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Members rally in the rain to spell out QCYC for the 2022 annual membership directory cover photo



Commodore with Chief Idea Officers Mark & Lynn Vanderwall

MEMBERS RALLY TO SPELL OUT QCYC FOR THE ANNUAL COVER

Posted by C.I.O Mark Vanderwall

We staged this group photo of 129+ members dressed in Queen City Yacht Club RED, for the cover of our 2022 Membership Directory. We wanted to show our club's spirit and welcome boaters to our prospective member open house on March 20. Boy, these pictures turned out great as it was quite an undertaking to stage it. Thank you, Denise Lindholme for your marching band drum major-ette expertise. You quickly turned the pre-kindergarten letters I was

achieving into the post middle school spell out we see here. Thanks, Terron Lindholme for the great drone shots. Thanks to Barry Rutten for his crowd wrangling skills. Thanks to Willie for the great breakfast. Thanks to Commodore Krows and Bartenders Tracy and Wendy Redding for the delectable post photo libations. I'm glad it was raining, we really needed the wet surface to make the parking lot pop.



Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore CIO Mark Vanderwall put out the challenge, and people responded in spite of the rain. How lucky that Denise Lindholme knew how to choreograph the fun. P/C Terron and his trusty drone made the photo possible. Tracy and Wendy Redding did a yeoman's job managing the bar for the "after shoot" celebration. Thank you, everyone. I am genuinely honored to be your Commodore.

QCYC 'ALLEY CATS' LAND CRUISE

Posted by Denise Lindholme

Big fun at West Seattle Bowl for the season's second "land cruise." Thanks to our Fleet Captains Brian Presser, Christy Tobin Presser and Natalie and Brian Elert for organizing a land cruise down the alley -- bowling! Competition was fierce and fun!



Crew of Fleet Captains' 'alley cats' land cruise

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Commodore's Report

BOAT SHOW BOOTH, BURNS NIGHT WHISKY TASTING & ACT RESPONSIBLY

Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore



Commodore Margaret Krows

I want to thank the members of Queen City Yacht Club for the framed photo of the Flagship, Krows Nest, that is hanging on the wall on the second floor of the clubhouse. Traditionally each Commodore is given a thank-you gift at the end of the term; however, I chose to commission the picture early and display it at the Club during my year in office. I will take it home at the Change of Watch in September as a cherished remembrance of going through the chairs at QCYC. I extend special recognition to Pete and Wendy Delaunay who did the photography

and helped orchestrate the project. The gift is a lifetime treasure. I appreciate it immensely.



Krows Nest charts a new course on the second deck

The Robert Burns dinner and Scotch whisky tasting hosted by Chuck Gould was a great success January 21. We all enjoyed the music and traditional pageantry associated with the event. This is the beginning of a renewed social calendar that should continue to grow as the Omnicom threat seems to be slowing down. The Sweetheart Dinner February 12 is next, so be sure to make reservations and dance to the music of Desolation Sounds.

The Seattle Boat Show is February 4 -12. In

order to showcase our yacht club to the boating community, we need to staff the Queen City booth during the entire show. Membership Chair, Valerie Ohlstrom, reports quite a few open spots still available which ought to be covered. Consider spending a few pleasant hours talking with interested boaters and then visit the exhibits as well. Take advantage of this volunteer opportunity; go to the link on the online calendar, choose a time slot that works for you, and then let Valerie know.

Please remember that everyone needs to act responsibly and not create extra work for fellow volunteers. Paying bills on time, submitting boat insurance and registration documents as required, scheduling vessel electrical testing before the annual anniversary of the last check, and cleaning the galley after personal use are basic expectations of all members. Neglecting to do these things, in reality, steals time from other members who have to follow up and/or clean up. Let's all be mindful of ways we can help one another.

Good News! Flower bulbs are pushing up in the garden – spring is around the corner.



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Vice Commodore's Report

BOAT SHOW VOLUNTEERS & ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

Posted by Michele Bedner, Vice Commodore



Vice Commodore Michele Bedner

For Seattle area boaters, one of the first signs of spring is the great Seattle Boat Show! This year the Seattle Boat Show is held February 4th thru February 12th and is one of QCYC's best opportunities to make a positive impression with area boaters who might be interested in joining a yacht club. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to work the QCYC booth. And a special thanks to Membership Chair Val Ohlstrom for all her work in organizing this event.

Most organizations have rules that their members are responsible for knowing and following. Queen City is no exception, and has rules for those members who have the privilege of mooring at QCYC docks:

3.04.02: "Every vessel moored at Queen City Yacht Club at the Mainstation on a permanent, temporary or sublet basis, every vessel assigned to winter moorage at the Bainbridge Island Outstation and every vessel applying for new permanent moorage or sublet, shall be required to pass an electrical inspection as described in this rule. The inspections will be conducted by electrical inspectors appointed by the Club.

3.04.02 e Vessels governed by this rule are subject to inspection on an **annual** basis, and the Committee may require additional inspections based on observed conditions."

Furthermore, Rule 3.02 Qualification for Permanent Moorage clearly states that mooring members "must have a **current** Washington State Department of Licensing Registration, and are insured with a **current** and enforceable liability insurance policy in the amount of at least \$500,000, with the Club named as an additional insured."

If you are a mooring member at QCYC Docks, it is your responsibility to schedule and pass an annual Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection and to provide a current copy each year of your Washington State Department of Licensing Registration and a current copy of your insurance policy to QCYC

Office Manager at office@queency.org.

To check the status of your Vessel Documentation, go to queency.org. Select 'Moorage' and then Select 'Vessel Qualifications Overview' and finally Select 'Vessel Documentation Status'. Scroll down until you find your name. If you are in 'Fail Status' that means you need to provide documentation to the QCYC Office Manager.

To check the status of your Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection, go to queency.org. Choose 'Moorage', then choose 'Vessel Qualification Overview' and finally choose 'Vessel Electrical Inspection Status.' Scroll down the list until you find your name. If you find your status to be 'Fail' that can mean one of two things. It can simply mean it has been over one year since your last Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection or it could mean you have been tested and found to be in 'Fail' status. Either way, please schedule a Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection by going to queency.org. Select 'Calendar'. Locate a 'Vessel Electrical Safety inspection' and complete the sign-up process. The next scheduled inspections are on February 19th and March 19th.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions at vicecommodore@queency.org

HELP STAFF THE QCYC BOAT SHOW BOOTH & INVITE POTENTIAL MEMBERS TO THE MARCH 20 OPEN HOUSE

Posted by Val Ohlstrom, Membership Chair

QCYC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2022 SEATTLE BOAT SHOW! The 2022 Seattle Boat Show will be held February 4 to 12 at the Lumen Field Event Center. As of this writing (January 23) we are still in need of 25+ volunteers to man the QCYC booth. Members who have done it in the past will tell you that it is a lot of fun, you get a free ticket to the show for the whole day you volunteer, and there is a (near) unlimited supply of candy (to feed your post-holiday sweet tooth)! It is also a huge benefit to QCYC and brings new members in every year. To sign up follow the boat show link on the QCYC website calendar to find the booth schedule, choose a time that works for you, email your choice to me at membership@queency.org, and I will add your name to the schedule. We hope to have

3-4 members at each timeslot. Your time is greatly appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE - The QCYC Open House will be held on March 20, 2022, from 12:00 – 4:00. We invite prospective members to tour the club, provide them with beverages and some of Willie's best appetizers, and have applications to fill out handy. Often we are also looking for sponsors. Please volunteer to introduce our club to those

who attend. Sign-ups will be available soon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - Please welcome new active members Allan & Leanne Emas and Ethan & Lainie Cosgrove, and new intermediate members Katharine & Zach Wile, who were inducted at the December 8th, 2021 general membership meeting.

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Super Hero awards go to Terron Lindholme and Jack Herring- bartenders at Robbie Burns night and also to a bevy of spontaneous "volunteers" who helped make the event run as well as it did. OMG.

In addition to dealing with the constant stream of walk up traffic looking for beer, wine, and mixed drinks, the bartenders managed to pour about 200 1-oz tastes of various single malts, pick up empty shot glasses after the first round or two, and hustled fast enough to make sure the bar wasn't the weak link in the Roberts Burns Night chain.

Jack Herring did most of the dishes (!) generated by our 50- member event.

A goo-gob of members, (including Jim Downar, Heather Brignull, Paul Grimm, Janet Atkins, and Greg Bolin, as well as Jay Giese and others too numerous to mention) responded to the MC's request for "some volunteers to help pass out the next round of whisky" to make sure everybody had their tastes on time.

So, to all the superheroes who helped make Robbie Burns night a successful club event for the last several years (since 2016, with last year off for Covid) "Thank You Very Much!"



Commodore & Great Scot Chuck Gould at Robbie Burns night

MEMBERS SAFELY GATHER & HELP KEEP OUTSTATION AFLOAT

Posted by Barb & Eric Wood, Outstation Co-Chairs



King tide whacks outstation wiring


We had a quiet New Year's Eve celebration here. Nineteen members safely celebrated the New Year. A potluck dinner was planned around Greg Burgess's prime rib and Paul Bennett's ham. We all enjoyed a great meal complete with a variety of desserts.

We have been here a number of years and have seen extremely high tides in the past. This year was quite a sight. I had to walk down the

ramp jumping over water where the ramp joined the upper pier. Our concern was all of the electrical utilities were under water. We thought we had escaped, once again, any damage to the electrical wiring. Unfortunately, Members found themselves trapped on the dockside of the gate as their gate cards wouldn't work. It was determined the shoreside entry wasn't working either! Lucky for us, Member Rico Adams who lives next door, was able to dismantle the locking mechanism and free those trapped.

The next day, at the appropriate tide level, Rico and Greg Burgess were able to get under the dock and do some repairs to the wiring. Their work saved the Club a lot of money. Please be sure to thank them when you see them.

We are already having Members ask when our annual work PARTY is planned. We always have it in April and due to Easter and a Log race already scheduled, our date is April 23rd. Details to follow on the next "Bilge Pump". Stay safe, Barb



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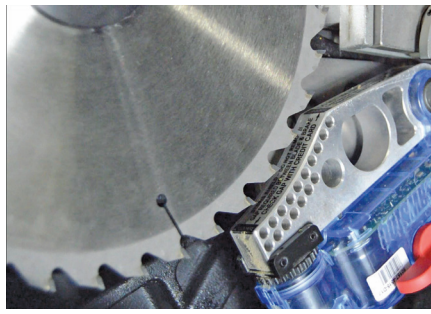
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CUMMINGS HALL SAWSTOP HELPS PREVENT FINGER LOSS

Posted by Chuck Gould, Docks Co-Chair



Stop brake, ready to fire when triggered

One of the many benefits of a QCYC membership is access to our shop in Cummings Hall, located near the Dock #3 entrance.

On the other hand, that's one of the greatest risks of a membership- both to the individual members as well as potential liability to the club.

The most dangerous power tool is a table saw. Nationally, there are about 4,000 amputations by table saw every year. Losing a finger can change your life by a lot. Losing a few or losing an entire hand will change it even more.

We don't ask members to "qualify" for access to the power tools. If you've got a key card- you have total access. For every member who really and truly knows what they're doing and has a long history of safely operating some of the power tools in our shop there is probably a member who says, "Hey, look! A table saw! How cool! I wonder how it works!"

A few years ago, we replaced a "let her rip" version of a table saw, capable of cutting almost anything (as well as anybody) with a state-of-the-art SawStop table saw. The primary design imperative of a SawStop saw is preventing the amputation of fingers. The saw generates a magnetic field immediately around the blade. If anything capable of conducting electricity (metal, wet wood, wood preserved by soaking in copper, or human tissue) comes within about a 16th of an inch

of the blade, the magnetic field collapses and a powerful "brake" fires to bring the blade to an instant stop. The brake activates as fast as a high-speed shutter on a camera.

The SawStop works as designed. From the same perspective that it wouldn't be acceptable to "almost" prevent an amputation, there's no leeway for cutting materials that are going to trigger the blade. It's tempting to think, "That doesn't apply to me, I know what I'm doing." It's tempting to think, "It's just a little bitty cut, and it's just this once." SawStop is notoriously unforgiving and doesn't brook exceptions.

The brakes are just under \$100 and only work once. Most of the time, the blade is also destroyed when the brake fires, and we try to avoid using junk blades. A few members who have triggered the brake have stepped forward to

take responsibility for doing so, but most of the time the offenders just slink off and we learn the brake has triggered when the *next* member complains that they cannot use the saw.

Yeah, it's a trade off. If we're going to have a table saw at all and if it's going to be accessible to every member regardless of competence and experience (or lack of same) we need a model that has as many built in safety precautions as possible. If a QCYC member is going to lose a finger somewhere, let's not have it be on the club's table saw. So please take seriously the limitations on the table saw. They are posted on the wall behind the saw. There's no reason to worry about forgetting them. The saw is not going to cut "your" personal piece of metal or wet wood, nor is it going to cut it "just this once." Truly, it isn't.

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Posted by QCYC Ad Team, Pete DeLaunay, John Steckler and Brian Elert



QCYC advertising crew thanks Elise

The QCYC advertising team secured ads to pay for part of the 2022 Annual Membership Directory and all monthly Bilge Pump print/online – and then some.... The team secured ads from twenty advertisers, many of them members of our club. The advertising team thanked Elise for her juggling advertising contracts, receivables and for putting a spreadsheet together that made our work that much easier. Support advertisers that support QCYC publications.

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Posted by Michael Day, Rear Commodore



Rear Commodore Michael Day

Believe it or not we are at the start of the gardening season. The conclusion of the Boat Show coincides with the launch of all things spring in Seattle.

In February we prune roses, cypress, and

maples and begin planning and sourcing materials in anticipation of spring. In March, some perennials can be divided and it is a great time to complete the winter cleanup, fertilize plants and trees, and plant roses. We can also finalize the design for various flower beds and pots around the property. And in April, the final spring clean up occurs and the annuals are planted. The main station really pops just in time for Opening Day.

You will be hearing a lot from Susan Rebello, our Grounds Committee Chair, and Kaye Brunson as they organize the effort to maintain and beautify the main station grounds. They have a great plan laid out for this spring and can't wait to get started. Please keep an eye on the calendar for the dates and times for the work sessions occurring a couple of Saturdays each month. The time commitment is limited to a few hours in the morning – and we all need to get out of the house.

While you are welcome to bring your favorite gardening tools, QCYC can supply all of the necessary tools, equipment, and supplies. There is no need to be a horticulturalist or landscape architect to be a big help.

Of course, if you are interested in taking a bigger role by participating in planting bed designs or organizing specific projects, by all means please reach out to Ms. Rebello or Ms. Brunson. They would be grateful for the additional help. While the grounds look great, it takes continued effort to maintain them.

Whether or not you have a green thumb, helping out with grounds, particularly in the spring, is rewarding. When Opening Day rolls around, and the festivities are underway, it is a great feeling to be able to say – yep, we did that.

Thanks in advance for all of the help.

CALLING ALL QCYC GARDENERS! SATURDAY, FEB. 12 & 26

Posted by Susan Rebello & Kaye Brunson, Grounds Co-Chairs



Grounds crew keeps QCYC beds made

Join the QCYC Grounds Committee as we spruce up the landscape for Opening Day and beyond. We have the best clubhouse and property of any yacht club around, and we can be very proud we do it all with volunteers. Our club's grounds should be

welcoming and feel relaxing, setting the tone for what happens next, whether that is a regular meeting, or setting out on a summer cruise.

This year we have a lot to do to make the grounds shine. We will be adding new plants, dividing and pruning existing ones, protecting the plants from the bunnies, and planting flowers in preparation for Opening Day. Many gardeners make light work, so please come help us keep QCYC the sharpest club of all.

We will meet twice a month on Saturday mornings. Future dates will be on the QCYC

calendar. Our next two work sessions will be February 12 and February 26. Come join us for breakfast by Willie and a couple of hours keeping the grounds looking sharp. We will train anyone who wants to help, and we welcome everyone.

For more information, contact Susan Rebello (susanrebello99@gmail.com) or Kaye Brunson (kaye.brunson@yahoo.com).



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Posted by Kathy Dow, Tarettes President

Happy almost Valentine's Day! I hope you are all able to spend time with someone you love. Our family welcomed a beautiful, healthy granddaughter on January 1st, named Charlotte Marie. We fell instantly in love!

All ladies of QCYC are considered Tarettes and are welcome to join all Tarettes' activities. If you are new to the club and would like to be set up with a Big Sister, let me know and we will appoint you a Big Sister. She will help you feel welcome, call you to keep you informed of what's going on at the club, and help you get involved. You will get to know people, make new friends, and feel part of the club and have lots of fun! Contact me at kathyhdow@gmail.com.

As we start year 2022, we are doing our very best to navigate the ever-changing Covid-19 guidelines to try to keep everyone safe and healthy at our events. We ask for your cooperation while attending. We have some fun activities planned for our club this coming year. Please join us!

February 4th- Friday Lunch and Games

February 7th- Monday "Ladies Day at the Boat Show" meet at QCYC 10:00am to car pool. Cost is free. Contact Becky at 206-979-1870 or

canstyle@aol.com if you'd like to join in the fun!

February 16th- Wednesday WIC Luncheon at the Seattle Yacht Club, Time 11:00am to 1:30pm, cost \$25 paid in advance to Barbara Wilson. Contact her at 206-276-3874 or bmwballard@gmail.com

March 4th- Friday Lunch and games

March 4th- Friday "Glass Fusion class and Wine Tasting" at 6:00 pm. Held at the QCYC. Sign up on the QCYC website. Pay at the door \$50. Contact class instructor Teresa Wilson with questions at 425-923-7774 or tmwsea@yahoo.com

March 16th-Wednesday, 6:00pm Willie will be serving his delicious Wednesday dinner and our speaker will start at 7:00pm. Tarettes host speaker Linda Lewis "Couples Sharing the Helm-Tips for Making it Work". WE want to make sure everyone knows that ALL are invited! We will have fun, be entertained and learn lots!

Sunshine report-Diane is the Tarettes go to person to reach out to club members and their families. So, if you know someone who has been ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just

needs a good cheer up? Please contact Diane Prestebak at 206-909-4427 or salty-mist2@yahoo.com. (No cards were sent this past month).

Zoom Book Club- We meet once a month via zoom. Make new friends, read some good books, enjoy great discussions and have lots of fun. Contact Kathy Dow if interested in joining us. 425-417-8086 or kathyhdow@gmail.com

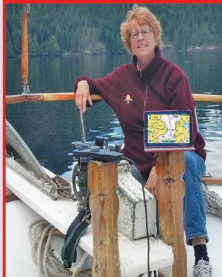
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POTATO SAUSAGE DOGS SEEK FOREVER HOMES



Commodore offers 'potato sausage dogs' for adoption

Some scoundrel snuck into the Commodore's garage and abandoned a couple litters of suckling "Potato Pig/Sausage Dogs." (later confirmed by C.I.O. Mark and Lynn Vanderwall -- the tubers were meant for the Commodore's roast -- and wanted her to have the litter) The culprit obviously knows the lifelong relationship said Commodore has with the famous "Paddy's Pig." Her dachshund Security Detail, Harley and Murphy, are jealous of the newcomers, so they are available for adoption (the potato critters, not the dachshunds). Candidates must be willing

to photograph the youngsters as they grow and sprout. Photos should be submitted for a beauty pageant to be held sometime in the future. Who will come to their rescue? The darlings will be on display at Friday lunch to find forever homes.



Fleet co-captain Brian Elert sports new arrival at the Ships Store



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Fire Alarm Testing 1:00pm Planning & Finance Meeting 7:00pm	2	3 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth	4 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	5 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Private Event - T. Gross Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
6 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth HOLD - Kryss Svendsen	7 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Tarettes - Ladies Day at the Boat Show 10:00am Music Committee Rehearsal 6:30pm	8 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth McKinstry Annual Testing 10:00am Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	9 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Regular Member Meeting In-Person w/ Dinner & "Virtual" Zoom 7:30pm to 9:30pm	10 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth	11 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	12 QCYC - Seattle Boat Show Booth Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 9:00am Sweetheart Dinner Dance 6:00pm
13	14 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	15	16	17 SSAPS 5:00pm	18 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	19 Private Event - Jenkins Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Vessel Electrical Safety Inspection - All Docks 9:00am to 12:00pm
20 Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	21	22	23 Regular Member Meeting In-Person w/ Dinner & "Virtual" Zoom 7:30pm to 9:30pm	24	25 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	26 Private Event - Lars Anderson Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
27 Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	28					