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SHUTTLE BOAT SKIPPERS WANTED FOR OPENING DAY WEEKEND

Although the SYC 2020 theme is 'Rock Around the Dock', Captain Denny Ward (206-499-2640) is looking for a few good shuttle boat drivers, to take a two-hour shift(s) to calmly take members and guests to SYC from 8 a.m. to midnight over Opening Day weekend -- Friday, 5/1, Saturday, 5/2 and Sunday 5/3. Call Denny directly for your preferred day(s) and time(s) for your two-hour shift(s). Text or call Denny (206-499-2640) and be sure to tell him if you have a crew member joining you. Special thanks to Captain Ken Phillips, Car Pros, for donating the use of his pontoon boat and Skip Sethman's cousin, Todd Stedman, who donated the 2nd boat.

NW YACHTING NAMES QCYC "MOST ENERGIZED YACHT CLUB"

The Pacific Northwest is home to many excellent yacht clubs, each a testament to our active boating culture. A case could be made for most of the local yacht clubs to win this category for being energized, a nod to a club that always seems to have something special going on. This year we're happy to award Seattle-based Queen City Yacht Club (QCYC). Tucked on Portage Bay, the club has been a boating culture mainstay since 1916. The club, a charter member of the Grand Fourteen Yacht Clubs of Puget Sound, has a reported 550 active members representing over 1,000 power and sail boaters. The club is full of eager, active boaters ready to vote on club measures, contribute to the latest developments, and welcome new members. Their recent lighted boat parade was also a sight to behold. Keep up the positive vibes, QCYC!

VISIT QCYC WEBSITE FOR SUMMER SUBLET

Posted by Dick Moxon, Moorage Chair

It's not too early to think about summer plans. If you have a slip at Queen City and plan to be away cruising during the summer for two weeks or more, there are other members who would like to rent your slip while you are away. To offer your slip for sublet, just go to the club website and under "Forms" you will find "Request TO Sublet Moorage." Just click there and fill out the brief form. For members wishing to use a slip at the club during the summer, go to "Forms" and fill out a "Request FOR Sublet Moorage." Remember that all sublets must be arranged through the moorage chair. Sublet requests will be matched up by the moorage chair beginning early in April, and financial arrangements are made between the members. If you have questions, send a message to moorage@queencity.org, or call me at 425-442-3896.



Thanks to Ken Phillips, CarPros & Lake Union Marine



Classy ladies from back in the day – Tarettes' Officers circa 1967 – Georgia Grimm, President; Rena Deems, VP (and Skip Sethmann's aunt); and Joanie Henricksen, Treasurer
More Tarettes info on page 4

THE QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

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2020 VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS AVAILABLE

Posted by **Becky Garvie, QCYC Vessel Safety Examiner - 206-979-1870 / Canstyle@aol.com**

The 2020 Vessel Safety Check (VSC) stickers have arrived so it's time for your annual boat safety check up! This is a free service of the United States Power Squadron and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The program conducts VSC for any personal pleasure craft- paddle, power or sail. Boaters have nothing to lose and much to gain by getting a free safety check. No citations are issued even if a serious violation is found. Vessel Safety Checks are totally voluntary. The result of the exam is provided only to the vessel owner/operator. The Vessel Safety Check includes proper registration and numbering, navigation lights, personal flotation devices for each person, flares, fire extinguishers, proper ventilation, fuel systems, flame arresters, bilge pumps, anchors, anchor line, and overall vessel condition to name a few of the 27 items on the list. After passing the safety exam you will get a decal showing that your boat has passed a VSC. Take advantage of this free program for boaters, making our waters and recreational boating safer for all of us.

Contact me (**Becky Garvie - 206-979-1870** or



Canstyle@aol.com) today for your Vessel Safety Check appointment. I will meet you at your boat.

Here are some of the things included in the annual check up:

- Registration Certificate on board
- Navigation Lights in working order
- 3 current day and night flares
- Wearable and throwable life preservers
- Distress flag (18 ft. & over)
- All boats must carry a sound producing device
- (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for ½ mile
- Pollution Placard and Trash Placard (26 ft. & over)
- Fire Extinguishers
- Backfire flame arrestor (gasoline engines)
- Anchor & sufficient line
- Bilge pumps in working order
- Shut off for holding tank
- Boats 39.4 feet & over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules



Got your 2020 tide tables?

QCYC Friday Night Social
March 13, 2020



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Join us for a Taco dinner at the Main Station

5:30 Happy Hour
6:15 Taco Dinner
7:15 Trivia Starts



Teams of up to 8 will battle for 1st place. Organize a team or join one at the event.


Event Hosts: Kaye Brunson and Eric Lindbeck



Members rally with Commodore Sandy at the QCYC Boat Show booth





Membership Chair Kyle Bixby thanks everyone who helped out in the QCYC Boat Show booth



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Commodore's Report

GETTING READY FOR BOATING SEASON

Posted by Sandy Werner,
Commodore

Events are picking up around the club as we move into spring! February saw the Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 14 hosted by Craig and Ann Wilbour. Craig's birthday is February 14 and we all sang Happy Birthday to him. Desolation Sounds Band played and the crowd really enjoyed them. Thank you, Craig and Ann Wilbour and the whole Desolation Sounds Band! February 21 was a Friday Night Social hosted by P/C Dale and Susie Roberts. Italian Night was the theme with lots of spaghetti and fabulous sauce. Dale and Susie had quite a few people in the galley to help including Dick Geving (who's a master in the galley!) and several new members who were planning to attend the New Member Orientation the next day. February 22 was the In-Station New Member Orientation. We had a good turn out of new members who were looking forward to learning more about their club. Mark the calendar for May 15-16-17, 2020 for the New Member Orientation at the Outstation. This has been a fun orientation for new members who quickly bond and make new friends within the club.

Coming up for the month of March;

Friday, March 13 is another Friday Night Social – "Beat the Bridge" or also known as "Taco and Trivia Night". You won't want to miss this one as members are welcome to put together their 8 person Trivia team and play



Commodore Sandy Werner and Chas at the Sweetheart Dinner Dance

against your Bridge Officers. If anything, it'll be a good laugh! Sponsored by Kaye Brunson and Eric Lindbeck.

March 15 – QCYC Open House. If you've got friends who may be interested in joining QCYC, this is the day to bring them. We'll invite all those folks who stopped by our booth at the Boat Show and provide tours of the clubhouse.

March 28 – Saturday – It's back! Agave Madness!! If you attended last year you know how much fun this party is. If you missed out last year, don't miss this year. Hosted by Luis Mendoza

March 29 – Opening Day Kick-off Party. Opening Day hosts Doug and Sheri Henrikson will be holding a pizza party for club members interested in signing up for volunteer opportunities. Also, the most popular volunteer opportunity is the shuttle boat drivers. Elise will have the schedule up on our club page under Forums. Sign up early!!

Thank you, all members, for all the volunteer work you do for the club. We always need volunteers for our many activities, and we appreciate your involvement.

OUTSTATION WORKPARTY APRIL 18-20

Posted by Barb Wood & Eric ('old what's his name') Wood,
Bainbridge Outstation Co-Chairs

Time seems to be flying by as we prepare for a Summer of fun at the Bainbridge Island Outstation and the weather brightens. And, of course, Old-What's-His-Name is jabbering again about our "May 15 at 10:00:00 PDT" departure... For starters, we're making sure the fire extinguishers and exhaust systems are cleaned, serviced and in working order. The new roof project is planned for March, as soon as there's a week of decent weather, and the "Annual workPARTY" is scheduled for the weekend of April 18 - 20.

(Don't let someone try to convince you it's all about his birthday!) There have been great turnouts for the annual workPARTY in the past and expect the same will happen this year. It's a fun way for new Members to see the Bainbridge Outstation, meet others, and get involved! We keep a list of projects - all types - posted and as you arrive you can pick your favorite "thing" to do, usually with others. Meals are prepared so you don't have to worry about food or drink, and you can come for one day or all three, by boat, car, or bicycle. More details will be supplied next month.

Also, a reminder - the new Saltspring Marina facilities are up and running, so keep that in mind as you make your Summer cruising plans!

Safe boating, Barb & Eric


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TIPS FOR SHARING THE HELM & MANY EVENTS IN STORE

Posted by Karen Klett,
Tarettes President
kklett2@hotmail.com

When the Tarettes organization was founded, it was in the day when very few wives worked & generally activities occurred in the daytime, when husbands were at work & the kids were in school. Obviously, many things have changed since then & working moms/wives are the norm. To address this change, we are introducing some events & activities at times that might be more convenient for working Lady Captains. Our first event will be on March 18 with Linda Lewis, an evening event. Your ideas & thoughts on this, are very welcome. A great part of the FUN of belonging to a yacht club is making FRIENDS & Tarettes is an ideal way to make this happen.

Opening Day Breakfast, May 3rd!! This Tarettes sponsored event is the final activity of the Opening Day Weekend, so contact Vice President, Kathy Satoro, (ksatoro@gmail.com) to sign up & help make this the best one ever! Encourage your Tarette buddies to either help or attend for lots of FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

February 19 – A very well attended & fun WIC luncheon was enjoyed by 11 QCYC Tarettes!

February 20 – Museum Tour & Lunch Program – Another special time with FRIENDS! Learning more each time about our cultures!! Great FELLOWSHIP lunch, too.



Museum tour & lunch bunch

Back row: Betty Jingling,
Kathleen (Sistee) Lentgis

Front row: Becky Garvey, Mary Weale,
Wendy Redding

March 11 - Museum and Lunch Tour -March 20, 10:00

The NW African American Museum is our next destination. The date change is Thurs March 11 meeting at the club at 10:30am to car pool. There is a special exhibit: Hiawatha D. Iconic Black Women which will be very interesting! Then lunch at Ezell's Oprah Winfrey favorite fried chicken! Sign up through the QCYC Portal. Contact Becky Garvie at

Canstyle@aol.com or 206-979-1870

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".

"Lots of things can fall apart between people when stress boards the boat. Just the word 'docking' conjures up what we're talking about. Anchoring, deciding how to handle a traffic situation, trying to make a weather decision ... they're all on the stress list too. But they don't have to be. Creating and following set procedures that work on your boat and devising good communications' mechanisms can make all the difference!" Capt. Linda Lewis has taught hundreds of couples on their boats and has helped them to become a confident team. She has LOTS of real-life tips.

March 24 - Treehouse Volunteer and Lunch Together- Tuesday, 11am-1pm + lunch

Join us for two hours of helping prepare clothes for foster kids. Afterward, those who can stay will hit a local lunch spot for more FELLOWSHIP. We'll carpool from QCYC. Use this link to sign up: <http://tarettes.treehouseforkids.volunteerhub.com/>. You must sign up 48 hours in advance for screening because children may be on the premises. Contact Barbara Wilson with questions.: bmwallard@gmail.com or 206-276-3874.

March 25 - WIC Luncheon at Olympia Yacht Club 11:00am

Join women from the Grand Fourteen as we mingle at the bar for social hour, gather in the dining room for a delicious lunch and listen to an inspiring program. "Stories about South Sound, True Tales of Puget Sound". Speaker, Dorothy Wilhelm, author, columnist & humorist, will tell stories about South Sound. Her books will be available for purchase. Cost: \$18 Use QCYC portal to register; deadline - March 18. Contact: Wendy Redding: wendy@dreamketcher.com, 206-376-9688

***** Planning Ahead!

April 4 - Lady Captains...No time for daytime activities? Love jewelry? Like being creative? Then this is for you!! "Beads & Breakfast!" Come to the Club for Willie's Breakfast on Saturday, April 4. Enjoy a yummy meal that YOU don't have to prepare. THEN join other Tarettes to design & make a lovely beaded bracelet for a gift or for yourself.

April 16 - Museum and Lunch Tour - 10:00am The Burke Museum in all its new glory is our destination. We'll decide whether to eat there or hit one of the U District Classics. Sign up through the QCYC Portal. Contact Barbara Wilson with questions: bmwallard@gmail.com or 206-276-3874

Looking forward to seeing you!

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QCYC FLEET CAPTAIN'S CRUISE TACOMA YACHT CLUB'S 2020 DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

April 17-19

Posted by Michael Abrejera

Please plan to join your Fleet Captains for a fun weekend at the Tacoma Yacht Club celebrating the coming of Spring and the beginning of boating season.

We are in need of volunteers for the following:

- **Flagship boat volunteer** for the Bridge!
- **Team Jeopardy Trivia** - including categories of 70-80's music, TV theme music, boating destinations, nautical terms, and Puget Sound burgees.

Bring your boat or come by land. Stay the weekend or drop in for a day. But plan to be with us to cheer our club on to another Daffodil victory!

Where: Tacoma Yacht Club
5401 Yacht Club Drive,
Tacoma, WA 98402

Summary of Events:

Friday

- Welcome Reception
- Buffet Dinner
- Brant Butte DJ & Karaoke

Saturday Boat Decorating

- Trivia Jeopardy
- Buffet Dinner
- "The Stacy Jones Band"

Sunday

- Flag Ceremony
- Boat Parade
- Awards Ceremony

Additional details can be found at

**MUST REGISTER FOR THIS
EVENT BY MARCH 28, IF YOU
WANT MOORAGE!**

**Holy Smoke!
It's
Agave Madness 2**

Saturday, March 28th
Street Taco Dinner at 6:30pm
Mariachi and Latin Dance from 8:00pm-12:00am
Sign-up online using the QCYC calendar.
Cost is \$35.00 a Person

Questions? Contact Luis Mendoza at lm.mend@gmail.com.



Thanks to Sweetheart Dinner Dance
Chairs Ann & Craig Wilbur



PC John & Shirley Rogers



Desolation Sounds rocked the house at the Sweetheart Dinner Dance



Great turnout for Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner Dance

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Vice Commodore's Report

BREAKERS ON ELECTRIC PEDESTALS PREVENT SHOCKING INCIDENTS

Posted by Terron Lindholme, Vice Commodore

In Grease, Danny sang, "You're electrifying! Hooo Hooo Hooo! You're the one that I want!" But remember, this is not the type of electrifying we want in our marina. In my February Bilge Pump, I wrote about the electrical situation in our marina and a month later, I have several updates on our progress. The Vessel Electrical Safety Committee (VESC) has made great strides in our efforts to formulate solutions in our continuing effort to ensure the safety of members and guests in our marina.

There are two separate parts to this solution where the VESC is concentrating its efforts.

First is drafting a proposed club Rule addressing electrical leakage into the water. The Board of Trustees has the language in front of it and will be considering its merits in upcoming meetings. The proposed rule describes industry standardized methods of testing for electrical leakage, testing frequency and what happens if electrical leakage is found. The proposed rule also assures the boat owner is involved in the process so they are fully informed of what's happening and aware of any unsatisfactory test results that may result in their electricity being disconnected. The second part of this initiative is what you often hear Bob Lindal exclaim after race weekends, "HARDWARE!!". The VESC recommends a complete refit of specialized circuit breakers. This is ideally the best solution for the safety of all members and guests



VC Terron Lindholme with 'Buddy' at 'Dogs on the Deck' day at the Seattle Boat Show

at QCYC. The specialized breakers will not allow dangerous amounts of electricity to be discharged in the water by any boat plugged into our power grid. This requires replacing every breaker at every electrical pedestal at both the mainstation and outstation.

So far, the VESC has found everything needed for the outstation. However, the mainstation hardware is more complicated. In short (no pun intended...OK, just a little pun intended), the new circuit breaker is larger than what's installed now.

The VESC believes it's close to finding a solution but this committee is also working on contracting with a Marine Electrical Engineer to advise and guide the club on the deployment of any solution.

Stay tuned to the Bilge Pump and General Meeting for updates on this rapidly developing solution. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My number is found anywhere fine wine is served. Again, everyone is welcome to all Board meetings, with the next one taking place on Monday, March 9.

NEW MEMBERS LEARN THE MAINSTATION ROPES

Posted by Barry Rutten, orientation chair @comcast.net

The QCYC 2020 New Member Main Station Orientation Cruise-In attracted a lively crew. New Members learned the ins and outs, behind the scenes "secrets" & best practices of YOUR yacht club main station on Portage Bay. Demystify the Main Station! The QCYC bridge welcomed new members with free moorage in the "U" or reciprocal dock. No one judged if they arrived by car. Thanks to PC Dale & Susie Roberts for hosting the 'Friday Night Italian Social.'



PC Dale Roberts and Susie organized Italian Friday Night Social with new members



Barry Rutten leads mainstation new member orientation

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Rear Commodore's Report MAINSTATION IN BLOOM, SECURITY PLUS & COUPLES AT THE HELM ON MARCH 18

Posted by Margaret Krows,
Rear Commodore

As I am writing this at my desk, I am looking out the window at a cluster of daffodils in full bloom in a sunny flower bed. Spring is on the way and is lifting my spirit. Our region is magnificent when the rain clears!

Grounds Chair, Susan Rebello, is already hard at work planning wonderful things to beautify the main station. She would like to schedule some short clean-up projects prior to the Pride of Queen City April 25th so look for publicity regarding mini work parties once the dates are set. In the near future an arborist company will be treating the large willow tree north of dock 1 in order keep it healthy and prolong its life. When the time frame is set the north part of the parking lot will need to be cleared for the equipment. Notice will be given as soon as possible.

Greg Burgess has enhanced the security system at the Outstation with a system similar to the one in Seattle. A fourth camera was added at the front door, and full-time video from all four cameras



RC Margaret Krows relaxes on the scooter with special drink holder

is now captured for a rolling 14-day time frame. The cameras essentially cover the view, both north and south, of the western side of our property and beyond (from Shannon Drive out through Eagle Harbor). Eric Wood says the Bainbridge Island Police Department also appreciates the additional security surveillance video. You won't want to miss Tarettes March 18th presentation by Captain Linda Lewis, a renowned instructor and lecturer on all navigational subjects. Linda teaches boating skills around the region and has led many excursions to Alaska. Dave and I hired her last year to help me improve my boat handling competency and we both enjoyed our time with her very much. Linda's topic will be Couples at the Helm. It will be fun and everyone will come away with new insights and information about boating together. Willie has his alternate Wednesday dinner that evening so make it a date to have your meal at the club and then enjoy Linda's lecture at 7:30. I want to thank the Tarettes for their investment in a great educational opportunity. I will see you there.

Eight Bells

MEMBER #4 CROSSES THE BAR



Hans Alexander Heia 1927-2020

Posted by Ken Klett, Fleet Chaplain

Captain Hans Heia, member #004, crossed the bar for the last time on Feb 1st of this year at the age of 92. Hans is remembered by Debbie Foote as a gentle soul, was soft spoken and Norwegian through and through even though his mother was a Scottish immigrant.

Hans enlisted to serve his country after graduating from Ballard High School where he was a classmate and best friends with Debbie Foote's father Robert Picot. He trained for the Army Air Corps (now the Air Force) in San Antonio, Texas before being stationed in Newfoundland from 1946 - 1947. Upon his return to Seattle, he entered the USAF Reserves and attended Seattle Pacific College (now University) while working at Boeing until he was recalled to serve during the Korea war. Luckily, Hans was assigned duties stateside. In 1951, Hans married Myrt, who he'd met through a Presbyterian youth group at the University of Washington.

He fished commercially several summers in Alaska, loved taking his family cruising on the boat and was a life member of Queen City. He contributed to a vibrant community by participating in regular meetings of the VFW, the Caledonian & St. Andrews Society and the Sky Valley Stock and Antique Tractor Club. Hans was also a member of the Washington Alpine Club and shared his life for the outdoors with others by volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America.

Hans joined Queen City in 1966 and became a Life Member in 1991. While Hans didn't participate in the governance of the club or committees, he was one of those members that participated and volunteered often "under the radar" such as being in skits and entertainment nights and always ready to volunteer for work parties or help fellow club members. Myrt was active in the Tarettes and enjoyed the friendships that that brought. Hans and Bob Picot shared a very long and close friendship starting with being classmates at Ballard High School and continued as adults through the years. The Heias' would often meet Bob and Ruth Picot while out cruising in the San Juan Islands. He and Myrt loved their 34' cruiser "Hilsen" and owned her 28 years often taking the family out plying the waters of Puget Sound, the San Juan's and Gulf Islands. **Posted by Debbie (Picot) Foote** Hans had a very gentle soul, soft spoken and Norwegian through and through! Graduated from Ballard High school with my father Robert Picot.



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COMMODORE TACKLES OFFICE SHREDDER & WINS

Posted by Joyce Carlson, Treasurer
Security is kind of a big deal for your club Treasurer so having a working shredder is essential to dispose of sensitive documents. Last week the office paper shredder was badly locked with the bin not fully in place. To the rescue was Commodore Sandy who was determined

(and I mean determined) to fix that shredder herself. Using the correct tools, it was a screw driver and crowbar that finally brought the shredder back to life after a determined hour! Thanks to the Commodore for a job well done!



Commodore tackles office shredder and wins!

Thanks to our many photo contributors Wendy DeLaunay, Michael Abrejera, Denise Lindholme, Terron Lindholme, Skip Sethman, Debbie Foote and Karen Klett!

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March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	3 Planning & Finance Meeting 6:00pm	4 Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm	5	6 Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	7 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
8 Music Committee Rehearsal 5:00pm	9 QCYC Board Meeting 7:00pm	10 Docks Committee Meeting 6:30pm	11 Tarettes - Seattle Museum & Lunch Tour 10:30am Ship's Store Open 5:30pm to 7:30pm Pre-Meeting Dinner & Drinks 6:00pm General Member Meeting 7:30pm to 9:30pm	12	13 Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Social - Trivia Night 5:30pm	14 Hold-Wise Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Docks Fun Day 8:30am to 2:00pm
15 QCYC Open House 12:00pm to 4:00pm	16 Music Committee Rehearsal 7:00pm	17	18 Willie's Wednesday 5:30pm Tarettes - Couples Sharing the Helm 7:30pm	19 SSAPS Dinner Meeting 5:30pm	20 Novice & Old Timer's Race/Spring Challenge Ship's Store Open 11:30am to 1:30pm Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	21 Novice & Old Timer's Race/Spring Challenge Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am
22 Novice & Old Timer's Race/Spring Challenge Burger Bash (2nd Floor) 5:00pm to 8:00pm	23	24 Tarettes - Treehouse Volunteering & Lunch 11:00am to 1:00pm	25 WIC Luncheon (Olympia YC) 11:00am 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	26	27 Private-Angie JoÚson Friday Lunch 11:30am to 1:30pm	28 Saturday Breakfast 8:00am to 10:30am Agave Madness 6:30pm
29 Opening Day Pizza Party 1:00pm to 3:00pm Music Committee Rehearsal 5:00pm	30	31				