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## AMBASSADORS WANTED FOR LAKE UNION & ANDREWS BAY

Posted by Bill Gray, QCYC RBAW Chair

Queen City has assisted RBAW (Recreational Boating Association of Washington) in the development of an educational program: Seaplane Safety & Andrews Bay courtesy.

### Safe & Sane so we can stay on Andrews Bay

Board member and Legislative Committee member Doug Schumacher is running point on this one. **If you want more information on becoming an Andrews Bay ambassador, email Doug -- [posford@comcast.net](mailto:posford@comcast.net).**

### Lake Union Water Safety Initiative

The seaplane landing zone on Lake Union is in effect Memorial Day through Labor Day. We proposed to use 1/2 of the state's \$300,000 allocation for onshore education, awareness, and outreach work to ensure motorized and non-motorized vessels on Lake Union do everything possible to avoid conflicts with seaplanes this summer. We are excited and honored to share that our RBAW proposal for a comprehensive "onshore" water safety campaign for Lake Union was selected to receive a \$145,000 funding award from the state.

You'll hear more about this campaign very soon as we'll be launching before the busy 4th of July weekend, with the campaign continuing through mid-2023.

You can help! We'll be asking our RBAW affiliated Yacht Clubs and Individual Members to spread the #MindTheZone message to Club members, water-going friends and family - and to volunteer this summer to help us with our onshore outreach. Stay tuned for more information! [www.rbaw.org/mindthezone](http://www.rbaw.org/mindthezone)



#MindTheZone

### Lakebay Marina Upgrade

In recognition of progress at Lakebay, and the significance of the initiative to acquire and upgrade this historic site, there was a press event that featured State Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz and RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy President, Bob Wise.

### Watercraft Excise Tax Depreciation Schedule

There will be a public hearing on DOR's proposal on July 19 at 10 a.m. Click the button below for the rulemaking notice – go to the very bottom item on the list. Rule Making Agenda I Washington Dept. of Revenue

<https://dor.wa.gov/laws-rules/rule-making-agenda>

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<https://www.seattlepolicefoundation.org/>

## TOP TATER PARENTING WINNERS & SPECIAL PRIZE



Winners of the Commodore's Sprouting Potato Contest with their special prize.

Debbie Foote, 1st place; Kitt Glavin Day, 2nd place and Bret Smith 3rd place. All were recipients of the coveted Mr. Potato Head prize!



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## Commodore's Report

# OUR VOLUNTEER CLUB NEEDS MORE MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER!

Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore

The regular season at Queen City Yacht Club ended with a rocking good time at the Junior Officers' Ball hosted by Vice Commodore Michele and P/C Dave Bedner and Rear Commodore Michael and Kitt Day. Rydell High School 1959 Prom was recreated in style with creative decorations and a great party spirit. What a way to usher in the cruising season!

We are anticipating the return of our traditional July 4th celebration at our Bainbridge Island outstation hosted by Stephanie and Paul Arthur and the Fleet Captains' Cruise the end of July and first week of August.

**October 1, 2022 is a very important date,** celebrating the then new Commodore, Michele Bedner, and her First Gentleman, P/C Dave, at the Commodore's Ball. No one will want to miss this first Ball at our clubhouse since 2019. Invitations will be sent later this summer.

One of the goals this year is to increase the level of **volunteerism** at Queen City. There are



*PC Dave and Commodore Margaret Krows welcome guests to the J.O. Ball*

many members who faithfully participate in projects and committees and they are appreciated beyond measure.

Appeals for additional help have not resulted in much of a response, however. The experienced members of long-standing committees are happy to teach anyone who wants to pitch in. Younger members who are able to do physical work, such as carrying

lumber, etc. are most appreciated by those who are getting past the age when it is wise to do so. The time is approaching that without significant increases in volunteers, we will need to pay for more and more essential maintenance which may result in additional dues increases and potential by-laws changes. I am asking everyone to seriously consider how he or she can contribute. The days of mooring members who never show up to help is coming to an end. Our club belongs to everyone and each member is responsible for active engagement in addition to paying dues and moorage fees. Everyone's time is limited and precious, but if we each give a little, no one will be overburdened. Thank you for seriously choosing how you can serve. Regular participation in social events counts.

When you see the Krows Nest out on the water, be sure to say hello. If a SYC burgee is flying, it will be our son, Matt, and his family. Enjoy the summer and return safely to your home port.

## SUGGEST A RECIPROCAL YACHT



Commodore Krows and QCYC crew at the reciprocal Monaco Yacht Club. Contact QCYC Reciprocal Yacht Club Chair, Jim Chevigny, chevigny@comcast.net or (907) 569-4450 to suggest a reciprocal club.



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## Vice Commodore's Report

# QCYC BEST BOATING BEHAVIOR & CURRENT REGISTRATION

Posted by Michele Bedner, Vice Commodore

Cruising Season is finally here! Please remember when you are out cruising this summer and are flying the QCYC Burgee that you represent Queen City Yacht Club. How you behave reflects upon Queen City. If you operate your vessel in a safe and lawful manner and are respectful and courteous to others, Queen City will continue to be looked upon positively. Make sure this summer when you are out cruising and spot another QCYC Burgee at the docks, that you take a moment to stop and say 'Hello'. Many great QCYC friendships have started this way. And when visiting with non-QCYC boaters on the docks, be sure to mention QCYC membership and the reasons you chose to join. A personal recommendation is the best way to recruit new members. Please also show your QCYC pride this summer while out boating. If your QCYC Burgee is faded or otherwise in need of replacement, please see Elise to purchase a new Burgee.

Don't forget! All 2022 Washington State Boat Registrations for non-documented vessels



VC Michele & PC Dave Bedner  
at the J.O. Ball

expire on June 30th. If you have not done so already, please renew your Washington State Boat Registration and affix your 2023 decals to each side of the bow toward the stern of the

registration number and in line with the number. Make sure you forward a copy of your registration to Elise in the office.

Please stay safe and avoid the temptation to swim in a marina during the hot days of Summer. Electric shock drowning (ESD) occurs when an AC electrical current flowing in the water passes through the body of an individual immersed in the water. The electrical current causes muscular paralysis which impairs one's ability to swim or stay afloat. A marina might have a boat with an electrical problem that could lead to discharge in the water. Best to swim elsewhere.

A reminder that if you use the second-floor galley or BBQ, please make sure you clean up after yourself. Do not leave a mess for Willie to clean or dishes for him to do. This is not his responsibility.

Dave and I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable cruising season! We look forward to seeing you on the water!

## QCYC SATELLITE 'SITES' OFFER MORE THAN MOORAGE

Posted by Barb Wood (and the Jr. Ed. & Edie), Outstation Co-Chairs

We abandoned the Bainbridge Island Outstation on May 15 (Jr. Ed. Note - at exactly 10:00:00 PDT) for points north. Summer Hosts are minding the store, as they say, and several are new to the Club, so be sure to help them when you visit Bainbridge!

We have made it a point to visit some of our Club's "Satellite" sites (Jr. Ed. Note - it's our job). Deer Harbor, Port Browning, Salt Spring Marina and our newest addition, Telegraph Harbour were places we stopped. All of these facilities have showers, laundry and doggy areas for those that have furry family members on board (Jr. Ed. Note - probably not cats...).

At Deer Harbor, the pizza and barbecue places had limited hours early-on, due to staffing issues; they should be up and running full time now.

Port Browning has a great pub restaurant and Old-What's-His-Name actually took me to lunch there (Jr. Ed. Note - used her credit

card, though)! We walked to the local grocery store and got the fresh fruit and vegetables that couldn't be on board when crossing the border. Water is not available on the docks for transient boaters, so keep that in mind if you have limited water onboard.

Salt Spring Marina is always a favorite stop and Mout's (the hardware store) alone is worth the stop. There are many places to dine and the bakery, Embe, is worth the walk. The new docks are wide and sturdy, power and WiFi is great, and water for your tanks was available.

Telegraph Harbour Marina, a new "Satellite" site for the Club, is owned and beautifully maintained by Tara and Ron, the owners. The grounds are immaculate and the store and ice cream shop were very orderly (Jr. Ed. Note - "orderly, immaculate," - music to my German ears!). Edie approved of the off-leash area so she could chase her stick. There is also a small farmer's market just a

short walk away. Dock water was limited to ten minutes. Do pay attention to the privately-maintained channel markers as you head north of the other Marina, as it can get shallow to the east side. (Jr. Ed. Note - the Club likes to humiliate those unfortunate souls who merely touch the bottom...)

Getting rid of garbage can be challenging as you head north. All of these facilities can handle garbage and recycling; Salt Spring Marina charges 3-5 loonies (depending on bag size).

All of these sites, except Deer Harbor, require reservations. If you fail to arrive and don't cancel your reservation in a timely manner, you will be charged in full by the Club.

It feels great to be out cruising and we have already seen a number of members doing the same.

Have a great Summer!

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# 'LOW & SLOW' COOKED IN THE U

Posted by Vicky Turner

The 7th Annual QCYC 'Low and Slow' BBQ competition attracted 12 QCYC member-pit master competitors who prepared their best barbecue for this sell out event. The 2022 Low and Slow is now in the archives!! Nice weather with temps in the 70s and sun after a small sprinkle. Fantastic eats by wonderful pit masters! Smoked scallops, prime rib sliders, Hungarian mushroom sauce in bread bowls, beef and pork ribs, pulled pork sliders, all kinds of chicken, mac and cheese, sides, brisket, steak...what did I miss?! It was refreshing to have some meatless dishes to mix things up. Everyone was a winner! My ticket booth was next Josh Hoffman and I smelled his seafood, soaked in butter and garlic all day! Also, thanks to David and Sugar Hall for a special beer.



Thanks to Low & Slow Co-Chairs Sean (& Brooke) Estrada & Gary (& Vicky) Turner



12 QCYC pitmasters take over the U



Thanks to Vicky Turner for taking tickets and organizing

# JR. OFFICER'S BALL WAS G-14 PROM NIGHT

Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore

Oh what fun we had at the J.O. Ball! When you see Vice Commodore Michele Bedner, P/C Dave Bedner, Kitt and R/C Michael Day, please congratulate them for a very successful Junior Officer's Ball. Their creative team included Vivian Johnson, Karleen Reed, PC Dave Bedner, Val and Jeff Ohlstrom, Peggie and Mike Evans, Gail and Doug Genord, Suzanne Schoonover, Dale Ward, Paul Grimm, Liz Hart, Tim Hicks, Sherry Weiss, Tim DeCook, Ken and Evie Knoke. A

special thank you to all QCYC members that attended the J.O. Ball.

The attention to detail that transformed the clubhouse into 1959 Rydell High prom was outstanding. They planned for months to have a first class event and their efforts paid off fabulously. They entertained the G-14 officers at a Friday evening pizza social, the main dinner dance Saturday, and then, again, for breakfast Sunday morning. Thank

you to everyone who helped with decorations, set up, meal prep, etc. These parties do not happen miraculously, and they are the result of a lot of very hard work.

**SAVE THE DATE: October 1, 2022, Commodore's Ball**, honoring Michele Bedner and P/C Dave as Michele begins her Commodore Year.



Greasers ready to rumble at the J.O. Ball



Terron and Denise Lindholme make classic arrival at Rydell High



Pink ladies ready for the J.O. Ball & Prom



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# RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN 4077<sup>th</sup> M.A.S.H. UNIT AT THE OUTSTATION

Posted by Margaret Krows, Commodore

A huge thank you to Tim and Nadeane Rutledge - watching them do the 1000 things necessary to get ready to put on the M\*A\*S\*H\* party at the outstation over Memorial Day weekend for 60 plus boats-amazing. It was a fun weekend celebrating our heroes.



*Desolation Sounds rocked the house*

We had 67 people who came to play with us, we served up 228 meals and administered 150 special shots. Did I mention we had tons of fun? So many people helped to make this a memorable Memorial Day; we thank all of you: all the talented members of both bands, Paul & Shauna Bennett, Peg Braxton (and her



*Outstation as M.A.S.H. unit*

lovely voice), Jon & Karleen Elliott, Steve & Kathy Gano, Chuck & Jan Gould, Mike & Lisa Haistings, Josh Hoffman & Wendy Paulsene, Bob & Cindy Josephson, Ken & Karen Klett, Ken, Evie, Dagan & Isaac Knoke, David & Nancy Morton, Ray & Susan Rebello, AnneMarie Reunert, Bob & Linda Schrader, Tom & Diane Schultz, Ron Stevenson & Liz Gregory, Mark (Radar)

Vanderwall. Hopefully we haven't left out anyone who pitched in to help! When it's an army of workers, it's hard to keep track! And most of all, we had fun enjoying each other!

Surgical Water Glove Toss, 1st Place: Valerie Ohlstrom. BTW, this was NOT a water balloon contest, it was all about throwing to your team mate and measuring the longest toss that was caught. Surgical gloves are made to not be broken easily!



*Father Mulcahy (Tom & Diane Schultz)*

# NO RAIN ON ANNUAL OLD TIMERS CRUISE

Posted by Gerald Fey, Old Timers Cruise Chair

It was a perfect weather day for this year's Old Timers Cruise, for members 25 years or longer. I am so honored to host the Old Timers Cruise and to see all the wonderful old timers who have given so much to the club over the years. I would especially like to thank the volunteers. 3-time returning host captain Greg Burgess, first-time host captains Doug Henrikson and Sheri Matysik Henrikson, 8-time returning crewmate Barry Rutten, 5-time returning crewmate Mark Vanderwall and First-time crewmate Terron Lindholme. Dinner helpers Diane Prestebak, Steve Swingler, Anthony Kennedy, and the others that help pitch in. And, of course, Willie Williamson and Peg Braxton for a wonderful post-cruise dinner. It was a real treat to have Past Commodore Howard Wilson (Member Number one), take the reigns of the Regular meeting as the Senior Past Commodore in the house.



*Old timers cruise on Greg & Karen Burgess' 'Charlevoix'*



*Old timers cruise on Doug & Sheri Henrikson's 'Journey'*

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# BREMERTON BIG BROTHERS BRIDGE BLAST WAS - A BLAST!

Posted by Michael Day, Rear Commodore

The last weekend in June presented an opportunity to experience an old and a new tradition: Big Brothers Cruise-in and fireworks at Bremerton Bridge Blast. Kitt and I cruised to Bremerton with a flotilla of QCYC boats for the 2022 Big Brothers cruise to Bremerton Yacht Club. What a great weekend. And thanks to our Fleet Captains and volunteers for rising early and putting on a full spread Saturday breakfast for all.

Newer QCYC members may not be familiar with the tradition of Big Brothers weekend, which stretches back decades. The historical relationship between QCYC and BYC began with the founding of BYC in 1929. BYC Commodore Tony Frei reminded all participants that QCYC, which was 13 years old in 1929, helped the founding members of BYC with formation related matters. In 1959, QCYC presented BYC with a gavel on BYC's 30th anniversary. That same gavel is transferred from commodore to commodore for use in BYC's member meetings. Each year, the two clubs meet with each club hosting on alternate years.



RC, Michael Day & Kitt at J.O. Ball

BYC has a fabulous facility that seems like a state park. We were treated to a dinghy cruise to Oyster Bay, a hidden gem in the Puget Sound. Oyster Bay is little inlet in Puget Sound that can be accessed by going north in Port

Washington Narrows, past Phinney Bay, and then heading southwest through Ostrich Bay. It is the water version of finding a great late night jazz band down a back alley.

The signature event this year was a late evening cruise to see the fireworks display launched from the Manette Bridge as part of the Bremerton Bridge Blast. Bridge Blast is a new regional event that will hopefully continue as a long-time tradition as well. The Bremerton Bridge Blast was introduced in the summer of 2017. The Bremerton Bridge Blast is becoming the signature event for the City of Bremerton drawing boaters, families, and visitors from all around the state. It is one of a kind on the West Coast and brings over 30,000 guests from all over Washington State and beyond into the Bremerton area.

We are already looking forward to hosting BYC next year at Eagle Harbor. If your schedule permits, it is certainly worth the effort to come. As an added little bonus, Little Brothers participants can leave their boat at the outstation through the July 4 festivities.



Fleet Co-Captain Brian Elert & crew at the Bremerton Big Brothers Cruise-in



Wendy & Tracy Redding with VC Michele & PC Dave Bedner at the Big Brothers Cruise



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## TARETTES

### SAVE SEPTEMBER 16 FOR THE TARETTES STEAK FRY

Posted by Theresa Wilson, Tarettes President - [tmwsea@yahoo.com](mailto:tmwsea@yahoo.com)

Well, the 2021 – 22 Tarettes year came to an end on Saturday, June 11th. Kathy Dow turned over the helm to Theresa Wilson, the 2022-23 Tarettes President. The other newly installed Officers are Wendy DeLaunay, Vice President, Debbie Foote, Secretary and Wendy Redding, Treasurer; and board members Mary Weale, Mary Jo Svendsen, Kathy Dow, Shirley Rogers. The installation was followed by a delicious lunch planned by Kathy Dow.

I want to thank Kathy Dow for her leadership this past year. Under Kathy, many of the Tarettes events went back to being in-person, giving the membership opportunities

to connect with old and new friends. These events helped the Club bring back some normalcy after the long COVID isolation. The Steak Fry, Captain's Dinner and Opening Day Breakfast were well attended. The smiling eyes let us know a good time was had by all, even if the masks covered the mouths at a few of the events.

I am overjoyed to be the Tarettes President this coming year. The Tarettes are planning a fun year of social, philanthropic and educational events to support the Club. The Tarettes Event Calendar will be sent to all members in the near future. The first major

event is the Steak Fry scheduled for September 16th. We will have Desolation Sounds playing Country Western music and of course a delicious steak dinner. I hope you join us. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer. We'd love to have one of the QCYC talented Chefs show off their BBQing skills at the Steak Fry. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with the Steak Fry.



VC Michele Bedner welcomes new Tarettes officers and board members

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# DRIVING ON THE DOCK AT THE 'U' IS A BAD IDEA!

Posted by Docks Committee

Wow. Sometimes people do totally unexpected things...and (luckily) sometimes get away with them. Not sure whether there's a "club rule" against \*driving a pickup truck onto the dock\*!! (at the U) but from the perspective of the Docks Committee I can share why it's a really lousy idea.

The planks at the U are all 4" thick. Or, at least they were decades ago when they were put in place. A 4" plank with adequate support

structure should support the weight to a half ton pickup...but a lot of those planks are no longer 4" thick.

Each year for the past couple of years we have replaced planks at the main pier in the U that look just fine- but are rotting out from the middle. We have sounded the pier a couple of times, but the way we discover some of these "hollow" planks is when the perfectly decent looking surface begins giving way under the

weight of a person walking on the pier.

Certainly not up to the Docks Committee or anybody on it to promulgate a "rule" against driving vehicles onto the pier at the U- but the Docks Committee can tell anybody interested that it's a really, really, crummy idea. If you have a heavy object you need to load onto a boat- using the crane is a much better option.



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## July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 4th of July Cruise Schedule	2 4th of July Cruise Schedule Formula One French Toast 9:00am Winner Winner Chicken Dinner 6:00pm
3 4th of July Cruise Schedule Race Car Casserole 9:00am Step on the Gas Taco Bar 6:00pm	4 4th of July Cruise Schedule 6:30pm Red, White & Blue Yogurt Parfaits 9:00am Go USA! Burgers & Dogs 6:00pm	5	6	7 Office Closed (Vacation)	8 Office Closed (Vacation)	9
10 Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	11 Office Closed (Vacation)	12 Office Closed (Vacation)	13	14	15	16
17 Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Big Brother Cruise Music Committee Rehearsal 4:30pm	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Fleet Captain - Summer Cruise (Sold Out; Waitlist Available)						