the water near that boat.

In December, a concerned member brought to my attention, a potential issue that may be happening in our marina. When you walk up or down our docks, you may notice the huge electrical panels, all part of the "electrical remodeling" that took place several years ago. At times you may see a red light lit on the panels indicating a fault. The exact reasoning for the fault can be varied, but it's a fault nonetheless. I was told the fault could indicate that electricity is errantly discharging from members' boats directly into the water, thus creating the potential for electrocution. Yes, I said, "creating the potential for electrocution." That really got my attention too!

Therefore, we immediately convened a Vessel Electrical Safety Committee (VESC), co-chaired by Bill Brunkhorst and P/C Dick McGrew. The VESC includes electrical and other experts, and then me, who's an expert in all the wrong things, but I am good at ordering pizza for the committee. The purpose of the VESC is

to research potential electrical issues and advise the club on the best courses of action. The VESC is also working closely with the Moorage and Docks Committees to coordinate the most

beneficial solutions.

Through our VESC, here's a bit of what I've learned:

Did you know that lethal amounts of electricity are measured in milliamps, or thousandths of an amp? How much electrical discharge is enough to be deadly? 100mA is widely considered the "deadly" threshold, whereby, electrocution is likely if exposed to 100+mA of leaking electricity in fresh water. The National Electric Code (NEC), made changes in code, to address the safety risk caused by faulty or incorrectly wire boats. That new code, implemented in 2011, affects marinas and boatyards. Article 555.3 of the 2017 NEC states:

"The overcurrent protective devices that supply the marina, boatyards, and commercial and noncommercial docking facilities shall have ground-fault protection not exceeding 30 mA." The American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) made ground fault protection on boats part of the e-11 electrical standard in 2012. Essentially, 30mA "leakage" protection has become the marina industry standard.

Throughout December, the amount of research and testing the VESC has been conducting regarding the electrical leakage issue is remarkable. Based upon guidelines and standards put forth by the US Coast Guard, NEC, ABYC and the National Fire Protection Association, the VESC is quickly working to establish an industry-conformal, QCYC Electrical Standard regarding electrical leakage. The VESC is also suggesting to the Board of Trustees, a Rule addition outlining the uniform standards, testing processes, and the handling of non-conformal situations.

Additionally, QCYC purchased the testing equipment suggested by the VESC and boat electrical testing already started.

As you take all of this in, consider

that, if there were an issue with YOUR boat, and someone fell in the water next to your boat, they could be electrocuted. That factual statement is something that should give us all a sense of immediacy to resolve this, if and where it might exist on our docks. Once the entire QCYC Electrical Standard is ratified, there should never be a known or an allowed instance of a boat creating a potentially deadly situation on our docks.

A QCYC Electrical Standard will serve to protect all QCYC members and guests. In our vast amount of research, the VESC found marinas in Puget Sound that already have strict policies where, if a boat has greater than a 30mA issue, the special GFI-type breaker at the post trips, thus leaving the faulty boat without electricity. The Port of Poulsbo is just one of these marinas.

I will continue to keep you up to date on this critical issue. The VESC will be forwarding its recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the February Board meeting. Let me remind you that all QCYC members are welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings.



Denise and VC Terron at the Meydenbauer YC Jr. Officer's 'Moulin Rouge' Ball

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Posted by **Karen Klett**,
kklett2@hotmail.com

Before you know it we'll be celebrating boating at all the great Opening Day Events, including Opening Day Breakfast! Vice President, **Kathy Sataro**, will soon be planning & organizing this special Tarettes event, so mark your calendar for **May 3**. This breakfast is highly anticipated by LOTS of boating lovers from ours as well as other yacht clubs, & takes lots of helpers!

Pizza & Bingo Friday Night Social - "B-13", says **Mark Vanderwall**, "G-75." "BINGO!" says **Commodore Sandy!** "Come on up & claim your prize!" says MC **Gordy Foote**. And so it went - after an amazing pizza dinner prepared by Willie, the crowd grabs their markers & their Bingo cards & listens for the numbers, hoping to be a winner of cash or jewelry or something.... Thanks to **Debbie Foote & Shawn Quinn** for organizing this most fun, fun Friday night social, January 17th. Wow, don't miss this great party the next time Tarettes sponsors it! The big winner was

from a group of Lady Captains who enjoyed a **FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP** evening & LOTS of silly laughs!! It was also a good fund-raiser for the Tarettes.

Even though the snow caused the postponement on January 16, the dedicated ladies enjoyed their tour of the Nordic Heritage Museum the next week. If checking out local museums is on your bucket list, this is the perfect way to do it. You broaden your cultural horizon & have a yummy lunch with good **FRIENDS**. Doesn't get better!

Coming up

February 19 – WIC Luncheon at Seattle Yacht Club Another opportunity to join women from around the Grand Fourteen to mingle at the bar for social hour, gather in the dining room for a delicious lunch and then listen to an inspiring program!

Mary Hartman, **Executive Director of Mary's Place** will discuss the "Make a Home" program to help homeless women & children. Meet at the club at 10:45 to carpool & register/pay on the QCYC site. See you there!!!

February 20 – Museum Tour & Lunch Program – Seattle Art Museum, located downtown, one block from Pike Place Market,

features global art collections, temporary installations, and special exhibitions from around the world. Meet at QCYC 9:30 to car pool. Lunch will follow at The Deluxe Bar & Grill. Register at QCYC site.

March 18 – Speaker Program following Willie's Wednesday Dinner! Captain Linda Lewis will present a program entitled: "Couples Sharing the Helm - Tips for Making it Work".

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Commodore's Report FUN EVENTS AND MORE TO COME

February already! We are starting to get active around the club, spring is on the horizon and we all know that boating season isn't far behind.

January, we saw lots of activity at the Outstation. Started the month off with the Past Commodore cruise-in followed the next weekend with the Grand-14 cruise-in. The Grand-14 event is where all the Commodores are "roasted", including yours truly. Terron shared the video at the second meeting in January. He also asked to put the video up on the QCYC website. It's a fun video and shows Terron's great skills on a computer!

Thank you to the Tarettes for the Friday Night Social "Pizza and Bingo". Everyone had a great time and it was a well-attended event. Speaker series speaker in January was Russell Shrewsbury from Western Tow Boat. He gave a very informative presentation on the operations of Western Tow and an inside look at their boats. There were many questions and we all could have listened to him tell more stories. With that in mind, stay tuned as we are working to put another activity with Western Tow Boat.

Activities this month include:

- February 14 - Sweetheart Dinner – Buffet Dinner and music with Desolation Sounds.
- February 21 – Fleet Friday – Friday Night Social – hosted by

Dale and Suzie Roberts. We are piggybacking this with our New Member Orientation weekend at the in-station. We invite the new members attending to jump in with Dale and Suzie and learn how a Friday Night Social works.

- February 21-22 – New Member Orientation – In-Station. Recent new members or members who feel they need an orientation to the in-station clubhouse are welcome. See Barry's flyer for more details. That's all I've got. See you at upcoming meetings and Friday lunches!



Chas and Commodore Sandy Werner on red carpet



Greg & Karen Burgess lighted the lake with the QCYC burgee on Charlevoix

POP UP NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, CRUISE-INS & NEW ROOF COMING

**Posted by Barb & Eric Wood –
Outstation Chairs**

The Bainbridge Island Outstation certainly has been busy despite wind, ice, snow and power outages. It must be winter in the NW! The docks were full as the Past Commodores started arriving ahead of a strong wind prediction. Then the following weekend found the current Bridge Officers from the Grand 14 arriving ahead of another strong wind warning. Fortunately, the winds were not as bad as predicted, so all went well. The current TV in the Clubhouse has been difficult to operate and needed two remotes and a 10-step process to try and get both picture and sound. I asked two of the smartest guys I know (sorry, Eric) to see if they could simplify things. Craig Ranta and Greg Burgess spent about an hour analyzing the TV and sound bar - now only one remote is needed! Greg laminated an instruction sheet and placed it next to the remote. In the near future, the Bainbridge Outstation will get a new roof. Of course, weather will determine the timing - the goal is to have it done before end-April. Not to worry, though - it won't interfere with the Annual Work Party April 17-19!



Food & fun at the Outstation on New Year's Eve



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Rear Commodore's Report MAINSTATION IN BLOOM, SECURE YOUR CAR & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

When I see the spring bulb shoots pop up through the frozen ground I am encouraged that winter will soon be behind us. Not only are my flower beds beginning to see new life, but those at our main station have gotten a facelift with beautiful primroses that were planted by Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello. The drive down into the parking lot is quite cheerful now, thanks to Susan's efforts. A few months ago Susan expressed a wish for a few green thumb members to contact her so she can have a list of people to call for small projects, like the primrose planting, from time to time. Please do let Susan know if you are willing to join her occasionally.

Sometimes we get complacent during the cold weather regarding vehicle safety in the parking lot and on the street. A member recently had his vehicle vandalized while parked on Boyer Avenue East. It is important to report any incidents to Seattle Police so they have accurate data which helps them plan patrols. The security cameras on our property are a good tool, but it is nearly impossible to catch criminal activity while it is happening. Stay vigilant and do not keep valuable items in your

vehicles.

Captain Ryan Cross and Captain Jake Cameron were inducted as members at the January 8th General Meeting. Jake is the third person in his family at Queen City YC following his father, Bob (2015), and sister Macauley (December, 2019.) Welcome Ryan and Jake. Dave and I, along with Commodore Sandy Werner and Chas and Vice Commodore Terron Lindholme and Denise, hosted officers of the Ground Fourteen yacht clubs at our Eagle Harbor outstation the weekend of January 10-12. The weather was not very boating friendly so only a few of our guests sailed to the cruise-in. There was actually empty dock space! Everyone had a good time, though, socializing and sending off the Commodore group with friendly roasts. Our guests were impressed with the beautiful facility and thanked us profusely for sharing it with them. We can all be proud. Happy Leap Year! Be patient ... warm cruising weather is on the horizon.



*Rear Commodore Margaret Krows
with PC Dave Krows*

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Michael (Mike) McGovern Cochran
1949-2020

Well-loved member and friend Mike Cochran started on a new voyage as he crossed the bar on January 9, 2020 at the age of seventy. Mike's family and close friends were at his side. Captain Cochran was born and raised in the Seattle area. He attended Seattle Prep and Roosevelt High School. After serving in the US Navy from 1969 to 1972, he settled in the San Francisco Bay area. There he met his wife, Pamela and they married in 1975. In 1982 they moved up to Seattle where they raised their children Wendy and Patrick. In 1987 Mike took an optimistic leap and started his own business, BFC Architectural Metals, Inc. from which he retired in 2018. Mike was very proud of his accomplishments and ingenuity, as well as the accolades he received from his many clients. He had great respect for his customers and was there to support them with

his knowledge in order to help them reach their goals. Mike's company specialized in stainless steel fabrication – one of Mike's early and large customers was Starbucks. His number one love was his family and grandchildren. He had a passion for cooking and boating on his vessel, "That's Amazing." Summers were spent gallivanting around the San Juans and Canadian Gulf islands, catching crabs and sharing moments with as many friends as he could recruit.

Mike joined Queen City in 2008, sponsored by Pete and Rosemary Collins, where he very much enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie of the many friends he made and the opportunities to share his many talents. As a member of QCYC, he shared his many gifts and abilities for club events and greatly contributed to many improvement and maintenance projects at the club. Pete & Rosemary have identified many of Mike's contributions and activities included in this eulogy.

Mike's Bainbridge Island Outstation projects were quite amazing. Eric Wood describes them as "exquisite work" and identifies Mike as the single most responsible member for initiating upgrades since Eric has been Outstation Chairman: Design, fabrication & installation of all the galley stainless steel counters, sink, wainscoting and wall surfaces as well as the safety ladders on our docks. Mike also fabricated the black distressed metal counters under the TV wall cabinets, as well as repair parts for the large BBQ grill grates. Outside, Mike fabricated the beautiful fire pit. Further, all these fabrications and installations were at Mike's cost or were donated gratis. Eric remembers that Mike also identified and found just the right lattice design to screen the area under the deck. The most important fabrication of all (to Eric at least) was to make a fool proof custom shower door latch so Barbara would never again get locked in the shower!!

Mike also hosted Friday Night Socials and did the cooking (he was known as Chef Mike) and often would host the First of Season lograce Friday Night Socials and then would volunteer to be an observer for the next day's contest. He was a great cook and often cooked delicious food for impromptu meals at the outstation and at Seattle.

He fabricated all of our Seattle docks safety ladders on the ends of our slips and fabricated and donated all of the 2nd deck table menu/event sign holders. Mike also volunteered for many jobs that were "under the radar" such as Opening Day weekend shuttle driver, cooking, and impromptu helper for many jobs, he was a wonderful all around willing helper.

In 2012, Mike served as our Fleet Captain leading members up to Bellingham, Port Sidney, Ganges, Fossil Bay on Sucia and other stops. John Rogers remembers how Mike was somehow able to get all the QCYC fleet on the docks at Coupeville a stellar accomplishment.

In 2013 & 2014, Mike served on our Board of Trustees replacing PC Dick McGrew when he started through the chairs. While members, Mike & Pam owned three Navigators, all named "That's Amazing" – a 41', a 51' and lastly a 46 footer.

Mike's enthusiastic attitude, charismatic nature, and positive outlook of life will continue to inspire, and be remembered by all who knew him. His legacy will live on in our hearts.

Safe travels, Mike!

Captain Cochran is survived by his wife, Pamela; daughter, Wendy O'Connell (Steve); grandchildren, Grady Patrick, Calvin Michael, and Oliva Rose; brother, Hans Forster; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth McGovern; and his beloved son, Patrick James.

**Posted by Ken Klett,
Fleet Chaplain**



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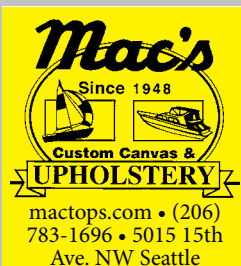
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SALT SPRING MARINA - REOPENING FEBRUARY 1ST

Salt Spring has just recently set in stone an opening date of February 1st. They've already began accepting reservations.
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OFF SEASON WORK IN PROGRESS

Posted By Eric Wood

Rico and Wanda Adams' Tolly 48 'Wanderer' on the hard this winter for cleaning underwater gear. Wanda Adams looking fine before heading out to work; and looking fabulous underneath "Wanderer".

No wonder Rico always has a smile on his face...



Wanda Adams hard at work on the hard

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February 2020

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2 Music Committee Rehearsal 5:00pm	3	4 Planning & Finance Meeting 6:00pm	5 Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	6	7 Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	8 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 8:30am to 2:00pm
9 Music Committee Rehearsal 5:00pm	10 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	11 Private - Boyer Children's Clinic Docks ommittee Meeting 6:30pm	12 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	13	14 Valentine's Day Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm Sweetheart Dinner Dance 6:00pm	15 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
16	17 President's Day Office Closed (Holiday)	18	19 Tarettes - WIC Luncheon at Seattle YC 11:00am Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	20 Tarettes - Seattle Museum & Lunch Tour 9:30am Annual Fire Alarm Confidence Testing 12:00pm SSAPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	21 New Member Mainstation Orientation Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Social - Italian Night 5:30pm	22 New Member Mainstation Orientation Private Event - Delaunay Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
23	24 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	25	26 Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm General Member Meeting & Speaker Series 7:30pm to 9:30pm	27	28 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	29 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am